

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
GRADY ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION  
HELD AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Grady Electric Membership Corporation was held at its office in Cairo, Georgia, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024. All Directors were present. Director Eric Cohen was present by telephone. Also present were President John Long, Attorney Matthew Lawrence, Kyle Henderson, Keith Harrell, Adam Starr, and Terry Jones.

The meeting opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Adam Starr. Vice Chairman Terry Hurst presided, and the minutes were taken by Attorney Lawrence.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting held on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, were read and Director Lee Powell moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Sammy Perkins and carried unanimously.

The following proceedings were had, all action being first duly moved by Director Sammy Perkins and seconded by Director Jimmy Hammett and all action being taken upon the unanimous vote of the Board or without dissenting vote or abstention, unless otherwise stated:

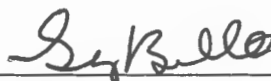
1. **Capital Credit Requests.** The Directors approved the Capital Credit Requests in the approximate amount of \$18,947.67.
2. **Bills.** The Directors reviewed the payment of bills submitted in the amount of \$8,112,900.14
3. **Bad Debt.** The Directors approved the list of accounts to be written off and authorized the writing off of the bad debt shown in the list for the period from April 1, 2024, through April 30, 2024, in the amount of \$2,934.96.
4. **New Members.** 111 new members were approved. Meters were disconnected on 120 accounts. The total number of members as of August 1, 2024, was 13,449.
5. **Nominating Committee.** Adam Starr reported on the Nominating Committee meeting for the 2024 director election. It was reported that Director Eric Cohen, Director Terry Hurst, and Director Greg Brouillet were renominated unanimously and that no petitions to date have been filed to run for the position of Director.
6. **Election Committee.** The Directors reappointed the following Elections Committee for 2024 director election:
  - Willie Ete Gurley
  - Patti Benton
  - Ben Hopkins
  - Jimmy Weaver
  - Gabriel Hubbard

7. **Financial Report.** The Directors reviewed the financial report for June as presented by Clay Ulmer.
8. **CEO Report.** President John Long presented the CEO report.
  - a. Long reported that Grady EMC received safety accreditation from Georgia EMC.
  - b. Long reported that there was a July 20, 2024 catastrophic failure to the main transformer at the Reno Substation.
  - c. Long reported on the outages due to Hurricane Debby and reported that Grady EMC received assistance from Flint Energy, Three Notch EMC, PowerGrid, and Blackout Solutions. All members were back online within 24 hours of the outage events.
  - d. Long gave an update on the Conexon Project.
    - i. Design and engineering of the project is almost complete.
    - ii. Approximately 1,000 miles of fiber installation have been completed.
    - iii. Approximately 1,500 accounts connected.
    - iv. The Elpino Hut has light and content.
    - v. Pummy Road Hut has power.
    - vi. Climex Hut is set to receive power.
    - vii. The Conexon new billing and scheduling platform is up and running. Long has concerns that original sign-ups may be lost because of changed in the process and slow/confusing servicing of sign-ups by Conexon. Grady EMC will follow up with affected sign-ups in effort to retain those sign-ups.
    - viii. Adam Starr reported that the Grady County Sherriff's Department and Storm Services (City of Thomasville) want Conexon through an off-system fiber build. There was discussion by the directors as to what action needed to be taken, if any by Grady EMC to facilitate these off-system build requests. Director Blake Stanaland moved that Grady EMC provide 50 percent of the off-build cost for Grady Sherriff's Department and Storm Services for Conexon service. The motion was seconded by Director Jimmy Hammett. The motion carried with Director Lee Powell abstaining.
    - ix. Long reported that Oglethorpe Power has announced its intent to build two new natural gas projects in Smarr and Talbot with Grady EMC being a subscriber to the Smarr project.

There being no further business to come before the regular meeting, Director Jimmy Hammett moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Greg Brouillet and the motion carried unanimously.



Chairman



Secretary