

JULY 2021 BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Bristol Tennessee Essential Services Board of Directors was held on Monday, July 19, 2021 at noon at 2470 Volunteer Parkway, Bristol, Tennessee.

Call to Order

Chairman Downs called the meeting to order at 12:00.

Board Members Present

Erin Downs, Vince Turner, David Akard III, Larry Clarke and Doug Harmon

Staff Present

CEO Dr. Mike Browder, Director of Engineering Clayton Dowell, Director of Management Services Tara Ellis and Director of Accounting and Finance Lola McVey

Annual Election of Officers

The officers of the corporation are elected at the July meeting each year to serve a one-year term. Mr. Turner nominated Ms. Downs to serve as Board Chair. Mr. Akard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Harmon nominated Mr. Turner to serve as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clarke and unanimously approved. Mr. Clarke nominated Mr. Akard to serve as Secretary. Mr. Harmon seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Minutes

Chairman Downs asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the June board meeting, which had been previously distributed. They were amended and approved by general consensus.

Safety Report

Ms. Ellis reported that BTES has completed 488,192.35 safe working hours as of June 30, 2021 without a lost time accident. A safety meeting was held on July 6 for outside employees on Heat Stress and Summer Hazards.

Financial Reporting

Electric Business Unit

There were no monthly financial reports because June 30, 2021 is the end of the fiscal year which requires more time to close out the books. The June financial report will be presented at the August board meeting.

There are 202 PrePay customers as of June 30, 2021.

Advanced Broadband Services Business Unit

Ms. McVey reported that the number of cable services decreased by 73 and the number of telephone services decreased by 29 in June 2021. The number of 1 Gig Internet customers increased by 22 for the month of June.

TVA Monthly Fuel Cost

Dr. Browder indicated that the August 2021 monthly fuel cost will increase to \$.02010 per kWh for residential (RS) customers.

	July 1, 2021	August 1, 2021
	Fuel Cost	Fuel Cost
500 kWh	\$10.19	\$10.05
1000 kWh	\$20.38	\$20.10
1500 kWh	\$30.57	\$30.15
2000 kWh	\$40.76	\$40.20

Approval of Industrial Substation Steel Package

Dr. Browder presented a proposal for the approval of an Industrial Substation Steel Package for our 69kV automation project. The steel structure is needed for the addition of 69 kV breakers. We advertised for proposals in the Bristol Herald Courier and from our approved vendors and received one proposal. After discussion, Mr. Turner made a motion to accept the proposal and Mr. Akard seconded. The motion was approved.

CEO Report

Internet Reliability

Dr. Browder led a discussion about Internet reliability in light of recent issues with Internet access. He reported that discussions had already begun with our current provider about equipment and redundancy issues. He also reported that we were exploring options to get additional Internet access from other providers. Mr. Dowell explained a potential future solution through Seven States Power Corporation.

Right of Way Improvement

Dr. Browder provided an update on the status of the 2021 Right of Way Improvement Process.

Board Comments

Ms. Downs, Mr. Turner and Mr. Harmon reported that the sessions at the American Public Power Annual Conference were very informative.

Chairman Downs adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



David Akard III, Secretary