

# WHITE RIVER VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

January 16, 2025

The regular meeting of the White River Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. Board of Directors was held at the Branson Headquarters on Thursday, January 16, 2025, beginning at 10:51 am, immediately following the adjournment of the White River Fiber/Connect Company Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Neal Crum and roll call was taken. The following Directors were present:

Neal Crum	President
Lyle Rowland	Vice-President
Jim Kyle	Secretary/Treasurer
Jim Britt	
Jim Burns	
John Cooper	
Joey Glenn	
Jeff Hyatt	
Jenny Whorton	

Said persons, being the Board of Directors of the White River Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., with those attending present in-person, establishing quorum.

Also, present were the following:

Chris Hamon	CEO, White River Valley Electric Coop.
Beau Jackson	CEO, White River Fiber/Connect
Christiaan Horton	Legal Counsel
Angie O'Dell	VP/Chief Administration Officer
Tim Shafer	VP/Chief Financial Officer
Cassie Cunningham	VP/Chief Growth Officer
John Combs	VP/Chief Operations Officer
Rick Johnson	VP/Chief Engineering Officer
JC Zalog	VP/Chief Technology Officer
Ryan Hill	Manager of Procurement

### Consent Agenda Items:

The following items were approved under the consent agenda:

- January Board Meeting Agenda
- December Board Meeting Minutes
- December Board Summary

### Committee Reports

Director Jeff Hyatt, Chair of the Finance and Equity Management Committee, reported that the Committee's next meeting will be scheduled for late February.

Director Lyle Rowland, Chair of the Bylaw, Governance, and Member Engagement Committee, reported that the Committee had not met recently and therefore had no updates to provide.

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## Officer Reports

President Crum asked for officer reports. There were no Officer Reports or Member Alliance Program submissions to discuss.

## Executive Reports

During the meeting, Executive reports were given concerning the following departments: Finance, Growth, Operations, Information Technology, Engineering, and Administration. In these executive updates, information was provided to the Board on the following subject matters: 2024 yearly financial audit and unaudited financials, procurement and warehouse update, WRVEC 2024 tracked procurement cost savings, Connect 2024 procurement product and design cost savings, 2025 communications and marketing plans, franchise agreements, legislative conference, Youth Tour, Share the Harvest 2024 results, year end survey response details, Beat the Peak update, Roark substation intermittent fiber outage and response, MSR translation application, NISC upgrade, Right-of-way contractors yearly meeting, end of year fleet vehicle purchases, retiring line-man, workorders, load factor, upcoming projects, Ozark office construction update, Territorial Agreements/Public Service Commission updates, NRTC initiative, upcoming conferences, and employee events.

During the Growth Officer's report, Vice President and Chief Growth Officer Cassie Cunningham requested the Board's approval for the 2025 Cooperative Contribution to our statewide organization's political action committee (AMECPAC). A motion was made to approve the 2025 AME-CPAC contribution in the amount of \$2,000. The motion was seconded and subsequently carried. #01-16-2025-001

Next, Cunningham requested Board approval for the 2025 America's Electric Cooperatives-PAC contribution. A motion to approve the \$2,000 contribution was made, seconded, and carried. #01-16-2025-002

During the engineering report, VP/Chief Engineering Officer Rick Johnson requested Board approval for the 2025 Pole Replacement Contract #1 with BBC Electrical Services, Inc. This contract, not exceeding the budget approved in October 2024, covers pole replacement services through 2025 year-end. A motion to approve and authorize the CEO/General Manager or designees to execute necessary agreements was seconded and carried. #01-16-2025-003

During the Administrative report, VP/Chief Administration Officer Angie O'Dell proposed discontinuing the monthly Board Meeting Summary and instead posting the approved minutes on the Cooperative's website for transparency. The motion was made, seconded, and approved. #01-16-2025-004

CEO Hamon presented his report to the Board.

## Other Reports given to the Board:

- Sho-Me Report
- KAMO Report
- Legal Report

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**Notice of Meeting**

The next meeting of the White River Valley Electric Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at Branson Headquarters.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.