

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTHSIDE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**JANUARY 3, 2022 @ 6 P.M.**  
**MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Frank W. Bacon (Chair)  
Earl C. Currin, Jr. (Vice Chair)  
Paul S. Bennett (Secretary)  
Charles J. Friedl (Treasurer)  
Brenda H. Johnson  
Kristie Martin-Wallace  
Clive C. Pettis, Sr.  
Sarah W. Saunders  
William T. White  
  
Frank F. Rennie (General Counsel)  
Christine Marston (Minute Taker)

**STAFF:** Jeffrey S. Edwards, President/CEO

**MEETING CALLED**

Frank Bacon asked that Jeff Edwards preside over the Special Called meeting.

**OUTAGE UPDATE**

1. As of 5 p.m., the Cooperative had 386 outage locations.
2. At the height of the storm there were almost 23,500 members without power. At 5 p.m. the outages were down to approximately 13,380.
3. There are six circuit outages, which once restored approximately 5,000 members will be restored. Crews have been dispatched to all locations; a couple circuits have a couple of broken poles.
4. Nine broken poles have been found at this time.
5. The overwhelming majority of outages were due to trees on lines or trees that have broken conductors. It won't be the slow process of restoration like that of the ice storm in February 2021 when there were over 800 broken poles.
6. We have identified 8 broken cross arms and 13 places where wires are downed so far.
7. Mutual aid crews from North Carolina were requested yesterday, but they were unable to come due to the change in the track of the storm. They had to stay to restore power at their systems.

8. SEC used contractors today until additional assistance arrives from Kentucky and Alabama. They should arrive tonight. Community Electric is sending crews that will arrive tomorrow.
9. If the mutual aid crews from North Carolina would have arrived today, all power could have possibly been restored by Wednesday. Due to the delay in the arrival of mutual aid crews, power should be restored by mid to late Thursday.
10. There are 231 operations personnel in the field; 10 line crews, 5 tree crews and 47 total crews.
11. COVID has impacted a few employees, with three positive tests and three who have been quarantined due to possible exposure.
12. Currently, 86 mutual aid contract employees are on the system.
13. Hardest hit areas Powhatan, Amelia, Appomattox and Bedford counties. Crews had to be pulled out of Powhatan due to whiteout conditions and not being able to see to drive. They returned to the field after two hours when it was safe to navigate the system.
14. The footprint of the storm was so large, and it snuck up on people. The Wallstreet Journal labeled it a "sneak storm" because on Saturday it was still a non-event. It was supposed to be a dusting to 1".
15. Rappahannock Electric Cooperative has approximately 90,000 out which is about 51% of their system, Central Virginia Electric Cooperative has approximately 23,000 out which is about 63% of their system, and Northern Neck Electric Cooperative has approximately 7,000 out which is 50% of their system. This storm did not just target SEC.
16. Dominion has roughly 250,000 out.
17. It has been a big storm with a lot of impact.
18. Approximately 10,000 SEC members were restored today.
19. Due to the deteriorating driving conditions, the crews will be called in and will return to work at 6 a.m. Good progress should be able to be made tomorrow especially once the snow has melted off the trees and the roads as temperatures rise.

#### **WORKPLACE INCIDENT**

1. A lineman was injured when a pole that he had climbed broke causing him to fall.
2. EMS was called and they took him to the hospital in Lynchburg.
3. Management is awaiting further information regarding his injuries.
4. Federated Insurance was contacted, and they have assigned a caseworker to the lineman.
5. His family has been made aware of the workers compensation process.

**DIRECTOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS & ADJOURNMENT**

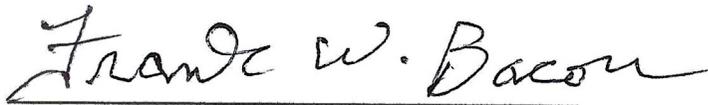
Kristie Martin-Wallace asked Jeff Edwards to look into possible issues with the call center. He has not been made aware of any issues but will check into it.

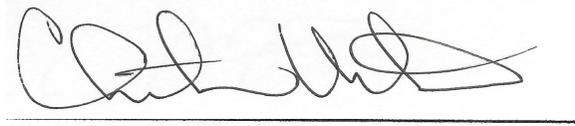
Jeff Edwards will keep everyone informed of restoration efforts via email.

The Cooperative is expecting to see more COVID cases due to gatherings during the holidays. Any employees who have tested positive or have been around others who have tested positive will be quarantined.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in the Central District Training Center of SEC.

  
Paul S. Bennett, Secretary

  
Frank W. Bacon, Chair

  
Christine Marston, Minute Taker