

## **Big Sandy RECC**

**January 2020**

### **Board Meeting Summary**

#### **Board Takes a Look Back at 2019**

Big Sandy RECC's Board of Directors heard reports from of the co-op's departments during the January meeting.

Big Sandy finished 2019 with a gross margin of approximately \$474,000, a TIER of 1.61 (1.25 required), a DSC of 1.77 (1.25 required) and reduced our expense per member from \$415 to \$409, said Brian Frasure, Finance & Accounting Manager. Which was a great accomplishment with the co-op's sales being 7 million kilowatt hours below budget for the year.

Members continued to trend toward paying bills electronically rather than by mail or in person.

The co-op met their goal by cutting 130 miles of right-of-way during 2019 and spraying 224 miles, said Jeff Prater, Vice President of Operations. He said the department is working toward a goal of cutting right-of-way on a seven-year cycle and spraying on a five-year cycle.

Co-op employees have worked an astonishing 98,127 hours since the last lost-time accident in August 2018, said Craig Shireman, Billing and Loss Prevention Manager. Big Sandy is planning Safety Day on Jan. 30 to help focus all employees on safety.

Big Sandy coordinated numerous events to give back to the community and to educate members, said Natasha Wiley, Manager of Member Services. In particular, the co-op recorded videos for social media to help educate members about such topics as governance and tree-trimming.

Also, the Board honored Tyler Patrick, an Apprentice Lineman, who received the Employee Recognition Award. Patrick was presented with a gift card and certificate by General Manager Bruce Aaron Davis.

#### **In other business during the January meeting, the Board:**

Approved an audit report of Big Sandy RECC's financial statements by outside auditor Alan Zumstein. Auditor Alan Zumstein spoke to the board regarding his audit of the cooperative. Mr. Zumstein has audited the financial statements of Big Sandy RECC, which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2019 and the related statement of revenue and comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

The audit report found no deficiencies in internal control that would be considered to be material weaknesses.