
Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Board Meeting Summary

Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative board appoints **Tyler Green** as new Cooperative Attorney. Green also serves as The Assistant Floyd County Attorney, the Big Sandy RECC board of directors believe he will be a great fit for the co-op.

Big Sandy RECC's Board of Directors heard reports from of the co-op's departments during the February meeting. **Kraig Shireman, Loss Prevention & Billing Manager** began with the Safety report. As of February 24, 2020, Big Sandy employees have worked 103,944.5 hours without a Lost Time Accident. This is a remarkable accomplishment. Kraig also reported that all safety inspections have been completed for the month and there were 110, 811 locates for the month of January.

Finance & Accounting Manager Brian Frasure gave the financial report. kWh sales for January were 5.2 million lower than budgeted. Brian referred to the 5-year analysis of January kWh sales which reveals a decrease of kWh sold in 2019 of 19.6 million down to 16.7 million for January 2020. Our small power and Large & Industrial power sales have decreased as well. Our TIER year to date is at 2.73 and our Equity is at 19%. Mr. Davis stated that even with these decreased sales, we have remained self-sufficient and have not had to borrow money.

President & General Manager Bruce Aaron Davis gave the report over the Right of Way due to Jeff Prater being absent due to sickness. We had 37 completed Trim Tree reports (service reports). With January totals in, total Right of Way budget savings year to date is \$19,752.

Adam Ferguson, IT Manager gave the report for the IT department. Daily and monthly updates on our Firewalls were performed. Server monthly updates and reviews were completed. Adam talked about FirstNet Band 14, which is a company that responds to first responders and utilities. They will be in-house on March 31st to show a Demo of the new Band 14. This links our first responders and utilities together for

communication. Adam replaced the fiber in the Prestonsburg office of the Citizens Bank of Kentucky to speed up our communication between the Big Sandy offices. Adam also installed updates in the laptops for our servicemen's trucks. Lastly, he provided the board with a Cyber Security Tip: Don't Ignore Application Updates: Despite the annoying push notifications, software updates are vital to maintaining the security of your applications and software. Hackers know the vulnerabilities of out-of-date devices.

In other business, **General Manager Bruce Aaron Davis** reported to the board about the Lineman Program Orientation we had here at Big Sandy RECC on February 24th. BSCTC was in-house and addressed probably 40-50 men who desire to enroll in the Lineman Program beginning March 23 at the BSCTC Hagerhill campus. Mark McKenzie, our County Judge Executive was also in attendance. Big Sandy is so happy for this endeavor to increase "home grown" employment.