

October 2021 Board Meeting

General Reports:

- All items on the consent agenda were approved
- 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes were reviewed, and the Organizational Meeting Minutes were approved
- Brandon Sutter presented a Cyber Security Audit to the Board. Internal and external vulnerability assessments were conducted on the network and systems.
- Amanda Steeb presented options for the 2022 Annual Meeting. The board agreed that the Annual Meeting will remain at the Porter County Expo next year.
- The fiber make-ready work is still ongoing.
- There were no accidents in the month of September reported.
- There were seven outage events in September, two were related to dependence on NIPSCO response for restoral. The other five outages were from trees, squirrels, faulty underground lines, and motor vehicles striking a pole.
- There were 46 total outage events totaling 6,425 interruption minutes affecting 4,366 members for September 2021.
- Eric Duttlinger stepped down from the safety committee and Mark Sowder is his replacement.

Other Reports:

- The WVPA Board will vote at the November 3rd meeting for approval of the 2022 budget.
- The IEC Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 6th-7th, 2021 in Indianapolis.
- The RUS loan was approved by the Board.

General Business:

- The Fiber Loop Project Phase 1 construction is nearing completion.
- There were \$619,000 in plant additions for the month of August 2021 bringing the year-to-date total to \$3,231,382.
- John Gasstrom and Allie Jones from IEC will attend the November board meeting.
- NISC software conversion had the first part implemented on October 11th.
- The Employee Committee planned an employee outing to Michigan in September.
- Flu shots were offered onsite October 8th.
- Applications for the two operations vacancies were received and in-person interviews were conducted.
- REMC will be sponsoring the Valparaiso Turkey Trot benefiting Porter Starke Services and Run for Your Life event to benefit the LOFS Fire Department.
- REMC hosted Knox Middle School 9th grade careers class on September 16th.
- Employees participated in Crown Point Ducks Unlimited Sportsman's Night Out event, Adopt-A-Highway clean-up, numerous Scarecrow Festival activities, Touch-A-Truck in Kouts, the Westville Pumpkin Festival Parade, and three separate golf tournaments.