

The regular July meeting of the Board of Directors was held on July 30, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m. All Board members and Attorneys Davenport and Hutman were in attendance throughout the meeting, and Senior Staff attended during the open portion of the meeting and as otherwise noted. Attendees were present in person at the Rockingham Office Complex and by web meeting connection. Except as otherwise noted, copies of all materials referred to below had been provided to Board members on their electronic devices several days before the meeting.

Mr. Plum gave the invocation and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regular Board meeting of June 25, 2020 were approved as delivered.

CEO Rogers presented the first portion of his monthly report.

Mr. Aulgur gave the monthly financial reports. He reviewed the monthly variances in the statement of receipts and disbursements and the percentages of revenue for major categorical expenses. He noted that for the prior month both sales and revenue were considerably less than budgeted. Mr. Aulgur and Ms. Fitzgerald answered questions of Board members about the impact of COVID-19 on collections and the Payroll Protection loan. Mr. Aulgur reviewed the year over year variances and key financial ratios.

Messrs. Rogers and Aulgur and Ms. Fitzgerald presented information showing the amount of unretired capital credits for prior years and retirements as a percent of equity in recent years. They presented several options for a general retirement. They responded to Board member questions. Following extensive discussion among Board members, the Staff recommendation was approved.

Attorney Davenport said that the Chair had modified the policy on SVEC personnel accepting ballots and proxies that were delivered to Cooperative offices, so that those could be forwarded to SBS for inclusion in the 2020 Annual Meeting and director election process. A motion was passed ratifying the change.

Following a presentation by Staff, the Board adopted by motion an Allowance for Doubtful Accounts policy.

Ms. Obenshain and CEO Rogers reported on a recent monthly ODEC board meeting.

Ms. Messer presented the results of a COVID-19 survey of members. The Board and Staff engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the overall impact of the Pandemic on members and the use of survey results in policy formation.

Ms. Messer provided a status report on the level of participation of SVEC members in balloting for director elections and granting proxies for the Annual Members Meeting on August 13th.

After a brief recess, the Board continued in closed session.

Mr. Rogers presented the rest of his report.

Acting CEO Rogers left the meeting for further discussions among Board members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.