

BGEnergy conducts second virtual annual meeting

On Thursday, June 3, Blue Grass Energy hosted its second virtual annual meeting. From 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. that day, registration was held at our four local offices. There were over 600 registered members. At 3:30 p.m., the business meeting was livestreamed.

Board Chair Dennis Moneyhon opened by saying, “We are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. But safety for our members and employees dictated another virtual annual meeting this year. While we miss personally interacting with each of you, we know it was the right thing to do.”

Moneyhon went on to say, “While the past year had many changes for both employees and members, our commitment to serving

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Blue Grass Energy member Dorothy Van Epps receives her bucket and LED bulbs during the annual meeting drive-thru registration in Nicholasville. Photo: Denise Myers



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Remember safety when going back to school

Summer is winding down and the return to school is just days away. Now is a good time to remind your students about electrical safety.

Many of our younger members like to play outside so it is important to teach them to steer clear of padmount transformers (those big green boxes) or other electrical equipment. And as tempting as it may be, share with them to not place objects, such as pens or pencils, in electrical outlets or electric appliances like toasters.

For our high school and college-age members, remind them not to overload electrical outlets. Many classrooms and dorms are not equipped to handle today's use of electronic appliances and gadgets. Wall plugs can be stressed before you realize it.

Another good practice is to not pull an electrical cord from the wall. Pulling on a cord that is plugged into an electrical outlet can damage the appliance, the plug, or the outlet.

And even if you don't have a returning student, this month is still a good time to think about safety at your home. For example, when making improvements around your home, always be aware of overhead and underground power lines. If you are thinking of a landscape project this fall, be sure you call 811 a few days before beginning your work so all underground utilities can be located for you.

For more safety tips, I encourage you to visit bgenergy.com. You will find a variety of activities and safety information for all ages. Teaching our youngest members about safety is just one of the many ways we are making life better, the cooperative way.

By President/CEO
Michael I. Williams



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each of you did not. We continued to focus on safety, service reliability and controlling our costs.”

Moneyhon said, “Financially, the good news is we continue to remain competitive—not only in our area but nationally as well. In other good news, we just returned about \$2.1 million in capital credits to you, our members. In just the last five years, we have returned nearly \$10 million to our communities through capital credits.”

Moneyhon’s speech was followed by the installation of Director Gary Keller, District 4, then comments were heard from President/CEO Mike Williams.

“Because of the lessons learned this past year, I can say without a doubt, we are better positioned to serve our members into the future,” Williams stated. He went on to share that 2020 resulted in Blue Grass Energy’s highest member satisfaction score ever achieved and one of the highest reliability numbers in our 84 years. Following his address, the virtual meeting was adjourned.

Right, Line Superintendent Travis Long, left, and Materials & Support Services Technician Jim King deliver smiles and buckets to members as they drive by the Lawrenceburg office. Photo: Wade Harris



Morris Wayne receives his bucket and LED bulbs from Supervisor of Purchasing Stacy Adkins in Nicholasville. Photo: Wade Harris



The annual meeting bucket contained LED bulbs, Blue Grass Energy literature and hand sanitizer. Photo: Jake Campbell

Scholarship winners

Blue Grass Energy is pleased to announce the winners of our 2021 scholarships. On June 3, ten graduating high school seniors were chosen by a random drawing to receive \$1,500 each.

Since beginning this program in 1991, Blue Grass Energy has awarded over \$300,000 in scholarships to students in our co-op area. Investing in the future of our young members

is just one of the many ways we are making life better, the cooperative way. We congratulate the following young members for being selected.



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