

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

August 24, 2021

5:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting

GRU Multipurpose Room 301 SE 4th Ave & Zoom

Utility Advisory Board

Wendell Porter (Member)

Wes Wheeler (Member)

Barry Jacobson (Member)

Carla Lewis (Member)

Theresa Spurling-Wood (Non-Voting Member)

Tim Rockwell (Member)

Don Davis (Non-Voting Member)

Fletcher Crowe (Member)

Jason Fults (Member)

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CALL TO ORDER - 5:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda was adopted.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

[210159.](#) **Members Jason Fults and Fletcher Crowe - Sharing of Information Learned at the 2021 American Public Power Association (APPA) National Conference (B)**

Attachments: [210159 Member Crowe Notes 2021 APPA Conference 20210824](#)
[210159 Member Fults APPA 2021 Conf Notes 20210824](#)

Member Crowe was absent and unable to give his presentation. The board heard from Member Fults and discussed the following ideas:

Solar energy and the possibility of the City of Alachua surpassing GRU in amount of renewables if they can purchase solar energy from FPL.

Possible different configuration of ownership of GRU - joint city/county/school board/UF. Partnership would include Duke and Clay Electric and all citizens of the county would be GRU customers. Real savings would come from county and city merging into one.

Time of use rates would reduce peak load and cut down on need for coal and gas plants.

GRU's educational efforts - should create technical program for high schools and hire from there.

Master business plan for getting to 100% renewable. A member expressed that there doesn't seem to be a plan, but rather a piecemeal effort.

Should GRU's pole attachment policy be updated to include 5G.

Need to work on ways to improve board communication with city commissioners. Should individual UAB members meet with individual commissioners regularly?

Citizen Nancy Deren spoke.

RECOMMENDATION

Hear information from Members Fults and Crowe.

NEXT MEETING DATE - 9/9/21

ADJOURNMENT - 7:23 p.m.