

MILLE LACS ENERGY COOPERATIVE  
Aitkin, MN 56431

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative was held at its office in Aitkin, Minnesota on August 31, 2023. All board members were present.

President Harold Harms called the Board meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

All team leaders except Stacy Cluff and Cory Brix were present for their reports. Executive Assistant Debra Chute was also in attendance. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

These minutes being transcribed by or under the direction of Secretary/Treasurer, Aileen DeMenge, the following proceedings were had: (all action being first duly moved and seconded, and all action taken being upon the unanimous vote of the Board, or without dissenting vote or abstention, unless otherwise stated).

M/S/P to approve Consent Agenda Items - Expense vouchers for the period ending August 31, 2023; agenda of the August 31, 2023 regular board meeting; and minutes of the July 27, 2023 regular board meeting.

The team reports, financial report for the month ending July 2023, and electric write-offs in the amount of \$1,745.14 were reviewed and accepted upon motion.

**Board Resolution**

M/S/P to approve the Board Resolution authorizing Anthony Anderson, Engineering and Energy Services Manager, to sign on behalf of MLEC all legal documents associated with permits necessary for the operation of MLEC.

Said resolution is attached to these minutes.

**VOTING**

**2.1 Policy Review**

M/S/P to approve revised policies:

- Policy No. 804 – Internet Acceptable Use Policy
- Policy No. 901 – Energy Conservation
- Policy No. 902 – Energy Theft and Vandalism
- Policy No. 902A – Vandalized Meters

**2.2 Board Activity Reports**

GRE – July 2023 GRE Board Report submitted by Harold Harms was reviewed.  
MREA – August 2023 MREA Informal Board minutes were reviewed.

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RUS – None

CFC – Notice of CFC District Meeting and Director Candidate and Elections were reviewed.

M/S/P to approve CFC Nominating Committee Report.

M/S/P to vote for Jared Echternach as CFC District 6 Director.

NRECA – July 2023 board update was reviewed.

NRECA Legal Seminar Report submitted by Heinrich Brucker was reviewed.

MAC – None

FEDERATED - None

NRTC – NRTC 2022 Patronage refund information was reviewed.

RESCO – RESCO 2023 Annual Meeting notice was reviewed.

NISC – None

Other – None

M/S/P to accept the activity reports.

## REPORTS

### 3.1 Safety Control

MREA presented *At Risk Behaviors* on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

The next Safety Training is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> with MREA presenting *Ladder Safety*.

The remaining 2023 Safety Training schedule was reviewed.

The 2023 Safety Cross was reviewed.

## SCHEDULED MEETINGS

### 4.1 GRE Meeting Special Guest Attendance

MLEC is invited to allow one board member to attend GRE's month board meeting on November 1 – 2, 2023, Wednesday – Thursday.

Attending: Mark Anderson

### 4.2 Other Meeting Information

Three months look ahead @ MLEC Board meeting non-reoccurring Agenda Items:

- September 28<sup>th</sup>:
  - RESAP Review
  - Estate Capital Credit Retirement
  - Emergency Response Plan Update
  - Cold Weather Rule Appeals Committee
  - NRECA Board Governance Video

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- October 26<sup>th</sup>:
  - Unclaimed Property
  - 2023 General Retirement
  - Preliminary 2024 Budget Review
  - NRECA Governance Video
- November 22<sup>nd</sup>:
  - Updated Preliminary 2024 Budget Review
  - Mille Lacs Community Trust Board Update
  - NRECA Board Governance Video

MREA 2022 Board Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday – Wednesday, October 17-18
- Tuesday – Wednesday, December 12 -13

NOTE: If anyone is interested in attending a MREA Board meeting, please let Deb Chute and Director Aileen DeMenge know so arrangements can be made.

4.3 Board Meeting Dates

- Thursday, September 28, 2023
- Thursday, October 26, 2023
- Wednesday, November 22, 2023

M/S/P to approve September 26, 2023 as an MLEC system tour.

M/S/P to approve November 22, 2023 Board meeting date.

M/S/P to approve director participation at all scheduled meetings.

2024 MLEC Annual Meeting

Discussion was held on a proposed date and location for the 2024 MLEC Annual Meeting. The board directed the committee to look at a date in early September at MLEC's new headquarters facility.

Confidential Discussion/Update

Sarah updated the Board on confidential issues.

BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went into executive session at 12:40 and adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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Aileen DeMenge, Secretary/Treasurer

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Harold Harms, President