

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 July 28, 2022. All board members were present.

New employee Logan Stall, MLEC Accountant, was introduced to board members.

President Harold Harms called the Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

All team leaders were present for their reports except Bill Fillion and Mary Ward. The Operations Team was represented by Tony Anderson, Supervisor of Staking Services. 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 July 28, 2022; agenda of the July 28, 2022 regular board meeting; and minutes of the June 23, 2022 regular board meeting.

The team reports and financial report for the month ending June 2022 were reviewed and accepted upon motion.

BOARD RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was discussed by the board and approved.

A resolution authorizing Mark Vosacek to direct GRE to make payments on MLEC's behalf.

M/S/P on resolution.

Said resolution is attached to these minutes.

VOTING

2.1 Recommended Write-offs

M/S/P to approve the recommended electric write-offs for this month in the amount of \$2,890.62.

2.2 Policy Review

M/S/P to approve revised policies:

- Policy No. 207 – Office-Field Safety and Security
- Policy No. 208 – Record Retention
- Policy No. 209 – Identity Theft Prevention

2.3 Board Activity Reports

GRE – June 2022 GRE Board Report submitted by Harold Harms was reviewed. Harold gave a verbal report on July 2022 GRE Board Meeting. Notice was given for an upcoming GRE all-member virtual briefing to be held on Monday August 1. All directors except Derik Midthun will be attending at MLEC office headquarters. CEO Sarah Cron and Executive Assistant Debra Chute will also be attending.

MREA – June 2022 MREA Informal Board minutes were reviewed. Aileen DeMenge gave a verbal update on MREA’s activities. MREA June 2022 Report was reviewed.

RUS – None
CFC – None
NRECA – None
MAC – None
NRTC – None
RESCO - None
NISC – None
Other – None

2.4 Board Fees

Board of Directors fees and expense reimbursement were discussed. Per diem is currently \$350 per day. Retainer is currently \$511.00 per month. Per diem and retainer will remain the same. Directors asked for a comparison of neighboring cooperatives to be done. The information will be brought back to a future board meeting.

M/S/P to accept the activity reports.

REPORTS

3.1 Safety Control

Deanna Soderberg of PLS presented *Job Hazard Assessment PPE* on July 20th.

The next Safety Training is scheduled for August 3rd with MREA presenting *Traffic Safety*. Deanna Soderberg will be conducting a *Field Audit* on August 10th.

The remaining 2022 Safety Training schedule was reviewed. The 2022 Safety Cross was reviewed.

3.2 Quarterly Articles/Bylaws Review

The quarterly review of the Articles and Bylaws included the last third of the By-laws.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

NRECA Director Online Courses

A list of online courses was reviewed. Please let Deb Chute know if you would like to take any of the courses.

- 4.1 MREA New Director Orientation, Bloomington, MN
August 8 – 9, 2022, Monday – Tuesday
Attending: Mark Anderson and Derik Midthun
- 4.2 MREA Board Chair Roundtable, Bloomington, MN
August 9, 2022, Tuesday
Attending: Harold Harms
- 4.3 NRECA Boardroom Challenges: Connecting Theory to Action, Bloomington, MN
Energy Issues Summit Pre-Conference
August 9, 2022, Tuesday
Attending: Aileen DeMenge (maybe, there is a waiting list)
- 4.4 MREA Energy Issues Summit, Bloomington, MN
August 10 – 11, 2022
Attending: Mark Anderson, Aileen DeMenge, and Derik Midthun
- 4.5 NRECA Regional Meeting
Minneapolis, MN, Wednesday – Friday, September 21 - 23, 2022
There is no online option. Region 6 business meeting is Friday, September 23 at 9:00 a.m.
Voting Delegate is Harold Harms and Bruce Robinson is voting alternate.
Attending: No one will be attending as the dates conflict with MLEC September Board
- 4.6 GRE Meeting Special Guest Attendance
MLEC is invited to allow one board member to attend GRE's month board meeting on October 5 - 6, 2022, Wednesday – Thursday.
Attending: Derik Midthun
- 4.7 NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director Training
November 16 – 18, 2022 AND November 30 – December 2, 2022
Wednesday – Friday, Maple Grove
Attending: Mark Anderson and Derik Midthun
- 4.8 Other Meeting Information

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

- August 25th:
 - NRECA Board Governance Video

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- September 22nd:
 - Cold Weather Rule Appeals Committee
 - NRECA Board Governance Video

- October 27th:
 - Guest David Saggau, GRE President and CEO
 - NRECA Governance Video

MREA 2022 Board Meeting Dates:

- Thursday - Friday, August 11-12
- Tuesday – Wednesday, October 18-19
- Tuesday – Wednesday, December 20-21

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.

4.9 Board Meeting Dates

- Thursday, August 25, 2022
- Thursday, September 22, 2022
- Thursday, October 27, 2022

M/S/P to approve Thursday, October 27, 2022 Board meeting date.

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

Confidential Discussion/Update

Sarah updated the Board on confidential issues.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Aileen DeMenge, Secretary/Treasurer

Harold Harms, President