

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 September 23, 2021. All board members were present.

MLEC new employee Member Service Representative Jamie Oestreich was introduced to the directors.

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

All team leaders were present for their reports. Executive Assistant Debra Chute was also present. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

These minutes being transcribed by or under the direction of Secretary/Treasurer, Barbara Welty, the following proceedings have 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 September 23, 2021, minutes of the August 26, 2021 regular board meeting, and agenda of the September 23, 2021 regular board meeting.

Management team and financial reports for the month of August 2021 were reviewed and accepted upon motion.

2022 Estate and Write-Off Capital Credit Discount Rate

M/S/P to approve the 2022 Estate and Write-Off Capital Credit Discount Rate to be set at 4.25%.

Board Resolution

M/S/P to approve a board resolution to replace the title “Controller” with “Accounting and Finance Manager” for Cooperative Finance Corporation’s One Card Program.

VOTING

2.1 Recommended Write-offs

M/S/P to approve the recommended electric and internet write-offs for this month in the amount of \$3,008.14.

2.2 Policy Review

M/S/P to approve the following revised policies:

- Policy No. 514 – Reconnection Charges for Temporarily Disconnected Services
- Policy No. 515 – Cooperative’s Right to Disconnect Service
- Policy No. 516 – Idle Services

- Policy No. 517 – Safety, Reliability and Service Quality
- Administrative Policy No. 517A – Safety Reliability Process
- Policy No. 517B Form – Customer Complaint Form

2.3 ACTIVITY REPORTS

GRE – Harold Harms gave a verbal report on the September GRE Board Meeting.

MREA – MREA 2022 Budget Proposal was reviewed.

MREA News Release naming Mike Bull as MREA’s Director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs was reviewed.

RUS – None

CFC – None

NRECA August 2021 Board Update was reviewed.

MAC – None

FEDERATED – None

NRTC – None

RESCO – None

NISC – None

Other – None

M/S/P to accept the activity reports.

REPORTS

3.1 Safety Control

Deanna Soderberg of PLS presented Review of DOT Drug Policy on September 14th.

The next scheduled Safety Training will be October 21st with Deanna Soderberg of PLS conducting a *Field Audit*.

The 2021 Safety Cross was reviewed.

3.2 Cold Weather Rule Appels Committee Update

Committee members were identified for the next cold weather season. The directors will contact the member in their district to confirm their willingness to serve.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

4.1 Garrison Commercial Club Fall Membership Dinner and Meeting

October 19, 2021, Tuesday, Harbor Inn

Attending: No one

4.2 MREA Legislative Summit

November 10, 2021, Wednesday, Online, 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Attending: Barb Welty and Carol Pundt will attend at MLEC office.

4.3 Other Meeting Information

Three months look ahead @ MLEC Board meeting NON-Reoccurring Agenda Items:

- October 28th:
 - Guest attendee Scott Veitenheimer
 - Unclaimed Property
 - Preliminary 2022 Budget Review
 - NRECA Governance Video or Article

- November 30th:
 - Updated Preliminary 2022 Budget Review
 - Proposed General Retirement of Capital Credits
 - NRECA Board Governance Video or Article

- December 28 or 29:
 - 2022 Budget Review and Approval
 - Mille Lacs Community Trust Board Update
 - NRECA Governance Video or Article

Remaining MREA 2021 Board Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday – Wednesday, October 19 - 20
- Tuesday – Wednesday, December 21 - 22

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

4.4 Board Meeting Dates

- Thursday, October 28, 2021
- Tuesday, November 30, 2021
- Tuesday, December 28, 2021

M/S/P to approve Tuesday, December 28, 2021 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 11:55 a.m.

Barbara G. Welty, Secretary/Treasurer

Harold Harms, President