

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 on February 24, 2022. All board members except Don Appel were present.

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

All team leaders except Lincoln Messner were present for their reports. 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 February 24, 2022, agenda for the February 24, 2022 regular board meeting with the addition of Expense Forms, and minutes of the January 27, 2022 regular board meeting and February 8, 2022 special virtual board meeting.

The team and financial reports for January 2022 were reviewed and accepted upon motion.

VOTING

2.1 Recommended Write-offs

M/S/P to approve the recommended electric and fiber write-offs for this month in the amount of \$4,121.49.

2.2 Policy Review

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

- Policy No. 101 – Functions of the Board of Directors
- Policy No. 102 – Relationship Management and Delegation of Authority
- Policy No. 103 – Director Eligibility Qualifications
- Policy No. 104 – Director Search and Selection

2.3 Board Activity Reports

GRE – The January 2022 GRE Board Report submitted by Harold Harms was reviewed.

MREA – MREA Legislative Bulletins from February 4, 11, and 18, 2022 were reviewed.

RUS – No report

CFC – No report

NRECA –No report

MAC – No report

FEDERATED – No report.

NRTC – No report

RESCO – No report.

NISC – No report.

Other: None

M/S/P to accept the activity reports.

REPORTS

3.1 Safety Control

MREA presented *Accident Investigation* on January 26, 2022. Deanna Soderberg will present *Driver Qualification Files and Health Programs – Lymes Disease, Hypothermia, COVID/H1N1 Awareness, Back Inquiry Presentation* on February 24, 2022.

The next safety training is scheduled March 15th with Deanna Soderberg presenting *Lockout/Tagout*, and MREA presenting *Voltage Troubleshooting* on March 17th.

The 2022 Safety Meeting Schedule was reviewed.

The January 2022 Safety Cross was reviewed.

3.2 Policy 517 Year End Reporting Requirements

Sarah Cron provided an annual report on MLEC's performance on service quality provisions as required in Policy No. 517.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

4.1 2022 McGregor Chamber Annual Meeting, Monday, February 28, 2022

Big Sandy Lake Lodge

Attending: Aileen and Jerry DeMenge, Harold and Maxine Harms, Carol and David Pundt

4.2 Talon Metal Corp, Tamarack Snoflyers Building

Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Attending: Aileen DeMenge

4.3 NRECA Annual Meeting, Online

March 6 – 9, 2022

Registration is done for Harold Harms to attend online at MLEC office.
Attending: Harold Harms, Don Appel, Aileen DeMenge, Carol Pundt, Mike Reem,
and Barb Welty.

- 4.4 Riverwood Annual Meeting, March 9, 2022
Recommended Bylaw changes are attached for review.
- 4.5 MREA Annual Meeting, St. Paul RiverCenter, St. Paul, MN, and Livestream
March 15 -16, 2022, Tuesday and Wednesday
Attending in person: Aileen DeMenge, Harold Harms, Mike Reem, Bruce Robinson,
Sarah Cron, Lincoln Messner and Barb Welty as MREA Director.
Attending via livestream: Carol Pundt
Meeting registration and hotel reservations are made.
- 4.6 CoBank Regional Meeting, JW Marriott Mall of America, Minneapolis
March 17 - 18, 2022 Thursday and Friday
Attending: Aileen DeMenge, Harold Harms, Bruce Robinson, Barb Welty, Sarah
Cron and Lincoln Messner.
There will be a Virtual Customer Meeting Option on April 7, Thursday, 10:00 – 2:00.
- 4.7 GRE Annual Meeting, Wednesday, April 6, 2022
Maple Grove and virtual
Need to nominate a GRE director and delegate
M/S/P to elect Harold Harms to serve as GRE Director.
M/S/P to elect Harold Harms as 2022 Voting Delegate and Aileen DeMenge as
Voting Alternate.
- 4.8 Other Meeting Information:
Three month look ahead @ MLEC Board meeting NON-Reoccurring Agenda Items:
- March 24th:
 - Audit Report by Eide Bailly
 - Report to the Board on Annual Cogeneration Filings
 - NRECA Governance Video or Article
 - April 28th:
 - NRECA Governance Video or Article
 - May 26th:
 - Election of Officers
 - Annual Board Duties and Responsibilities Review – Henery Brucker
 - NRECA Governance Video or Article

MREA 2022 Board Meeting Dates:

- Monday, March 14
- Tuesday – Wednesday, April 19-20
- Tuesday – Wednesday, June 21-22
- Tuesday – Wednesday, 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 Barb Welty know so arrangements can be made.

4.9 Board Meeting Dates

- Thursday, March 24, 2022
- Thursday, April 28, 2022
- Friday, May 27, 2022

4.10 MLEC Holiday Party that was scheduled for March 19th has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled later this year.

4.11 MLEC Annual Meeting - Thursday, May 5, 2022,
Minnesota National Golf Course, McGregor, MN
4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Registration; 5:00 p.m. – Meal begins; 5:45 - Business Meeting.
Attending: All Directors

M/S/P to approve Friday, May 27, 2022 Board meeting date.

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

Confidential Discussion/Update

CEO Sarah Cron updated the Board on confidential issues.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Barbara G. Welty, Secretary/Treasurer

Harold Harms, President