

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 June 23, 2022. All board members except Don Appel were present.

New employee Wendy Ryan, MLEC CIS Accounting Supervisor, 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. 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 June 23, 2022; agenda of the June 23, 2022 regular board meeting; and minutes of the May 27, 2022 regular board meeting.

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

BOARD RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were discussed by the board and approved.

A Broadband Grant Resolution, a resolution to remove Thomas Meyer from MLEC bank accounts and financial institutions and add Mark Vosacek; and a resolution to increase corporate debt limit from \$75,000,000 to \$110,000,000.

M/S/P on all resolutions.

Said resolutions are 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 \$6,570.05.

2.2 Policy Review

Directors reviewed Policy No. 101 – Function of the Board of Directors and Directors’ Code of Ethics.

M/S/P to approve revised Policy No. 101. All directors signed and returned Directors’ Code of Ethics statement.

M/S/P to approve revised policies:

- Policy No. 301 – Organization
- Administrative Policy No. 301A – Selection of Employees
- Administrative Policy No. 301B – Relocation Assistance
- 301B Attachment – Repayment Agreement
- Administrative Policy 301C – CEO Relocation Assistance
- 301C Attachment – Repayment Agreement

2.3 Board Activity Reports

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

Harold also gave a verbal report on the June GRE board meeting.

MREA – Aileen gave a verbal report from MREA June Board Meeting.

RUS – None

CFC – None

NRECA – May 2022 Board Update was reviewed.

M/S/P to appoint Harold Harms as NRECA Voting Delegate and Bruce Robinson as NRECA Voting Alternate.

MAC – None

FEDERATED Rural Electric Exchange Notice of Nomination and Election was reviewed.

NRTC – None

RESCO – RESCO Notice of 2013 Capital Credits was reviewed. MLEC received a check in the amount of \$3,469.00.

NISC – None

Other – CoBank Director Candidate Kevin Still information was reviewed.

M/S/P to accept the activity reports.

REPORTS

3.1 Safety Control

Deanna Soderberg of PLS conducted a *Field Audit* on June 8th. MREA presented *Pole Top & Bucket Rescue and May Day Training* on June 16th. Deanna Soderberg also assisted with May Day Training. MREA conducted a *Field Audit* on June 16th.

The next Safety Training is scheduled for July 20th with Deanna Soderberg presenting *Job Hazard Assessment PPE*.

The remaining 2022 Safety Training schedule was reviewed.

The 2022 Safety Cross was reviewed.

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 District 2 Meeting, Friday, July 15, 2022

Lake Country Power Office, Cohasset, MN

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Attending: Don Appel, Harold Harms, Derik Midthun, Mike Reem and Bruce Robinson.

Aileen DeMenge will be attending as MREA Director.

Meeting Registration is done.

4.2 MREA New Director Orientation, Bloomington, MN

August 8 – 9, 2022, Monday – Tuesday

Attending: Mark Anderson and Derik Midthun

4.3 MREA Board Chair Roundtable, Bloomington, MN

August 9, 2022, Tuesday

Attending: Harold Harms

NRECA Boardroom Challenges: Connecting Theory to Action, Bloomington, MN

Energy Issues Summit Pre-Conference

August 9, 2022, Tuesday

Attending: Aileen DeMenge

4.4 MREA Energy Issues Summit, Bloomington, MN

August 10 – 11, 2022

Attending: Mark Anderson, Aileen DeMenge, Derik Midthun, and Sarah Cron

4.5 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

4.6 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

4.5 Other Meeting Information

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

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2022

- July 28th:
 - Board Fees
 - NRECA Board Governance Video

- August 25th:
 - NRECA Board Governance Video

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

4.8 Board Meeting Dates

- Thursday, July 28, 2022
- Thursday, August 25, 2022
- Thursday, September 22, 2022

M/S/P to approve Thursday, September 22, 2022 Board meeting date.

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

Confidential Discussion/Update

Sarah covered Board Training with the directors.

Sarah updated the Board on confidential issues.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Aileen DeMenge, Secretary/Treasurer

Harold Harms, President