

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 May 27, 2022. All board members were present.

The re-organizational meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Heinrich Brucker reviewed Board of Director Duties and Responsibilities. NRECA Board Governance Video titled *Dealing with Conflicts of Interest* was viewed and discussed by all directors and Henry.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MLEC Attorney Heinrich Brucker of Ryan, Brucker and Kalis conducted MLEC's election of officers for the following year.

M/S/P to accept the following officers for 2022 - 2023:

- President – Harold Harms
- Vice President – Mike Reem
- Secretary/Treasurer – Aileen DeMenge
- Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Bruce Robinson

President Harold Harms called the regular board meeting to order at 9:51 a.m.

CEO Sarah Cron and Accounting and Finance Manager Lincoln Messner were present via Zoom. Other team leaders and Executive Assistant Debra Chute attended in person. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

This was the first meeting for MLEC's two new directors Mark Anderson District 1, and Derik Midthun District 2. Board members introduced themselves.

These minutes being transcribed by or under the direction of Secretary/Treasurer, Aileen DeMenge, 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 May 27, 2022, minutes of the April 28, 2022 regular board meeting, and agenda of the May 27, 2022 regular board meeting. Minutes from 2022 Annual Meeting were reviewed.

#### PRESENTATION

James Turner of Star Energy Services presented MLEC's 2023 – 2026 Construction Work Plan and MLEC's Long Range Plan.

Management team and financial reports for the month of April 2022 were reviewed and

accepted upon motion.

### BOARD RESOLUTION

A resolution to remove Barbara Welty's name from MLEC bank accounts and add MLEC's newly elected Secretary/Treasurer Aileen DeMenge was presented for the Board's review and approval.

M/S/P to approve the 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 3,293.06

#### 2.2 Policy Review

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

- Policy No. 204 – Contributions
- Policy No. 205 – Required Signatures
- Policy No. 206 – Patronage Capital Credits

#### 2.3 ACTIVITY REPORTS

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

MREA – MREA April 2022 Board of Directors minutes were reviewed.

2022 Legislative Updates for the weeks of April 29, May 6 and 20, 2022 were reviewed.

RUS – No report

CFC – CFC's Request for Candidates information was reviewed.

MAC – No report

FEDERATED – no report

NRTC – No report

RESCO – no report

NISC – No report

Other – CoBank – CoBank director candidate information was reviewed.

M/S/P to accept the activity reports.

### REPORTS

#### 3.1 Safety Control

Deanna Soderberg of PSL presented *Forklift Training* on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

The next scheduled Safety Trainings will be June 8<sup>th</sup> with Deanna conducting a Field Audit. MREA will present Pole Top and Bucket Rescue and Mayday Training and June 16<sup>th</sup>. MREA will also conduct a Field Audit on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

The 2022 Safety Cross was reviewed.

## SCHEDULED MEETINGS

### CTC Annual Meeting – Wednesday, June 1, 2022

11:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Attending: Harold Harms, Mike Reem and Aileen DeMenge will attend at MLEC office.

### ECTC Annual Meeting – Monday, June 20, 2022

Director ballot was completed and will be returned in the mail.

### 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, Lake Country Power, Cohasset, Friday, July 15, 2022.

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

Aileen DeMenge will be attending as MREA Director

#### 4.2 NRECA Legal Seminar

NRECA's Legal Seminar will be held July 18 - 20, 2022 in Portland, Maine and August 8 – 10, 2022 in Monterey, Ca.

Heinrich Brucker would like to attend if he has your approval.

M/S/P to approve Heinrich Brucker's attendance to NRECA's 2022 Legal Seminar, at dates and location that best fit his schedule.

#### 4.3 MREA New Director Orientation

August 8 - 9, 2022, Bloomington, Monday - Tuesday

Attending: Mark Anderson and Derik Midthun

#### 4.4 MREA Energy Issues Summit,

Bloomington, Wednesday – Thursday – August 10 - 12, 2022,

Attending: Mark Anderson, Aileen DeMenge, and Derik Midthun. Don Appel will attend if they offer a virtual option.

#### 4.5 NRECA Regional Meeting

Minneapolis, MN, Wednesday – Friday, September 21 - 23, 2022

Attending: No one will be attending as the dates conflict with MLEC September Board Meeting.

#### 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:

- June 23:
  - Board Fees
  - NRECA Board Governance Videos
- July 22<sup>nd</sup>:
  - NRECA Board Governance Videos
- August 26<sup>th</sup>:
  - NRECA Board Governance Videos

MREA 2022 Board Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday – Wednesday, June 21-22
- 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, June 23, 2022
- Thursday, July 28, 2022
- Thursday, August 25, 2022

M/S/P to approve Thursday, August 25, 2022 Board meeting date.

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

A recap of MLEC's 2022 Annual Meeting was held.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

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Aileen DeMenge, Secretary/Treasurer

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Harold Harms, President