

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 22, 2023. All board members were present with Mark Anderson attending virtually.

President Harold Harms called the Board meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

All team leaders except Mary Ward, Human Resources Manager, were present for their reports. Cory Brix, MLEC Line Superintendent, Tony Anderson, Supervisor of Staking Services, and Debra Chute Executive Assistant, were 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 22, 2023; agenda of the June 22, 2023 regular board meeting; and minutes of the May 25, 2023 regular board meeting.

The team reports, financial report for the month ending May 2023, and electric write-offs in the amount of \$5,269.21 were reviewed and accepted upon motion.

VOTING

2.1 Policy Review

M/S/P to approve revised policies:

- Policy No. 518 – Interconnection Policy for Distributed Resources
- Administrative Policy No. 518A – Rider for Standby Service
- Policy No. 519 – Cooperative Line Maintenance Program
- Policy No. 520 – Cooperative Line Construction Program
- Policy No. 521 – Stray Voltage (Neutral to Earth Voltage)

2.2 Board Activity Reports

GRE – Harold Harms gave a verbal update from the June 2023 GRE Board Meeting.

The Board viewed a GRE video shared by Harold Harms.

MREA – 2023 Legislative Wrap Up was reviewed.

MREA 2023 Second Quarter report was reviewed.

RUS – None

CFC – CFC Board Candidate Jared Echternach bio was reviewed.

NRECA – May 2023 Board Update was reviewed.

MAC – None

FEDERATED - None

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NRTC – None

RESCO – 2923 Director Election Information, ballot and board candidate bios were reviewed.

M/S/P to vote for Scott Reimer as RESCO Director.

NISC – None

Other – None

M/S/P to accept the activity reports.

2.3 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.

Board fees will remain the same.

REPORTS

3.1 Safety Control

MREA and Deanna Soderberg presented *Pole Top & Bucket Rescue and May Day Training* on June 7th.

The next Safety Training is scheduled for July 12th with MREA presenting *Trenching/Excavation*. Deanna Soderberg will conduct a *Field Audit* on July 18th.

The remaining 2023 Safety Training schedule was reviewed.

The 2023 Safety Cross was reviewed.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Legislative Luncheon hosted by Aitkin Area Chamber of Commerce

Aitkin County Government Center, Wednesday, June 28, 2023

Attending: Harold Harms and Sarah Cron

4.1 MREA District 2 Meeting, Friday, July 14, 2023

Lake Country Power Office, Cohasset, MN

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Attending: Mark Anderson, Harold Harms, Derik Midthun, Mike Reem, Bruce Robinson.

Aileen DeMenge will be attending as MREA Director.

Meeting Registration is done.

4.2 NRECA 2023 Legal Seminar

July 17-19, Charleston, SC

Henry Brucker is registered to attend.

4.3 MREA Energy Issues Summit, Bloomington, MN

August 9 – 10, 2023

Attending: Harold Harms, Bruce Robinson, Mary Ward. Mike Reem and Mark Anderson will check their schedules.

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4.4 GRE Meeting Special Guest Attendance

MLEC is invited to allow one board member to attend GRE's month board meeting on November 1 – 2, 2023

Attending: Mark Anderson will check his schedule.

4.5 Other Meeting Information

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

- July 27th:
 - NRECA Board Governance Video or Article
- August 24th:
 - NRECA Board Governance Video or Article
- September 28th:
 - NRECA Board Governance Video

MREA 2023 Board Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, June 27
- Thursday - Friday, August 10 - 11
- Tuesday – Wednesday, October 17 - 18
- Tuesday – Wednesday, December 12 - 13

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.

4.6 Board Meeting Dates

- Thursday, July 27, 2023
- Thursday, August 24, 2023
- Thursday, September 28, 2023

M/S/P to approve Thursday, September 28, 2023 Board meeting date.

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

NRECA Board Governance Quiz – The directors participated in an NRECA Board Governance Quiz.

Confidential Discussion/Update

Sarah updated the Board on confidentiality issues.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Aileen DeMenge, Secretary/Treasurer

Harold Harms, President