

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 25, 2023. All board members were present.

The re-organizational meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

Heinrich Brucker reviewed the Board of Director Duties and Responsibilities.

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 2023 - 2024:

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

Henry Brucker reviewed RUS Loan Documents with the directors. Documents were approved and signed.

President Harold Harms called the regular board meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

All team leaders except Bill Fillion were present for their reports with Cory Brix, MLEC Line Superintendent and Tony Anderson, Supervisor of Staking Services, representing the Operations Department. Executive Assistant Debra Chute also attended. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 25, 2023, agenda for the May 25, 2023 regular board meeting, and minutes of the April 27, 2023 regular board meeting. Minutes from 2023 Annual Meeting were reviewed.

Management team and financial reports for the month of April 2023 and recommended

monthly electric write-offs in the amount of \$3,493.94 were reviewed and accepted upon motion.

VOTING

2.1 Policy Review

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

- Policy No. 505B – AMI Opt Out
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- 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
- Policy No. 517A – Safety Reliability Process
- Policy No. 517B – Customer Complaint Form

2.2 ACTIVITY REPORTS

GRE – May 2023 GRE Board Report submitted by Harold Harms was reviewed.

MREA – MREA Legislative Updates for the weeks of April 28, May 5 and 12, 2023 were reviewed.

RUS – No report

CFC – Official notice of CFC's 2023 Annual Membership Meeting schedule for June 18 was reviewed.

NRECA – NRECA April 2023 Board Update submitted by Tim Velde, Minnesota delegate to NRECA Board of Directors was reviewed.

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

Deanna Soderberg of PSL presented *Fall Protection Certification* on May 17th.

The next scheduled Safety Training will be June 7th with MREA presenting Pole Top and Bucket Rescue and Mayday.

The 2023 Safety Meeting Schedule and the 2023 Safety Cross were reviewed.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

CTC Annual Meeting – Wednesday, June 7, 2023

11:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Attending: Lincoln Messner

4.1 MREA District 2 Meeting, Lake Country Power, Cohasset, Friday, July 14, 2023.

Attending: All directors except Don Appel

Aileen DeMenge will be attending as MREA Director

4.2 NRECA Legal Seminar

NRECA's Legal Seminar will be held July 17 - 19, 2023 in Charleston, SC

Henry Brucker is registered to attend.

4.3 MREA Energy Issues Summit,

Bloomington, Wednesday – Thursday – August 9 - 10, 2023

Bloomington, MN. There is a livestream option if a minimum of 15 attendees.

Attending: A final decision will be made after the agenda and speakers are confirmed.

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, Wednesday – Thursday.

Attending: Mark Anderson or Aileen DeMenge. Mark will check his schedule.

4.5 Other Meeting Information

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

- June 22:
 - Board Fees
 - GRE Video
 - NRECA Director's Quiz
 - NRECA Board Governance Videos
- July 27:
 - NRECA Board Governance Videos

- August 24:
 - NRECA Board Governance Videos

MREA 2023 Board Meeting Dates:

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

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, June 22, 2023
- Thursday, July 27, 2023
- Thursday, August 24, 2023

M/S/P to approve Thursday, August 24, 2023 Board meeting date.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Aileen DeMenge, Secretary/Treasurer

Harold Harms, President