

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 September 28, 2023. All board members were present.

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

All team leaders except Tony Anderson were present for their reports. Administrative Services Supervisor 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 September 28, 2023; agenda of the September 28, 2023 regular board meeting; and minutes of the August 31, 2023 regular board meeting.

The team reports, financial report for the month ending August 31, 2023, and electric write-offs in the amount of \$6,678.81 were reviewed and accepted upon motion. The 2023 RESAP Review and Emergency Restoration Plan were reviewed.

2024 Estate and Write-Off Capital Credit Discount Rate

M/S/P to approve the 2024 Estate and Write-Off Capital Credit Rate to be set at 5.5%.

## **VOTING**

### **2.1 Policy Review**

M/S/P to approve revised policies:

- Policy No. 401 – Collection Procedures
- Policy No. 501 – Membership and/or Electric Service
- Policy No. 514 – Reconnection Charges for Temporarily Disconnected Services

### **2.2 Board Activity Reports**

GRE – Harold Harms gave a verbal report on the September 2023 GRE board meeting.

MREA – 2023 Third Quarter Report was reviewed.

RUS – None

CFC –CFC Patronage Capital Allocation was reviewed.

NRECA – August 2023 board update was reviewed.

MAC – None

FEDERATED – None

NRTC – None  
RESCO – None  
NISC – None  
Other – None

M/S/P to accept the activity reports.

## REPORTS

### 3.1 Safety Control

MREA presented *Ladder Safety* on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

The next Safety Training is scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> with PLS conducting a Field Audit.

The remaining 2023 Safety Training schedule was reviewed.

The 2023 Safety Cross was reviewed.

### 3.2 Cold Weather Rules Appeals Committee Update

Committee members were identified for the next cold weather season. The directors will contact the member in their district to confirm their willingness to serve.

## SCHEDULED MEETINGS

### 4.1 Garrison Commercial Club Membership Meeting,

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Harbor Inn, Garrison

Attending: No one

### 4.2 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

### 4.3 NRECA Annual Meeting

March 1 – 6, 2024, San Antonio, TX

### 4.4 CoBank Customer Meeting

March 14 - 15, 2024, Minneapolis, MN

### 4.5 MREA Annual Meeting

March 18 – 19, 2024, St. Paul, MN

### 4.6 NRECA Director's Conference

April 6 – 9, 2024, Nashville, TN

### 4.7 CoBank Energy Director's Conference

July 17 – 19, 2024, Boston, MA

### 4.8 Other Meeting Information

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

- October 26<sup>th</sup>:
  - Unclaimed Property

- 2023 General Retirement
- Preliminary 2024 Budget Review
- NRECA Governance Video
- November 22<sup>nd</sup>:
  - Updated Preliminary 2024 Budget Review
  - NRECA Board Governance Video
- December 28<sup>th</sup>:
  - 2024 Budget Final Review and Approval
  - Cold Weather Rule Appeals Committee
  - NRECA Board Governance Video

MREA 2023 Board Meeting Dates:

- 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.

4.3 Board Meeting Dates

- Thursday, October 26, 2023
- Wednesday, November 22, 2023
- Thursday, December 28, 2023

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

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

Confidential Discussion/Update

Sarah updated the Board on confidential issues.

The regular board meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon. The board went into Executive Session.

BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION

M/S/P to approve a GRE Resolution in support of NextEra Energy Resources. Resolution is attached to these minutes.

The Executive Session adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

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Aileen DeMenge, Secretary/Treasurer

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Harold Harms, President