

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 February 21, 2020. All board members except Aileen DeMenge were present.

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

All team leaders were present for their reports. Tom Meyer, Accountant and Executive Assistant Debra Chute were also present. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

These minutes being transcribed by or under the direction of Secretary/Treasurer, Barbara Welty, 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 February 21, 2020, agenda for the February 21, 2020 regular board meeting, and minutes of the January 17, 2020 regular board meeting.

The team reports for January 2020 were reviewed and accepted upon motion.

#### 2019 Year End Presentation

Financial Reports for the year ending December 31, 2019 were presented by Tom Meyer, Accountant.

#### VOTING

##### 2.1 Recommended Write-offs

M/S/P to approve the recommended electric, long distance, and internet, write-offs for this month in the amount of \$4,251.50.

##### 2.2 Policy Review

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

- Policy No. 206 – Patronage Capital Credits
- Policy No. 209 – Identity Theft Prevention
- Policy No. 501 – Membership and/or Electric Service
- Policy No. 516 – Idle Services
- Policy No. 517 – Safety, Reliability and Service Quality

##### 2.3 ACTIVITY REPORTS

- GRE – Harold presented the January 2020 GRE Board Report.
- GRE Annual Meeting is April 1, 2020.
- Certificate of Nomination for GRE Director:
- M/S/P to nominate Harold Harms as GRE Director for 2020.
- Certificate of Appointment: M/S/P to appoint Harold Harms as 2020 GRE Delegate and Aileen DeMenge as Alternate.

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- MREA – MREA January 2020 Report was reviewed.
- February 14, 2020 Legislative Bulletin was reviewed.
- RUS – No report.
- CFC – No report
- NRECA – No report
- MAC – No report.
- FEDERATED – No report.
- NRTC – No report
- RESCO – No report.
- NISC – 2019 NISC Capital Credit Summary was reviewed. NISC retired 30% of 2019 allocation in addition to 9% each year for 2004-2009. MLEC received a check in the amount of \$5,673.95.

M/S/P to accept the activity reports.

REPORTS

3.1 Safety Control

Deanna Soderberg presented *AWAIR, Blood Borne Pathogens, Right to Know, Emergency Action Plan, Fire Prevention/Response* to all employees on February 11th.

The next safety meeting is scheduled for April 7th with MREA presenting *Trenching and Excavation Safety Review*.

The 2020 Safety Cross was reviewed.

3.2 Policy 517 Year End Reporting Requirements

Sarah Cron provided an annual report on MLEC's performance on service quality provisions as required in Policy No. 517.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

4.1 GRE Monthly Board Meeting, March 11 – 12, 2020

Guest director's attendance at GRE's monthly board meetings are currently on hold.

4.2 MREA 2020 Annual Meeting, InterContinental Hotel, St. Paul, MN

March 16 – 18, 2020 Monday – Wednesday

Attending – Harold Harms, Don Appel, Aileen DeMenge, Bill Bernard, Mike Reem, Bruce Robinson and Sarah Cron.

Barb Welty will be attending as MREA Director.

2020 Voting Delegate – Harold Harms                      Alternate – Don Appel

4.3 CoBank Regional Customer Meeting, JW Marriott Mall of America, Minneapolis, March 23 – 24, 2020, Monday - Tuesday

Attendance: Don Appel, Bill Bernard, Mike Reem, Barb Welty, Harold Harms, Aileen DeMenge, Bruce Robinson, Sarah Cron, and Tom Meyer.

4.4 GRE Annual Meeting, Maple Grove, MN

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Attending: Sarah Cron and Harold Harms as GRE Director.

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4.5 MREA Grassroots Day, St Paul  
Thursday, April 23, 2020  
Attending: No one

4.6 MLEC Annual Meeting, Aitkin  
Thursday, April 23, 2020  
Attending: All directors

4.7 NRECA Washington DC Legislative Visit  
April 26 – 29, 2020 Sunday - Wednesday  
Attending: No one

4.4 Other Meeting Information:

- March 19<sup>th</sup>:
  - Residential Survey Presentation
  - Annual SAIDI, SAIFI, CAIDI Presentation
  - Internal Control Evaluation Report
  
- April 16<sup>th</sup>:
  - Policy 203 – Annual Safety Deposit Box Inspection
  - Annual Audit Report
  - NRECA Governance Videos
  
- May 28<sup>th</sup>:
  - Election of Officers/Reorganization
  - Annual Board Duties and Responsibilities Review
  - NRECA Governance Videos

MREA 2020 Board Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday/Wednesday – April 21-22
- Tuesday/Wednesday – June 16-17
- Tuesday/Wednesday – August 18-19
- Tuesday/Wednesday – October 20-21
- Tuesday/Wednesday – December 15-16

NOTE: If anyone is interested in attending an MREA Board Meeting, please let Deb Chute and Director Barb Welty know so arrangements can be made.

4.9 Board Meeting Dates:

- Thursday, March 19, 2020
- Thursday, April 16, 2020
- Thursday, May 28, 2020

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Employee Appreciation Dinner, Friday March 20, 2020 at Appledoorn's, 5:30 p.m.

M/S/P to approve Friday, May 28, 2020 Board meeting date.

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

3.1 Confidential Discussion/Update

Sarah updated the board on confidential issues.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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Barbara G. Welty, Secretary/Treasurer

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Harold Harms, President