

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 17, 2019. All board members were present.

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

Sarah Cron, General Manager, called the re-organizational meeting to order and assisted in counting the secret ballots. M/S/P to accept the following officers:

- President – Harold Harms
- Vice-President – Aileen DeMenge
- Secretary/Treasurer – Barbara Welty
- Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Don Appel

Attorney Henry Brucker of Ryan, Brucker and Kalis, LTD reviewed MLEC's policies and Bylaws.

All team leaders were present for their reports. Administrative Assistant Debra Chute was 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 May 17, 2019, minutes of the April 19, 2019 regular board meeting, agenda of the May 17, 2019 regular board meeting and work orders for the month of March 2019 of \$75,094.83.

Minutes from April 11, 2019 MLEC Annual Meeting were reviewed.

The team reports for the month of April 2019 and financial reports for the month ending March 31, 2019 were reviewed and accepted upon motion.

PRESENTATIONS

David Ranallo of GRE presented Electric Vehicle Recap from Twin Cities Auto Show and The Future of Electric Vehicles.

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 \$4,112.21.

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2.2 Policy Review

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

- Policy No. 321 – Employment References
- Policy No. 322 – Mobile Devices
- New Administrative Policy No. 505B – AMI Opt Out

2.3 ACTIVITY REPORTS

GRE – Harold presented the April GRE report and March Financial Highlights, and a verbal report on the May GRE board meeting.

MREA – April 2019 MREA Board of Directors Meeting informal summary highlights was reviewed.

MREA Legislative Updates for the weeks of April 26, May 3, and May 9, 2019 were reviewed.

RUS – No report

CFC – Request for CFC Board Candidates was reviewed. Deadline to apply is May 31st.

NRECA – Letters of support to NRECA submitted by Sarah Cron on behalf of MLEC for Ron Schwartau and Mark Glaess were reviewed.

MAC – No report

FEDERATED – No report

NRTC – No report

RESCO – RESCO's ERMCO retained earnings and patronage refunds for fiscal years 2009 and 2010 were reviewed. MLEC received \$1,248.00 for retained earnings and \$6,564 for patronage refund.

NISC – No report

Other – None

M/S/P to accept the activity reports.

REPORTS

3.1 Confidential discussion/Update

Sarah updated the board on confidential issues.

3.2 Loss Control

The next safety meeting will be on May 23rd with MREA presenting *Pole Top and Bucket Rescue with Emergency Action Plan Review*.

The monthly Accident and Mileage Report was reviewed. Also reviewed was the 2019 Safety Cross.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

4.1 GRE Annual Meeting, GRE office, Maple Grove, Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Attending: Harold Harms as GRE Director and Sarah Cron.

CTC Annual Meeting, Brainerd, Wednesday June 5, 2019

Attending: Don Appel, Bruce Robinson, Barb Welty

4.2 MREA Legal Seminar, Maple Grove, Tuesday, June 11, 2019
Attending: Henry Brucker

4.3 MREA District 2 Meeting, Sugar Lake Lodge, Cohasset, Friday, July 12, 2019
Attending: Don Appel, Bill Bernard, Aileen DeMenge, Harold Harms, Mike Reem and Bruce Robinson

Barb Welty is attending as MREA Director.

4.4 MREA Energy Issues Summit, St. Cloud, Wednesday – Thursday – July 31 – August 1, 2019
Attending: Don Appel, Bill Bernard, Aileen DeMenge, Harold Harms, Mike Reem, Bruce Robinson, Barb Welty and Sarah Cron.
Harold Harms will attend Board Round Table on July 30.

4.5 NRECA Legal Seminar, Denver, Co, Monday – Wednesday, August 12 – 14, 2019
Attending:

4.6 Other Meeting Information

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

- June 17th:
 - Alison Deelstra, CFC Regional Vice President
- July 15th:
 - NRECA Board Governance Videos
- August 19th:
 - Board per diems
 - NRECA Board Governance Videos

Remaining MREA 2019 Board Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday – Wednesday, June 18 – 19
- Tuesday – Wednesday, August 20 – 21
- Tuesday – Wednesday, October 15 – 16
- Tuesday – Wednesday, December 17 - 18

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

4.7 Board Meeting Dates

- Friday, June 21, 2019
- Friday, July 19, 2019
- Friday, August 16, 2019

M/S/P to approve Friday, August 16, 2019 Board meeting date.

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

Board met in executive session.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Barbara G. Welty, Secretary/Treasurer

Harold Harms, President