

MILLE LACS ENERGY COOPERATIVE
Aitkin, MN 56431

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative was held virtually via Zoom on May 18, 2020. All board members were present.

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

CEO Sarah Cron, Member Service and Marketing Manager Shelly DeFoe and, Executive Assistant Debra Chute were also present via Zoom. 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 18, 2020, minutes of the April 16, 2020 regular board meeting, and agenda of the May 18, 2020 regular board meeting.

The team reports for the month of April 2020 were reviewed and accepted upon motion. Financial reports for the months ending March 31, 2020 and April 30, 2020 were reviewed and accepted upon motion subject to audit.

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 \$3,147.88.

2.2 Policy Review

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

- Policy No. 102 – Delegation of Authority to the CEO
- Administrative Policy No. 505B – AMI Opt Out Policy
- Policy No. 804 – Internet Acceptable Use Policy
- Policy No. 901 – Energy Conservation
- Policy No. 902 – Energy Theft and Vandalism
- Administrative Policy No. 902A – Vandalized Meters

2.3 ACTIVITY REPORTS

GRE – Harold Harms gave a verbal report on GRE's board meeting.

MREA – April 2020 MREA Board of Directors Meeting informal summary highlights was reviewed.

MREA Legislative Updates for the weeks of April 24, May 1, and May 8, 2020 were reviewed.

RUS – No report

CFC – No report

MAC – No report

FEDERATED – No report

NRTC – No report

RESCO – RESCO's ERMCO retained earnings and patronage refunds for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 were reviewed. MLEC received a check for \$5,294.00 for patronage refund.

NISC – No report

Other – None

M/S/P to accept the activity reports.

REPORTS

3.1 Safety Control

On April 7th MREA presented *Trenching and Excavation Safety Review* online.

Future safety trainings will be rescheduled when we are able to conduct in person training.

The 2020 Safety Cross was reviewed.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

4.1 MREA District 2 Meeting, Lake Country Power, Cohasset, Friday, July 10, 2020

Attending: Don Appel, Harold Harms, Mike Reem, Bruce Robinson, Aileen DeMenge, and Barb Welty.

Barb Welty is attending as MREA Director.

4.2 MREA Energy Issues Summit, Bloomington, Wednesday – Thursday – August 19 – 20, 2020, Bloomington

Attending: All directors and Sarah Cron.

4.3 NRECA Legal Seminar

At this time NRECA has cancelled the 2020 Legal Seminars and are looking at doing something virtually or later. MLEC Board did approve Henry Brucker attending if NRECA holds a 2020 Legal Seminar.

4.4 Other Meeting Information

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

- June 18th:
 - 2019 Audit Report

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
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- Presentations: Residential Survey Results; Annual SAIDI, SAIFI, CAIDI
- NRECA Board Governance Videos

- July 20th:
 - MLEC 990 Review
 - NRECA Board Governance Videos

- August 21st:
 - Annual Rate Comparison
 - Board Fees
 - NRECA Board Governance Videos

Remaining MREA 2020 Board Meeting Dates:

- 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 a MREA Board meeting, please let Deb Chute and Director Barb Welty know so arrangements can be made.

4.8 Board Meeting Dates

- Thursday, June 18, 2020
- Monday, July 20, 2020
- Friday, August 21, 2020

M/S/P to change July board meeting date to Monday, July 20th and to approve Friday, August 21, 2020 Board meeting date.

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

Confidential discussion/Update

Sarah updated the board on confidential issues.

The Board and Sarah Cron, CEO reviewed NRECA's Board Governance Article *Keeping Minutes of Board Meetings: The Devil Really is in the Details*.

Board met in executive session.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Barbara G. Welty, Secretary/Treasurer

Harold Harms, President