

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 August 21, 2020. All board members were present.

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

CEO Sarah Cron 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 the consent agenda items - Expense vouchers for the period ending August 21, 2020, agenda of the August 21, 2020 regular board meeting and minutes of the July 20, 2020 regular board meeting.

Technology and Energy Services Manager Stacy Cluff presented a Fiber Update.
Accounting and Finance Manager Lincoln Messner presented a financial update.

The team reports and financial reports for the month of July 2020 were reviewed and accepted upon motion.

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 \$3,335.30.

2.2 Policy Review

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

- Policy No. 201 – Financial Policy
- Policy No. 201A – Petty Cash
- Policy No. 201B – Checks Under \$5
- Policy No. 201C – Corporate Credit Card
- Policy No. 202 – Investment Policy
- Policy No. 202A – Investment Procedure
- Policy No. 203 – Bank Depositories and Safety Deposit Boxes

2.3 ACTIVITY REPORTS

- GRE – July 2020 GRE Board Report as submitted by Harold Harms was reviewed.
- MREA – July 2020 MREA newsletter was reviewed.
Barb gave a verbal report on the August MREA Board Meeting.
- RUS – Nothing

- CFC – 2020 CFC director candidate Patrick Carruth information was reviewed. M/S/P to cast a ballot for Jared Echternach for CFC Director.
- CFC 2020 Special Meeting report as submitted by Harold Harms was reviewed.
- NRECA – Nothing
- MAC – Nothing
- FEDERATED – Nothing
- NRTC – NRTC 2019 Patronage check in the amount of \$3,311.31 and 2004 Retirement payment in the amount of \$2,787.30 were received.
- RESCO – 2019 Patronage Update from RESCO was reviewed. MLEC received a check in the amount of \$8,840.00.
- NISC – Nothing
- Other –
- CoBank – 2020 CoBank Director Ballot was voted on. Candidates are David Kragnes and Michael Nordwald.
- M/S/P to cast ballot to elect David Kragnes to CoBank's board as the Central Region Director.

M/S/P to accept the activity reports.

REPORTS

3.1 Safety Control

MREA presented *Pole Top & Bucket Rescue* on July 24th.

Deanna Soderberg of PLS presented May Day Review on also July 24th.

Deanna Soderberg is scheduled to do a Crew Observation Field Audit on August 13th.

The next safety meeting will be on September 24th with MREA presenting *Digger Derrick Safety*.

The monthly Safety Cross was reviewed.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

4.1 MLEC Strategic Planning Meeting, with CFC, September 22 – 23, 2020
Tuesday and Wednesday, Appledoorn's Sunset Bay Resort on Mille Lacs Lake
Attending: All directors and management team

4.2 NRECA Regional Meeting, Online, October 12 – 16, 2020
Voting Delegate – Harold Harms Alternate – Sarah Cron
Registration will be done for Harold and Sarah.

4.3 Other Meeting Information

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

- September 17th:
 - Cold Weather Rule Appels Committee
 - Budget Parameters for 2021

- MLEC 990 Review
- NRECA Board Governance Video or article
- October 15th:
 - Unclaimed Property
 - Annual Technology Plan Update
 - NRECA Board Governance Video or article
- November 19th:
 - Preliminary 2021 Budget Review
 - NRECA Board Governance Video or article

Remaining MREA 2020 Board Meeting Dates:

- 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.

4.4 Board Meeting Dates

- Thursday, September 17, 2020
- Thursday, October 15, 2020
- Thursday, November 19, 2020

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

M/S/P to approve Thursday, November 19, 2020 Board meeting date.

Confidential Discussion/Update

Sarah Cron updated the board on confidential issues.

The Board reviewed the NRECA Board Governance article titled "Open Board of Directors Meeting, Part 2".

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Barb Welty, Secretary/Treasurer

Harold Harms, President