

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 June 24, 2021. All board members except Don Appel and Aileen DeMenge were present.

President Harold Harms called the Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Sarah Cron, CEO and Executive Assistant Debra Chute were in attendance. 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 June 24, 2021; agenda of the June 24, 2021 regular board meeting; and minutes of the May 27, 2021 regular board meeting.

The team reports and financial report for the month ending May 2021 were reviewed and accepted upon motion.

MLEC 990 Review

As part of the board's due diligence, the 990/990T Tax Report was reviewed prior to filling. M/S/P to approve the 2020 990/990T Tax Report.

VOTING

2.1 Recommended Write-offs

M/S/P to approve the recommended electric and internet, write-offs for this month in the amount of \$3,709.14.

2.2 Policy Review

M/S/P to approve revised policies 504, 504A, 505, 505A, 505B and 506:

- Policy No. 504 – Meter Testing
- Policy No. 504A – Meter Testing Agreement
- Policy No. 505 – Meter Equipment and Installations
- Policy No. 505A – Meter Installations
- Policy No. 505B – AMI Opt Out
- Policy No. 506 – Motor Policy – Single and Three Phase Motors

2.3 Board Activity Reports

GRE – May 2021 GRE Board Report and meeting notes from True North meeting submitted by Harold Harms were reviewed. Harold also gave a verbal report on the June GRE board meeting.

MREA – Barb Welty gave a verbal update on MREA activities.

RUS – None

CFC – None

NRECA – None

MAC – None

FEDERATED – None.

NRTC – None

RESCO – RESCO 2021 Director Candidates Sue Kringen and James Rokesh letters of introduction were reviewed.

NISC – None

Other – None

M/S/P to accept the activity reports.

REPORTS

3.1 Safety Control

MREA conducted *Tree Trimming* on June 10th, and Deanna Soderberg of PLS presented *Hazard Recognition* to all employees on June 16th.

The next scheduled Safety Training is scheduled for July 15th with MREA presenting *Pole Top and Bucket Rescue and Mayday*. Deanna Soderberg will be conducting a *Field August* on July 20th.

The remaining 2021 Safety Training schedule was reviewed.
The 2021 Safety Cross was reviewed.

3.2 Safety Deposit Box Inventory

MLEC Board Secretary Barb Welty and Executive Assistant Debra Chute conducted a physical inventory of the contents of MLEC's safety deposit box.

M/S/P to close the safety deposit box as of December 30, 2021.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Special Board Meeting, Thursday, July 1, 2021

Attending: All directors except Carol Pundt.

4.1 MREA District 2 Meeting, Friday, July 16, 2021

Lake Country Power Office

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9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Attending: Don Appel, Aileen DeMenge, Carol Pundt, Mike Reem and Bruce Robinson.
Barb Welty will be attending as MREA Director.

Meeting Registration is done.

4.2 MREA Energy Issues Summit, August 11 – 12, 2021

Radisson Blu Mall of America, Bloomington

Tuesday evening, Wednesday & Thursday

There is also a livestream option.

Attending: Harold Harms, Barb Welty, Don Appel, Mike Reem, Bruce Robinson, and Sarah Cron

Pre-conference Board Chair Roundtable, August 10 – Attending Harold Harms

4.3 NRECA Regions 5 & 6 Meeting, September 15 – 17, 2021, Wednesday - Friday

Minneapolis, MN

Online option available for September 16 and 17, Thursday and Friday.

2021 Voting Delegate is Barb Welty. Alternate is Sarah Cron.

Final decision on who is attending will be made at a later date.

4.4 Other Meeting Information

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

- July 22nd:
 - Board Fees
 - NRECA Board Governance Video
- August 26th:
 - NRECA Board Governance Video
- September 23rd:
 - Cold Weather Rule Appeals Committee
 - NRECA Board Governance Video

Remaining MREA 2021 Board Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday – Wednesday, August 17 - 18
- Tuesday – Wednesday, October 19 - 20
- Tuesday – Wednesday, December 21 - 22

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.

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4.5 Board Meeting Dates

- Thursday, July 22, 2021
- Thursday, August 26, 2021
- Thursday, September 23, 2021

M/S/P to approve Thursday, September 23, 2021 Board meeting date.

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

Confidential Discussion/Update

Sarah updated the Board on confidential issues.

A governance article was reviewed by board members titled "Four Pillars of Cooperative Governance".

The Board met in executive session.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Barbara G. Welty, Secretary/Treasurer

Harold Harms, President