

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 18, 2020. All board members were present.

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

Sarah Cron, CEO and Shelly DeFoe, Member Service and Marketing Manager, and Consultant Lauren Brorby were attendance. Executive Assistant Debra Chute attended 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).

Aileen DeMenge was recognized for 15 years of service and Bruce Robinson was recognized for 5 years of service to MLEC.

M/S/P to approve Consent Agenda Items - Expense vouchers for the period ending June 18, 2020; agenda of the June 18, 2020 regular board meeting; and minutes of the May 18, 20120 regular board meeting.

The team reports and financial report for the month ending May 2020 were reviewed and accepted upon motion.

M/S/P to postpone the 2020 Annual Meeting and combine it with the 2021 Annual Meeting.
M/S/P to direct the Accounting and Finance Team to research and obtain bids from auditing firms.

Presentations/Discussions
Residential Survey Results

Erin Beck presented 2019 Residential Member Satisfaction Survey results to the Board. This survey was conducted by NRECA.

2019 Audit Report

Dave Holt representing Brady Martz and Associates attended the meeting via Zoom to review the 2019 Audit Report. Also attending via Zoom was MLEC Attorney Heinrich Brucker.

M/S/P to accept the 2019 Audit Report.

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 \$1,191.09.

2.2 Policy Review

M/S/P to approve revised policies 103, 104 and 105; and to eliminate Policy No. 106 –

Communications Policy.

- Policy No. 103 – Director Eligibility Qualifications
- Policy No. 104 – Director Search and Selection
- Policy No. 105 – Fees and Expense Reimbursement
- Policy No. 106– Communications Policy

2.3 Board Activity Reports

GRE – Harold presented the May 2020 GRE Board Report.

Also reviewed is a letter from GRE donating to MLE Community Trust Operation Round Up fund.

M/S/P to approve a resolution in favor of Wind Energy Power Purchase agreement.
Said resolution is attached to these minutes.

MREA – May 2020 MREA Newsletter was reviewed.

MREA Legislative Updates for the weeks of May 15 and 22, 2020 were reviewed.

RUS – None

CFC – None

NRECA – None

MAC – None

FEDERATED – None

NRTC – None

RESCO – RESCO 2020 Director Election ballot was reviewed and voted on.

M/S/P to cast MLEC's ballot for Tim Thompson of Lake Region Electric Cooperative.

NISC – None

Other – None

M/S/P to accept the activity reports.

REPORTS

3.1 Safety Control

Safety Trainings have been on hold with the COVID-19 Pandemic; they will need to be rescheduled when we are able to conduct in person training or conducted as online training.

The remaining 2020 Safety Training schedule was reviewed.

The 2020 Safety Cross was reviewed.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- 4.1 MREA District 2 Meeting, Via Zoom
Friday, July 10, 2020, 9:00 – 12:00 noon

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

Barb Welty will be attending as MREA Director.

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Meeting Registration is done. Directors, managers and employees can attend the online meeting.

4.2 MREA Energy Issues Summit, August 18 – 20, 2020

Radisson Blu Mall of America, Bloomington

Tuesday evening, Wednesday & Thursday

Attending: All directors and Sarah Cron

4.3 NRECA Regions 5 & 6 Meeting, October 12 – 16, 2020

Online

2019 Voting Delegate: Harold Harms Alternate: Sarah Cron

M/S/P to approve 2020 NRECA Voting Delegate to be Harold Harms, and 202 Alternate to be Sarah Cron.

4.4 Other Meeting Information

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

- July 20th:
 - Board Fees
 - MLEC 990 Review
 - NRECA Board Governance Video

- August 21st:
 - Annual Rate Comparison
 - NRECA Board Governance Video

- September 17th:
 - Cold Weather Rule Appeals Committee
 - Budget Parameters for 2020
 - NRECA Board Governance Video

MREA 2020 Board Meeting Dates:

- 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.

4.5 Board Meeting Dates

- Monday, July 20, 2020
- Friday, August 21, 2020
- Thursday, September 17, 2020

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M/S/P to approve Thursday, September 17, 2020 Board meeting date.

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

Confidential Discussion/Update

Sarah updated the Board on confidential issues.

The Board met in Executive Session.

Executive Session adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Barbara G. Welty, Secretary/Treasurer

Harold Harms, President