

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 26, 2021. All board members except Carol Pundt were present.

MLEC new employee Accountant Mark Vosacek was introduced to the directors.

President Harold Harms called the regular meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

All team leaders were present for their reports. Executive 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 have 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 August 26, 2021, minutes of the July 22, 2021 regular board meeting, and agenda of the August 26, 2021 regular board meeting.

Management team and financial reports for the month of July 2021 were reviewed and accepted upon motion.

#### 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 \$2,602.15.

##### 2.2 Policy Review

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

- Policy No. 511 – Requests for Relocation of Facilities
- Policy No. 511 Attachment – Facilities Relocation Agreement
- Policy No. 511A – System Improvement Allocation Procedures
- Policy No. 511B – NESC Clearance Violations
- Policy No. 512 – Continuity of Service
- Policy No. 513 – Moving of Structures

##### 2.3 ACTIVITY REPORTS

GRE – July 2021 GRE Board Report submitted by Harold Harms was reviewed.

MREA – August 2021 Board of Directors minutes were reviewed.

RUS – None

CFC – 2021 CFC District 6 meeting notice and director candidate information was reviewed.

M/S/P to approve CFC Nominating Committee report. M/S/P to vote for Barbara Hamilton as CFC Director.

M/S/P to approve Harold Harms as voting delegate.

NRECA Legal Seminar Report submitted by Heinrich Brucker was reviewed.

NRECA Region Meeting – All directors except Carol Pundt will be attending the September 16 and 17 region meeting via online. Sarah Cron will also be attending.

Harold Harms is MLEC’s voting delegate and Aileen DeMenge as alternate delegate for NRECA’s Region 6 Meeting.

MAC – None

FEDERATED – None

NRTC –

MLEC received a check from NRTC in the amount of \$9,876.30. This represents the remainder of 2004 and a portion of 2005 patronage balance, and 30% of 2020 patronage.

RESCO – None

NISC – None

Other –

CoBank – 2021 Director Election Ballot and candidate information was reviewed.

M/S/P to vote for Robert McLennan as Central Region CoBank Director.

M/S/P to accept the activity reports.

## REPORTS

### 3.1 Safety Control

Deanna Soderberg of PSL presented Defensive Driving on August 17<sup>th</sup> to all inside staff.

The next scheduled Safety Training will be September 17<sup>th</sup> with Deanna Soderberg of PLS presenting *Review of DOT Drug Policy*.

The 2021 Safety Cross was reviewed.

## SCHEDULED MEETINGS

### 4.1 NRECA Regional Meeting

Online dates – September 16 – 17, 2021

Attending: All directors except Carol Pundt will be attending via online. Sarah Cron will also be attending.

### 4.2 MREA Legislative Summit

November 16, 2021, Thursday, MREA Office, Maple Grove

Attending: Barb Welty

4.3 Garrison Commercial Club Fall Membership Dinner and Meeting

October 19, 2021, Tuesday, Harbor Inn

Attending: Barb Welty

4.4 Other Meeting Information

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

- September 23<sup>rd</sup>:
  - Cold Weather Rule Appeals Committee
  - Budget Parameters for 2022
  - NRECA Board Governance Video or Article
  
- October 28<sup>th</sup>:
  - System Tour
  - Unclaimed Property
  - Preliminary 2022 Budget Review
  
- November 30<sup>th</sup>:
  - Updated Preliminary 2022 Budget Review
  - Proposed General Retirement of Capital Credits
  - NRECA Board Governance Video or Article

Remaining MREA 2021 Board Meeting Dates:

- 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.

4.5 Board Meeting Dates

- Thursday, September 23, 2021
- Thursday, October 28, 2021
- Tuesday, November 30, 2021

M/S/P to approve Tuesday, November 30, 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 motion was made by Barbara Welty for the Hwy 169 South property to be the preferred site for MLEC's new building complex, and to discontinue looking at other sites.

Motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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Barbara G. Welty, Secretary/Treasurer

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Harold Harms, President