

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 December 28, 2021. All board members were present with Barb Welty and Carol Pundt attending via Zoom.

MLEC new employee Energy Advisor II Travis Powers was introduced to the directors.

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

All team leaders were present. Executive Assistant Debra Chute was also present. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

These minutes being transcribed by or under the direction of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Aileen DeMenge, 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 December 28, 2021, agenda for the December 28, 2021 regular board meeting, minutes of the November 30, 2021 regular board meeting and special December 15, 2021 virtual board meeting.

The team and financial reports for the month of November were reviewed and accepted upon motion. A 10-year forecast was reviewed. A special board meeting will be held in January to cover the 10-year forecast more thoroughly.

PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET

The Management Team led by Accounting and Finance Manager Lincoln Messner presented the recommended 2022 budget.

Vote on 2022 Budget

M/S/P to approve the 2022 Proposed Budget as submitted by Management Team.

VOTING

2.1 Recommended Write-offs

M/S/P to approve the recommended electric and other accounts receivable write-offs for this month in the amount of \$5,495.63.

2.2 Policy Review

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

- Policy No. 601 – Resale of Materials and Supplies
- Policy No. 602 – Scrap and Junk Material Handling
- Policy No. 801 – Office Hours
- Policy No. 802 – Public Use of Meeting Room
- Policy No. 803 – Claims Against the Cooperative

Board Resolution

Discussion was held on a resolution for Great River Energy.

M/S/P to approve resolution. Said resolution is attached to these minutes.

2.3 Board Activity Reports

GRE – Harold presented the November and December 2021 GRE reports.

MREA – MREA December 2021 Report was reviewed.

RUS – No report.

CFC – No Report

NRECA – NRECA December 2021 Board Update was reviewed.

MAC – No report.

FEDERATED – No report.

NRTC – No report.

RESCO – No report.

NISC – No report.

M/S/P to accept the activity reports.

2.4 2022 Banking

Woodlands National Bank Account and the Safe Deposit Box at Neighborhood National Bank have been closed. The Accounting Team is in the process of changing MLEC's Construction Accounts out of Security State Bank per branch manager's request.

No other banking changes are recommended at this time.

M/S/P to approve the banking changes in process currently for 2022.

2.5 Mille Lacs Community Trust Update

M/S/P to approve the appointment of Becky Joerger for District 6, Robert Nelson for District 7 and Doyle Jesling for Director At Large to Mille Lacs Community Trust Board of Directors as recommended by the Trust Board of Directors.

REPORTS

3.1 Safety Control

Deanna Soderberg presented *Hearing Conservation and Oil Spill* on December 14th. Cuyuna Range Medical Center presented *First Aid & CPR Training* for all employees on December 15th and 16th.

The current 2021 Safety Cross were reviewed.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

4.1 GRE Regional Meeting, Hinckley, MN and Online Wednesday February 9, 2022

Attending: Harold Harms will be attending as GRE Director. Barb Welty and Sarah Cron will attend in person.

Don Appel, Aileen DeMenge, Carol Pundt, Mike Reem and Bruce Robinson will attend virtually at MLEC office.

4.2 NRECA Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN and Online March 6 – 9, 2022

Attending: All directors will be attending online at MLEC office.

2021 Voting Delegate was Harold Harms, Alternate was Don Appel.

M/S/P to appoint Harold Harms as NRECA 2022 Voting Delegate and Bruce Robinson as the alternate.

4.3 MREA Annual Meeting, RiverCenter, St. Paul, and Online Tuesday – Wednesday, March 15 – 16, 2022

Attending: Aileen DeMenge, Harold Harms, Mike Reem, Bruce Robinson and Sarah Cron will be attending in person. Barb Welty will be attending as MREA Director.

Carol Pundt will attend virtually.

2022 Voting Delegate – Carol Pundt Alternate: Mike Reem

M/S/P to appoint Mike Reem as the voting delegate and Carol Pundt as the Alternate as Mike will be attending the meeting in person.

4.4 CoBank Regional Meeting, J.W. Marriott Mall of America, Minneapolis, MN March 17 – 18, 2022

Attending: All directors except Don Appel, Sarah Cron and Lincoln Messner.

4.5 Other Meeting Information

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

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 28, 2021

- January 27th:
 - NRECA Governance Video or Article

- February 24th:
 - Year End Presentation
 - Annual Report to Board on Policy 517
 - NRECA Governance Video or Article

- March 24th:
 - NRECA Governance Video or Article

4.6 Board Meeting Dates

Thursday, January 27, 2022

Thursday, February 24, 2022

Thursday, March 24, 2022

M/S/P to approve Thursday, March 24, 2022 as the March Board meeting date.

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

4.7 MLEC Holiday Party

Saturday, January 29, 2022, 40 Club Convention Center

4.8 2022 MLEC Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 5, 2022, Minnesota National Golf Course, McGregor, MN

Confidential Discussion Update

CEO Sarah Cron updated the Board on confidential issues.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Aileen DeMenge, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Harold Harms, President