

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 on March 24, 2022. All board members were present.

President Harold Harms called the meeting to order at 9 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 March 24, 2022, agenda for the March 24, 2022 regular board meeting, and minutes of the February 24, 2022 regular board meeting.

The team and financial reports for February 2022 were reviewed and accepted upon motion.

M/S/P to approve a board resolution authorizing Sarah Cron, MLEC CEO, to open a new corporate account at Neighborhood National Bank.
Said resolution is attached to these minutes.

PRESENTATION

John Frosig and Derek Flanagan of Eide Bailly, LLP attended the meeting via Zoom to review the 2021 MLEC Audit Report. MLEC Attorney Heinrich Brucker also attending in person.

M/S/P to accept the 2021 MLEC Audit Report.

The Board, CEO Sarah Cron, Human Resources Manager Mary Ward and MLEC Attorney Heinrich Brucker met in Executive Session.

VOTING

2.1 Recommended Write-offs

M/S/P to approve the recommended electric write-offs for this month in the amount of \$2,847.23

2.2 Policy Review

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

- Policy No. 105 – Fees and Expense Reimbursement
- Policy No. 106 – Cooperative Records
- Policy No. 107 – Whistle Blower Policy

2.3 Board Activity Reports

GRE – The February 2022 GRE Board Report submitted by Harold Harms was reviewed.

2021 Year End Credit received from GRE was reviewed.

2022 GRE Patronage Capital Credit notification was reviewed. MLEC will receive \$498,994.99.

MREA – MREA Legislative Bulletins from February 25, March 4 and March 11, 2022 were reviewed.

RUS – No report

CFC – No report

NRECA –2022 NRECA Annual Meeting notes submitted by Harold Harms were reviewed.

MAC – No report

FEDERATED – No report.

NRTC – No report

RESCO – No report.

NISC – Patronage check in the amount of \$7,685.66 was received from NISC in February, 2022.

Other: None

M/S/P to accept the activity reports.

REPORTS

3.1 Safety Control

Deanna Soderberg presented *Driver Qualification Files and Health Programs – Lyme Disease, Hypothermia, COVID/H1N1 Awareness, Back Inquiry Presentation* on February 24, 2022, and *Lockout/Tagout* on March 15th.

The next safety training is scheduled April 5th with Deanna Soderberg presenting *Procedure Manual Updates. Voltage Troubleshooting*, originally scheduled for March 17th with MREA, will be rescheduled later.

The 2022 Safety Meeting Schedule and the February 2022 Safety Cross were reviewed.

3.2 CoGeneration Filings

MLEC's 2021 CoGeneration Report was reviewed.

3.3 ACRE/REPAC Donations

Board members and employees will make ACRE/REPAC donations if they wish.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

4.1 Riverwood Annual Meeting, March 29, 2022, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

4.2 GRE Annual Meeting, Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Maple Grove and virtual

Attending: Harold Harms

4.3 CoBank Virtual Meeting, Thursday, April 7, 2022

Attending: Carol Pundt, Don Appel and Mike Reem will be attending at MLEC office.

4.4 MREA District 2 Meeting, Friday, July 15, 2022

Lake County Power, Cohasset, MN

4.5 MREA New Director Orientation, August 8 – 9, 2022, Bloomington

4.6 NRECA Board Leadership Certification Summit, Maple Grove, MN

November 16 – 18, 2022

AND

November 30 – December 2, 2022

4.7 Other Meeting Information:

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

- April 28th:
 - NRECA Governance Video or Article

- May 27th:
 - Election of Officers
 - Annual Board Duties and Responsibilities Review – Henery Brucker
 - NRECA Governance Video or Article

- June 23rd:
 - Board Fees

- NRECA Governance Video or Article

MREA 2022 Board Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday – Wednesday, April 19-20
- Tuesday – Wednesday, June 21-22
- Tuesday – Wednesday, August 11-12
- Tuesday – Wednesday, October 18-19
- Tuesday – Wednesday, December 20-21

NOTE: If anyone is interested in attending a MREA Board meeting, please let Deb Chute and Director Aileen DeMenge know so arrangements can be made.

4.8 Board Meeting Dates

- Thursday, April 28, 2022
- Friday, May 27, 2022
- Thursday, June 23, 2022

4.9 MLEC Annual Meeting - Thursday, May 5, 2022,

Minnesota National Golf Course, McGregor, MN

4:30 – 5:45 p.m. – Registration; 5:00 p.m. – Meal begins; 5:45 - Business Meeting.

Attending: All Directors

M/S/P to approve Thursday, June 23, 2022 Board meeting date.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Barbara G. Welty, Secretary/Treasurer

Harold Harms, President