

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 January 27, 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 January 27, 2022, agenda for the January 27, 2022 regular board meeting, and minutes of the December 28, 2021 and January 25, 2022 special board meeting.

The team and financial reports for December 2021 were reviewed and accepted upon motion.

Board Resolutions

M/S/P to approve a board resolution needed so MLEC can apply for the ReConnect Grant.

M/S/P to approve an updated board resolution to implement a RUS approved revenue deferral plan to defer \$1,000,000 revenue until 2024 and 2025.

Said resolutions are attached to these minutes.

M/S/P to approve a one-time accommodation allowing MLEC's Operating Tier to go below 1.5 as stated in Board Policy.

VOTING

2.1 Recommended Write-offs

M/S/P to approve the recommended electric write-offs for this month in the amount of \$835.33

2.2 Policy Review

M/S/P to approve the following revised policies with one additional change on Policy 804.

- Policy No. 804 – Internet Acceptable Use Policy
- Policy No. 901 – Energy Conservation

- Policy No. 902 – Energy Theft and Vandalism
- Policy No. 902A – Vandalized Meters

2.3 Board Activity Reports

GRE – The December 2021 GRE Board Report submitted by Harold Harms was reviewed. January 2022 GRE Board meeting was verbally reviewed by Harold.

MREA – The December 2021 MREA Board meeting minutes were reviewed.

RUS – No report

CFC – No report

NRECA –No report

MAC – No report

FEDERATED – No report.

NRTC – No report

RESCO – No report.

NISC – 2021 Capital Credit Summary from NISC was reviewed.

Other: CoBank 2022 Director Election, Request for Candidates information was reviewed.

M/S/P to accept the activity reports.

REPORTS

3.1 Safety Control

Deanna Soderberg of PLS presented AWAIR, Bloodborne Pathogens, Right to Know, Emergency Action Plans and Fire Prevention/Response on January 11th to all employees. MREA presented Accident Investigation on January 26, 2022.

The next safety training is scheduled on February 22nd with Deanna Soderberg presenting Driver Qualification Files and Health Programs – Lyme Disease, Hypothermia, COVID/H1N1 Awareness, Back Injury Presentation.

The 2022 Safety Meeting Schedule was reviewed.

The December 2021 Safety Cross was reviewed.

3.2 Quarterly Articles/Bylaws Review

The first third of the By-Laws was reviewed as part of the quarterly update.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

4.1 GRE Region Meeting, Online and in person at Hinckley

Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 8:30 – 12:00

Attending in person will be GRE Director Harold Harms and Sarah Cron.
Attending virtually at MLEC office is Don Appel, Aileen DeMenge, Carol Pundt, Mike Reem, Bruce Robinson and Barb Welty.

4.2 Talon Metal Corp, Tamarack Snoflyers Building
Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

4.3 NRECA Annual Meeting, Online
March 6 – 9, 2022

Registration is done for Harold Harms to attend online at MLEC office.

Attending: Harold, Don Appel, Aileen DeMenge, Carol Pundt, Mike Reem, and Barb Welty.

M/S/P to appoint Aileen DeMenge as Alternate Voting Delegate as Bruce Robinson is not available for the meeting.

4.4 MREA Annual Meeting, St. Paul RiverCenter, St. Paul, MN and Livestream
March 15 -16, 2022, Tuesday and Wednesday

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

Attending via livestream: Carol Pundt

Meeting registration and hotel reservations are made.

4.5 CoBank Regional Meeting, JW Marriott Mall of America, Minneapolis
March 17 - 18, 2022 Thursday and Friday

Attending: Aileen DeMenge, Harold Harms, Bruce Robinson, Barb Welty, Sarah Cron and Lincoln Messner.

There will be a Virtual Customer Meeting Option on April 7, Thursday, 10:00 – 2:00.

4.6 Other Meeting Information:

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

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

- March 24th:
 - Audit Report by Eide Bailly
 - NRECA Governance Video or Article

- April 28th:
 - NRECA Governance Video or Article

MREA 2022 Board Meeting Dates:

- Monday, March 14
- 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 Barb Welty know so arrangements can be made.

4.7 Board Meeting Dates

- Thursday, February 24, 2022
- Thursday, March 24, 2022
- Thursday, April 28, 2022

4.8 MLEC Holiday Party,

New date – Saturday, March 19, 2022, 40 Club Convention Center

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

Minnesota National Golf Course, McGregor, MN

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

Attending: All Directors

M/S/P to approve Friday, April 28, 2022 Board meeting date.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Barbara G. Welty, Secretary/Treasurer

Harold Harms, President