

ALGER DELTA COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

January 21, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association was held on January 21, 2026.

**Call to Order and Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Betters at 12:59 p.m. EST.

Directors present: District 1-Darryl Small, District 2-Karen Alholm, District 3-Tim Jenkins, District 4-Bill Wotruba, District 5-Steve Wery, District 6-Jesse Betters, District 7-Kirk Bruno, District 8-Don Johnson, District 9- Steve Dausey.

Directors absent: None

Also present were (General Manager) Mike Furmanski, (Finance Manager) Lynn Labadie, (Operations Manager) Troy Tiernan.

**Approve the Agenda:**

***Moved by Director Johnson to approve the agenda as presented, support by Director Alholm. Motion carried.***

**Member Comments:** None

**Minutes:**

***Moved by Director Johnson to approve minutes of December 17, 2025 regular meeting, support by Director Alholm. Motion carried.***

**Approve the Administrative Items:**

***Motion to approve check register in the amount of \$2,192,662.92 by Director Alholm, support by Director Jenkins. Motion carried.***

***Motion to approve the administrative items (membership applications, director's expenses, manager's expenses, and estate retirements) as submitted in the board packet was made by Director Wotruba, with support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.***

**Old Business:**

- Safety Update
  - No loss time accidents or near misses to report.
  - December meeting-reviewed slips, trips and falls.
  - Next meeting on Friday.
- Mine Update
  - No new information at this time.

- Policy Review
  - Board reviewed 104, 105, and 107. 106 is vacant.
  - No changes.

**New Business:**

- Auditor Approval
  - Furmanski recommends Eide Bailly for the year-end audit.
  - ***Moved by Director Johnson to accept the Eide Bailly Statement of Work, support by Director Alholm. Motion carried.***
- Strategic Plan
  - CFC came up with 12 objectives.
  - Furmanski chose eight.
  - Discussion on the proposed objectives. Tabled until February meeting.
- Symposium
  - Will be held in Grand Rapids in April.
  - Registration is due by mid-February.
  - Board to let Furmanski know if they are interested in attending.

**Staff Reports:**

Operations Manager Report-Tiernan

- Work Plan Projects
  - Provided an Isabella tie line update-hope to be done end of March.
  - Trenary is in the early stages of design.
- Maintenance Items
  - An update on the storm was given.
  - Reject poles-Harvey & White Rapids.
- Vegetation Crews
  - Vegetation crews are working in the LaBranche and Gourley areas.
- Warehouse/Facilities
  - Installing new HVAC system.
  - Safety glass installation in the front office.
- Safety
  - January safety meeting-Hotsticks/Grounds.
  - Two lineman attending Transformer Training.
  - Utility Service Tech is currently attending a 4-week CDL course in Escanaba.
- Equipment
  - Purchased a dump trailer.

Office Manager Report-Priebe

- Monthly Action Items
  - Continued processing as-builts immediately to capitalize on mapping on work orders.

- IT/Cybersecurity-Review daily reports-address any issues w/DSTech or NISC.
- Risk assessment testing-begins this week.
- Aclara-New contract being reviewed by General Manager.
- NISC-Monthly server patching/security.
- Mapping-Recently made upgrades to security on GIS server
- Energy Waste Reduction-link was provided
- Billing
  - Added monthly fee on bills-Energy Waste Reduction Plan
    - \$.00380 per kWh-residential
    - \$2.58 per meter-Small Commercial
    - \$172.32 per meter -Large Commercial
  - Total accounts billed: 10,534 (includes transfers and final bills)
  - Total Active Meters: 10,366
  - Total Estimated Reads: 4
- Service Order Activity
  - Service Orders: 125
  - New Members: 33
  - New Services: 5
  - Transfers: 39
  - Upgrades: 1
  - Disconnects: 12
  - Reconnects: 2
  - Temporary Disconnects/Reconnects: 4
- Social Media
  - Board elections
  - Outages and storm updates
  - Outages
  - Youth Tour

#### Finance Report-Labadie

- 2025 Year End
  - Working on closing out December, completing year-end reports. W-2's & 1099s
- New Credit Card Expense Reporting System
  - First month utilizing the new credit card expense reporting system
  - NISC Generated Report-Board packets
- HR/Payroll
  - Updated payroll benefits and deductions for 2026
  - Working with auditors and software support on calculating the new overtime credit to report on the 2025 W-2s
- Power Cost Adjustment
  - 1/2/26=(.0081), 2/2/26=(.0119)
- IRS Mileage Rate

- New rate =\$.725
- Expense reports have been updated
- 2025 Audit
  - Audit-week of March 9-13

General Manager-Furmanski

Power Costs-Slightly lower than previous two years.

Power Sales- Slightly higher than previous two years.


- Energy Waste Reduction-Went live January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 2026 Election-Gourley, Stonington & Isabella are open.
- Aclara-Back and forth on a new agreement, the attorney is good with it.
- WPPI-Power Clerk for Interconnections
- December 28<sup>th</sup> storm-asked board to share the posts so more people see them.
- Upcoming schedule shared.

**Executive Session-**

- ***Moved by Director Alholm to enter executive session to discuss Board Remuneration, support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.***
- Executive session was entered at 2:48 p.m. EST.
- ***Moved by Director Alholm to leave executive session, support by Director Dausey. Motion carried.***
- Executive Session was completed at 3:08 p.m. EST.

**Adjourn**

- ***Moved by Director Jenkins to adjourn, support by Director Alholm. Motion carried.***
- Meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m. EST.

  
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Jesse Better - President

  
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Kirk Bruno-Secretary/Treasurer