

ALGER DELTA COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

February 15, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association was held on February 15, 2023.

**Call to Order and Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order by President Lawless at 1:00 p.m. EST.

Directors present: District 1-Darryl Small, District 2-Karen Alholm, District 3-Mike Lawless, District 4-Vacant, District 5-Wery, District 6-Jesse Betters, District 7-Kirk Bruno, District 8-Don Johnson, District 9- Vacant.

Directors absent: None

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

**Approve the Agenda:**

***Moved by Director Alholm to approve the agenda, support by Director Wery Motion carried.***

**Member Comments:** None

**Minutes:**

***Moved by Director Betters to approve minutes of January 18, 2023 regular meeting, support by Director Alholm. Motion carried.***

**Approve the Administrative Items:**

***Motion to approve January check register in the amount of \$2,057,722.24 by Director Bruno with support by Director Johnson. 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 Bruno, with support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.***

**Old Business:**

- Safety Update
  - AED has been installed in the operations room. Tiernan would eventually like them in the service trucks.
  - Started to get ready for RESAP audit in May.
- Gold Resources
  - Possible designation as a historical site.

Aclara Update

- Getting low on replacement meters.
- Furmanski wants to know where the ones he ordered last year are.
- The prototype ones are working well.
- 500 of these available in April after production.
- New version of firmware to be updated.

**New Business:**

- Director Positions
  - Interviews were held earlier today by the committee of the whole.
  - ***Moved by Director Wery to appoint Bill Wotruba to District 4, support by Director Betters. Motion carried.***
  - ***Moved by Director Alholm to appoint Steve Dausey to District 9, support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.***
- NRECA Voting Delegate
  - ***Moved by Director Wery to have Director Alholm as the voting delegate with Director Bruno as alternate, support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.***
- MECA Director Representative
  - ***Moved by Director Wery to have Director Johnson as the director representative with Director Bruno as alternate, support by Director Small. Motion carried.***

**Staff Reports:**

Operations Manager Report-Tiernan

- Work Plan Projects
  - Working on the Deerton-Autrain tie.
  - Work to begin Spring of 2023.
- Maintenance Items
  - AD Crew continue to work on reject poles and system upgrades.
- Vegetation Crews
  - Vegetation crews are working in the Cedar River and Shakey Lakes area.
  - Also have a crew doing danger tickets in the Rapid River area.
- Warehouse/Facilities
  - Jason continues to make needed warehouse improvements.
- Safety
  - Installed the AED in the operations room.
  - The Safety Committee is meeting Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>. Will update the Board.
- Equipment
  - Purchased a used Digger Derrick from Custom One Truck in Indiana.
  - It is a 2015 Freightliner w/Terex Digger Derrick.

## Office Manager Report-Priebe

- Tech/IT
  - LogMein-All vendors required to change password.
  - NISC-Connectivity Model-link repaired 1/24/2023.
  - CRC-Smart Caller ID-Now has the ability to display Smart Caller ID to your customers. This will help customers know who is calling.
  - Alger Delta Opted in members should now see our local number on storm restoration calls.
  - Aclara One-AO 1.17.1 DQL not at requirement. DSTech ordering SQL licensing.
  - GIS- Server Replacement- Quotes requested.
  - National Theatre of Childrens Performances scheduled in our service territory sponsored by WPPI.
  - 1/16-1/25-Multispeak issues between L&G and NISC
    - Due to migration to cloud
    - Firewall IP configs
    - Ran the SFTP through our UI-processed successfully.
- Outages
  - Total billed meters January:10401.
  - Total estimated: 25
  - February 1, 2023-Billing Avoided Cost Update-Rate Change
    - Starting with the February 1<sup>st</sup> billing we will be paying credit for members who push energy onto our system at the following rates:<20kW systems=\$0.07167/kWh (\$0.04747/kWh)
- Social Media Recap
  - Youth Tour deadline February 28, 2023.
  - 1/27/2023 Alger Delta staff talked with Carney Nadeau 2-5<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Expense Report
  - Provided link to expense report.
- Service/Work orders
  - January 2023 processed service orders-157.
  - January 2023 disconnected services-5.
  - January 2023 new connects-18, transfers-26.
  - January 2023 tree tickets-23.

## Finance Report-Labadie

- Form 633
  - Working on completing form 633 for the townships-due 2/20/2023.
- CFC Rate Study
  - Continue to gather information for the rate study.
- December Financials
  - Working on closing December 2022.

- Audit
  - Moved audit to the week of 3/27/2023.
- 2023 Power Cost Adjustment
  - Starting with 3/1/2023 billing, we will be using the one month calculation.
- Director's Webinar
  - If you haven't had a chance to watch the 1/19 webinar, please consider watching. Terilyn Wallis does a great job.
- Accounting Webinar
  - I participated in the first of the seven accounting webinars presented by Terilyn Wallis on 1/24/2023. Excellent presentation.
- Federated Insurance
  - Preparing spreadsheet for the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting with Matt Yanchik with Federated Insurance for May renewal.

#### General Manager-Furmanski

#### Power supply-Up a little for January.

- Five Energy Optimization applications have been received.
- Continue working with Cloverland on a tie line for Isabella.
- Youth Tour application period is now thru February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Continue working with MBLP at the Pineau Substation.
- Toured the building next door.
- Engineer position update-Interview candidate on Tuesday.
- One of the linemen and I participated at the MTU MindTrekking program January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Purchased a mobile substation.
- Gathering data for the CFC rate study.
- Karen and I are going to Jenn Hill's event on February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Director Lawless recommended Furmanski look for a real estate lawyer.

#### Committee Reports & Agendas-

- Executive committee met with Furmanski and went through his evaluation.
- They will meet again later today.

#### Executive Session

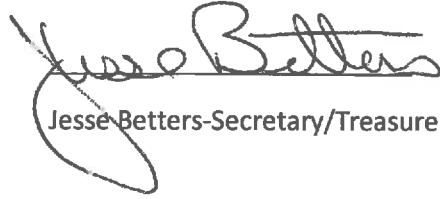
- Topic of discussion – Strategic Planning
- ***Moved by Director Johnson to move into executive session, support by Director Alholm. Motion carried.***
- Board entered Executive session at 2:38 p.m.
- ***Moved by Director Wery to leave executive session, support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.***
- Board exited Executive session at 3:28 p.m.

**Adjourn:**

- ***Moved by Director Small to adjourn, support by Director Alholm. Motion carried.***
- Meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m. EST.



Mike Lawless - President



Jesse Betters-Secretary/Treasurer