

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

February 21, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association was held on February 21, 2024.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

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

Directors present: District 1-Darryl Small, District 2-Karen Alholm, District 3-Mike Lawless, 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.

Approve the Agenda:

Moved by Director Wery to approve the agenda as presented, support by Director Wotruba. Motion carried.

Member Comments: None

Minutes:

Moved by Director Johnson to approve minutes of January 17, 2024 regular meeting, support by Director Dausey. Motion carried.

Approve the Administrative Items:

Motion to approve January check register in the amount of \$1,675,035.28 by Director Dausey with support by Director Alholm. 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
 - Held first in-house meeting in January and it went well.
 - Another is scheduled for February.
- Gold Resources
 - Nothing to report.

New Business:

- Michigan PAC

- Used to be known as ACRE.
- Furmanski provided general information on suggested donations and where the funds go.
- Legislative Conference
 - MECA sent out an email.
 - Will be held April 21-24th in Washington DC.
 - Registration due by March 1st.
 - Director Lawless commented that he found it interesting when he attended.
- Symposium
 - To be held in early April in Grand Rapids.
 - At this time Directors Wery, Johnson, and Bruno plan to attend as well as General Manager Furmanski.
- Director Candidates
 - District 2-Director Alholm, District 4-Director Wotruba, and District 3-Tim Jenkin are on the ballot.
 - All are running unopposed.

Staff Reports:

Operations Manager Report-Tiernan

- Work Plan Projects
 - Alger Delta & MJ crew started Isabella tie line upgrade.
 - We are in the process of staking the rebuilds in the White Rapids area.
- Maintenance Items
 - Marquette crew is working on a system upgrade project on Lakewood in Harvey.
 - Gladstone crews are working on system upgrades in Isabella.
- Vegetation Crews
 - Vegetation crews are working in the Cedar River and White Rapids areas.
- Warehouse/Facilities
 - Working on a plan to utilize the new property in Rapid River.
- Safety
 - Had our first in house safety meeting on January 25th.
 - The report back from the employees was very positive.
- Equipment
 - Looking at purchasing used 2016 60' bucket truck to replace our 2012.
 - Will update at the March meeting.

Office Manager Report-Priebe

- Meter Exchanges -Nathan-Maps, 1, 6 & 7 Complete. Next area-waiting on materials.
- Director Email-See Priebe to install on iPad.
- L&H/DSTech-issues with Windows update-Automatic Reads-Resolved.
- Work Order Completion-as built/final inspection.
- Paperless billing campaign-First 150 members to enroll get \$20 bill credit.
 - Raised cutoff for credit to end of the day.
 - Since January 484 customers/553 accounts as of 2/20/24.
 - Capped \$20 credit to 391 members.
- Billing/Outages/Events
 - Total members billed January 2024: 10471.
 - Total estimated-49
- Link to Country Lines Magazine was provided.
- Link to new updated Board of Directors time card was provided.
- Social Media Recap
 - Choose renewables
 - Boar of Directors Election Districts-packets due February 1st.
- Service/Work orders
 - January 2024 processed service orders-105.
 - January 2024 new meters/services-18.
 - January 2024 transfers-24.

Finance Report-Labadie

- Form 633
 - Completed and mailed 42 personal property statements to the townships we serve.
- WPPI Rate Study
 - Completed and submitted the initial data request for the rate study-1/31/24.
- 2023 Winter Tax Payments
 - Paid & mailed 2023 winter tax bills to the townships totaling \$425,032.38
- Audit
 - Completed the cash confirmation requests and started uploading requests.
 - Audit-week of 3/11-3/15/24.
- 2023 Power Cost Adjustment
 - 1/2/24 billing=(.0046), 2/1/24 billing=(.0051), 3/1/24 billing=(.0133).
- AR8 Loan
 - Drew down the final \$674,000 on this loan 2/1/24.
- Foremen
 - Met with Tiernan and two foremen to discuss their 2024 goals prior to their attendance of part 1 of 2-Manager & Supervisor Development Workshop Series-WECA.

- Capital Budget
 - Information provided to Directors on their Dashboards.
- December 2023 Financials
 - Preliminary December 2023 financials are available on the Dashboard.

General Manager-Furmanski

Power Costs-Down significantly compared to previous two years.

Power Sales-About the same as last year, just up a bit.

- Completed agreement with Cloverland on a tie line for Isabella.
- Completed agreement with MBPL regarding the Pineau Substation and Harvey and Big Bay interconnections.
- Evaluating various EWR options-MECA, WPPI, State of Michigan.
- Working on a sight plan for best use of the 40 acres in Rapid River.
- Director Wery asked about Heritage funds for legal fees.

Committee Reports & Agendas

- None.

Executive Session

- Topic of Discussion – employee review
- ***Moved by Director Alholm to move into executive session, support by Director Wery. Motion carried.***
- Board entered executive session at 2:41 pm.
- ***Moved by Director Alholm to leave executive session, support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.***
- Board exited executive session at 3:09 pm.

Moved by Director Betters to adopt personnel raise as recommended in executive session, retroactive to January 1, 2024, support by Director Wery. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

- ***Moved by Director Alholm to adjourn, support by Director Wery. Motion carried.***
- Meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m. EST.



Mike Lawless - President



Jesse Betters-Secretary/Treasurer