

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

February 19, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association was held on February 19, 2025.

**Call to Order and Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Betteres at 1:01 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 Betteres, District 7-Kirk Bruno, District 8-Don Johnson, District 9- Steve Dausey.

Directors absent: None

Also present were (General Manager) Mike Furmanski, (Office Manager) Shannon Priebe, and (Operations Manager) Troy Tiernan.

**Approve the Agenda:**

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

**Member Comments:** None

**Minutes:**

***Moved by Director Johnson to approve minutes of January 22, 2025 regular meeting, support by Director Wery. Motion carried.***

**Approve the Administrative Items:**

***Motion to approve check register in the amount of \$1,607,602.71 by Director Wery with 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 Wery, with support by Director Dausey. Motion carried.***

**Old Business:**

- Safety Update
  - Worker backed into a personal vehicle and an accident report was filled out and placed in their file.
  - A back up camera is being installed.
  - Safety manual review with all employees will be held tomorrow.
  - Topics will be reviewed monthly.

### New Business:

- Renewable Energy Plan Approval
  - **Moved by Director Johnson to renew Alger Delta's PA 235 Renewable Energy Plan, support by Director Bruno. Motion carried.**
- America's Electric Co-op PAC
  - Furmanski provided the Board with a copy of America's Electric Cooperatives PAC Power Point presentation for their information.
- Symposium
  - Michigan Electric Cooperative Symposium is coming up in April.
  - A few Board members are already registered.
  - Deadline to register is February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- MEAP
  - Limit will go up \$0.25 per year.
  - Cap went from \$1 to \$1.25 this year.
  - Alger Delta has always opted in the program.
  - If you opt in winter shut offs are allowed.
  - Opting out is no longer an option, you either participate in the State program or do your own. Alger Delta isn't equipped to do their own.
  - Furmanski advocated participation in the State program.
  - **Moved by Director Johnson to participate in the State program, support by Director Dausey. Motion carried.**

### Staff Reports:

#### Operations Manager Report-Tiernan

- Work Plan Projects
  - AD crews continue to work on underground conversions in Menominee County.
  - MJ Electric continues to work on the line rebuilds in Menominee County.
  - MJ Electric is currently installing DCU poles in Hiawatha.
- Maintenance Items
  - Marquette crew is working on completing the Aclara meter exchanges in Big Bay. (50 meters left to replace)
  - Gladstone crews are working on pole replacements and system upgrades.
- Vegetation Crews
  - Vegetation crews are working in the Hiawatha Forest and White Rapids areas.
- Warehouse/Facilities
  - Working on plans for Harvey building.
  - Looking into cost to upgrade lighting in truck garage.
- Safety

- February safety meeting-“Safety Roundtable” review safety manual and Bird Dog Training.
- Equipment
  - Purchased new Terex 6060 Digger Derrick.
  - Upgrading AVL’s in fleet vehicles.

#### Office Manager Report-Priebe

- Meter Exchanges –
  - Big Bay meter exchanges-108 remain. Road conditions and waiting on special meters.
  - Hiawatha-DCUs being deployed now-total being constructed: 29.
    - Total active Hiawatha meters to exchange: 1808.
- Work Order Completion-As-built/Final inspection.
- IT-Employee additions/retirements-set up systems security accesses, etc.
- Mapping-As-build/New Construction
  - Idle Service Audit- field inspection for linemen has become a great tool for Operations.
- Cybersecurity-Daily monitoring/Reports DSTech.
- MissDig-Integration with NISC/MissDig complete.
- Billing/Outages/Events
  - Total active meters: 10353.
  - Total members billed: 10482.
  - Total estimated: 68
- Link to Country Lines Magazine was provided.
- Link to Facebook page was provided.
- Social Media Recap
  - Scholarship
  - Elections
  - Youth tour
  - Substation safety-see something say something
- Service/Work Orders
  - January 2025 processed service orders-318.
  - January 2025 new meters-23
  - January 2025 new services-10
  - January 2025 transfers-32
  - January 2025 upgrades-1
  - January 2025 disconnects-17

#### Finance Report-Labadie

- 2024 Winter Tax Payments
  - Paid and mailed 2024 winter tax payments to the townships on 2/5/25 for a total of \$442,082.38
- Federated Insurance Meeting
  - Review insurance spreadsheet for coverages.

- Renewal for 5/1/25; checking out deductible options
- Audit
  - Completed the cash confirmation requests and started uploading requests.
  - Audit-Week of 3/10-3/14/25.
- Power Cost Adjustment
  - 1/2/25 billing = (.0034), 1/31/25 billing = (.0116), 2/28/25 billing = (.0131).
- Projects Complete
  - Complete: Civil Rights Review, NRECA W-2 submission.
- Projects Working On
  - Personal property statements-due 2/20/25.
  - Annual return and W-2 submissions-State of Michigan-due 2/28/25.
- December 2024 Financials
  - See lpad for preliminary

General Manager-Furmanski

Power Costs-Up just a bit.

Power Sales-Up over the last two years.

- Harvey Building-Asked for in budget. Estimated savings per year by having it are \$100,00-124,000.
- Board Evaluation-March 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30-3:00 at the Escanaba Chamber of Commerce with CFC.
- EWR Update-Attended with Co-op group.
- Legislative Summit-Will be held April 27-30 in DC.
- Youth Tour-5 applicants
- Reviewed the meeting schedule

NRECA-Thank you for having Furmanski attend.

#### Committee Meetings

- Policy Committee will meet before regular meeting at 10 am March 19<sup>th</sup>.


#### Executive Session-


- **Moved by Director Alholm to move into executive session, support by Director Wotruba. Motion carried**
- Executive session began at 2:42 pm EST.
- **Moved by Director Alholm to come out of executive session, support by Director Bruno. Motion carried**
- Executive session ended at 3:07 pm EST

- **Moved by Director Johnson to accept the General Manager pay change, support by Director Bruno. Motion carried**

**Adjourn**

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

  
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Jesse Betters - President

  
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Kirk Bruno-Secretary/Treasurer