

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

August 7, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association was held on August 7, 2024.

**Call to Order and Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Betteres at 1:00 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 (virtual).

Directors absent: None

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

**Approve the Agenda:**

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

**Member Comments:** None

**Minutes:**

*Moved by Director Wery to approve minutes of July 10, 2024 regular meeting, support by Director Small. Motion carried.*

**Approve the Administrative Items:**

*Motion to approve check register in the amount of \$1,752,163.76 by Director Alholm 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 Wotruba. Motion carried.*

**Old Business:**

- Safety Update
  - This month's safety meeting will be with a strength & conditioning coach.
  - No accidents, injuries, or near misses to report.

**New Business:**

- Capital Credits Discussion

- Labadie hopes by September she can be comfortable retiring half of a year.
- Director Bruno suggests keeping it on the agenda for the next month or two for a better financial picture.
- Labadie will confirm when a decision needs to be made.
- NRECA Alternate Voting Delegate
  - Mike Lawless is currently listed as alternate.
  - Furmanski will be attending the next meeting.
  - **Moved by Chair Better to have Director Bruno replace Lawless, support by Director Wery. Motion carried.**
- CFC Voting Delegate
  - Meeting to be held in Grand Rapids.
  - **Moved by Director Alholm to name Director Bruno as the alternate, support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.**
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#### **Staff Reports:**

##### Operations Manager Report-Tiernan

- Work Plan Projects
  - Engineering is working on designing and staking system improvement projects in Menominee County.
  - We continue to work on the Isabella Tie Line.
- Maintenance Items
  - Marquette crew is working on new services along with system improvements.
  - Gladstone crews continue to work on system improvements and pole replacements.
- Vegetation Crews
  - Vegetation crews are working in the White Rapids and Isabella areas.
- Warehouse/Facilities
  - We continue to work on substation security and yard upgrades.
  - Interviewing candidates for the custodial position.
- Safety
  - August Safety Meeting topic-Daily strengthening and stretching routine.

##### Office Manager Report-Priebe

- Meter Exchanges -Finish Nathan/White Rapids then on to Cornell/Watson.
- Work Order Completion-As-built/Final inspection.
- IT-Servers-5-year age limit-New main server migration complete.
  - Issues with Remin/Payment server-looking at migrating to a new mainframe server.
- Mapping-Misplaced meter locations- Equipment and Facility ID issues- as-built/new construction.

- Idle Service audit
- Reads-Aclara/DSTech/NISC are working on resolving daily read file download.
- Billing/Outages/Events
  - Total members billed August 2024: 10,533
  - Total estimated-August 2024: 40
- Link to Country Lines Magazine was provided.
- Link to new updated Board of Directors time card was provided.
- Social Media Recap
  - UP State Fair/WPPI donation
  - 551 broken pole
- Service/Work Orders
  - August 2024 processed service orders-293.
  - August 2024 new meters-43.
  - August 2024 new services-7.
  - August 2024 transfers-62.

#### Finance Report-Labadie

- Tree Trimming Budget
  - Calculated total expenses to date for 2024.
  - Adjustments made to stay on track with \$1.2M in budget.
- 2024 NRECA Interact Conference
  - Online sessions-7/16-7/17/24
  - HR topics
- Terilyn Wallis Consulting
  - Met online with Teri 7/24/24 and next scheduled meeting is 8/8/24.
  - Reviewing overhead and standard costs.
- UP State Fair Livestock Auction
  - Plan on purchasing a steer and a hog at the auction (WPPI funds).
  - Entry form for meat bundle drawing in Sept/Oct issue of Country Lines.
- Power Cost Adjustment-2024
  - 1/2/24 billing=(.0046), 2/1/24 billing=(.0051), 3/1/24 billing=(.0133), 4/1.24 billing=(.0008), 5/1 billing=(.0116), 6/1 billing=(.0123), 7/1 billing=(.0050), 8/1 billing=(.0048), 9/1 billing=.0044.
- April 2024 (preliminary) & May 2024 Financials
  - Financial information is available on the Dashboard.

#### General Manager-Furmanski

Power Costs-Up slightly from previous month but lower than previous years.

Power Sales-Slightly less than previous years, but always a big jump in July.

- Evaluating various EWR options-MECA, WPPI, State of Michigan.
- Possible increase in MEAP funding.
- Met with UMERL on reliability concerns.

- Started MIP training.
- Submitted applications for Harvey building.
- Upcoming meeting schedule-October 23, November 12, December 18.

### Committee Reports & Agendas

#### Rates & Finance Committee

- Met today.
- Director Bruno was appointed Chair.
- Labadie checked with auditors-Alger Delta cannot spread storm costs over multiple years.
- 2024 financial status-capital credit income, adjusted tree trimming budget-expect to be positive by end of year.
- Need to manage and pay off LOC as quick as possible.
- Chair Better's questioned the actual Board budget.
- Labadie was asked to put something together to monitor this.

#### Policy

- Director Better's suggested Policy Committee meet and appoint a chair.
- Director Alholm asked the other Directors to let her know if they have anything they think needs to be addressed.

#### Director Bruno attended the MI Energy Provider Conference


- They talked about the legislative changes. The UP is different and that is not addressed in legislation and some amendments need to be made. Comments will be taken until August 9, 2024.
- AI is a big energy user.
- 13-30 days of the year when there will be shortages.
- Thumb Electric is joining Wolverine as a partner.
- Speaker talked about batteries, storage and electric vehicles.

Director Johnson attended MECA meeting and brought PAC applications for the other Board members to consider.

Executive Committee to meet after regular Board meeting.

#### Adjourn:

- ***Moved by Director Wery to adjourn, support by Director Small. Motion carried.***
- Meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m. EST.



Jesse Better's - President



Kirk Bruno-Secretary/Treasurer