ALGER DELTA COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

September 23, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association was held on September 23, 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-Vacant, 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, (Interim Operations Manager) Brandon Lind. (Technical Services Manager) Shannon Priebe.

Approve the Agenda:

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

Member Comments: Tom Erickson of 14256 Campbell St Grand Marais, MI brought a vegetation management concern to the board. Director Betters asked that Furmanski have Alger Delta attorney provide the response.

Minutes:

Moved by Director Alholm to approve minutes of August 12, 2026 regular meeting with the addition of noting the 8-1 vote with Alholm voting against the district blancing and Finance Manager report should show May, June, & July preliminary financials, support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.

Approve the Administrative Items:

Motion to approve check register in the amount of $1,763,310.47 by Director Johnson, support by Director Wery. 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 Dausey, with support by Director Wotruba. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Safety Update

- Pole top/bucket rescue was completed.
- RESAP next week.

- Mine Update
  - Nothing to report.
- Policy Review-201-203
  - ***Moved by Director Alholm to approve changes of Policy 202-eliminate space between 8 & 9, eliminate number 4 altogether and change $10 to $25 in number 10. Policy 203 correct rations to ratios, support by Director Small. Motion carried.***
- Annual Agenda-By-law Review
  - Proposed changes in Section 9 will be sent for legal advice.
  - Going forward Board will review small sections of By-Laws at a time the same as is done with Policy review.
- Building
  - Alger Delta did put in a bid but did not get the building.
  - New owner has reached out to Furmanski as they don't need all the space.
- WPPI Extension
  - Furmanski and Bruno have gathered a lot of information.
  - Asked AI for help.
  - There are some tension points.
  - Others are in favor of signing and feel WPPI is a good organization.
  - Work will continue before a decision is made.

New Business:

- MECA Representatives and Delegate
  - ***Moved by Director Dausey to assign Director Johnson as the Director representative and Furmanski as the employee representative and will be the voting representative, support by Director Wery.***
- 2027 Meeting Schedule
  - ***Moved by Director Alholm to accept the 2027 Meeting Schedule as proposed by Furmanski, support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.***
- District 3 Vacancy
  - The term ends in 2027.
  - Discussion has been tabled.
- ATC Collaboration
  - ATC created a video highlighting the collaboration on the project in Watson.
- UP Coalition
  - The UP Coalition was put together by InvestUP.
  - It is free to be a member.
  - Furmanski will see if you can remove yourself.
  - Board will decide next month on membership.
- CFC 10 Year Forecast 2026-2035

    - 2026-2035 Forecast was presented to the Board
    - Assumptions were also provided.
    - Information was put together by Finance Manager Labadie.
- Annual Agenda-Capital Credits
    - ***Moved by Director Bruno that due to this year's economic condition, primarily caused by two major storms in 2026, that 1995 capital credits will not be paid at this time, support by Director Alholm. Motion carried.***
- Annual Agenda-Manager's Evaluation
    - Tabled

Staff Reports:

Operations Manager Report-Lind

- Work Plan Projects
    - Trenary three phase rebuild is complete.
    - Hiawatha three phase replacement is progressing.
- Maintenance Items
    - Crews have worked on miscellaneous system maintenance.
    - Marquette crews have been working on system upgrades and new services.
    - Gladstone crews have been working on pole replacements and new services.
- Vegetation Crews
    - Vegetation crews are working in Hiawatha, Stonington, Gourley, and Rock.
- Metering/Locates
    - 690 locates were completed this month.
    - Jon went to Aclara training in Grand Rapids.
- Safety
    - We did Pole top and bucket rescue along with mayday procedures with the Gladstone crew.
    - We had a representative come in to do training on our underground fault locator.
- Equipment
    - Trailers were all rotated through for annual DOT inspections.
    - Weather stripping was replaced on the garage doors.
    - Electrical work was done to install new outlets and to install an exhaust fan.

Technical Services Manager Report-Priebe

- Monthly Action Items
    - Open cases with NISC
        - FormAssembly

        - Outward facing AVL for Operations
        - SSL Certificate approval
        - Meter installs/Exchanges Aclara
        - Proxy Removal
    - S.A.F.E. Electric-Forms for Lineman
    - DSTech
        - SSL Certificate approval
        - Email
        - Computer reconfigs
        - Headsets/Phone issues
- Billing
    - Total accounts billed: 10,577 (includes transfers and final bills)
    - Total Active Meters: 10,367
    - Total Estimated Reads: 27
- Service Order Activity
    - Service Orders: 202
    - New Members: 42
    - New Services: 7
    - Transfers: 53
    - Upgrades: 5
    - Disconnects: 26 (includes non-pay disconnects)
    - Reconnects: 17 (includes bill paid reconnects)
    - Temporary Disconnects/Reconnects: 17
    - Tree tickets & line maintenance: 47
    - EWR Rebates: 7
    - Meter Exchanges: 22
- Social Media
    - Safe Electric Ads
    - Heading to College
    - Pulling your meter is illegal
    - Meat Bundle Time
    - We're Hiring

Finance Report-Labadie

- Summer 2026 Summer Taxes
    - Total paid: $319,713.62 on 9/3/26.
- Human Resources
    - Conducted interviews-operations manager position- week of 8/17/26.
    - Reviewed resumes for journey lineman position and 3 interviews scheduled this week.
    - Working on getting a quote from NRECA for non-union medical, dental, and vision insurance and other BCBS options through our current agent
    - Covered phones/daily deposit week of 9/14/26.
- Kiva Grant

    - Started the process of completing the financial status report and gathering the supporting documentation for labor, materials, overheads, and contract labor.
- Power Cost Adjustment
    - 1/2/26 billing=(.0081), 2/2/26 billing=(.0119), 3/2/26 billing=(.0057), 4/1/26 billing =+.0134, 4/30/26 billing=(.0058), 6/1/26 billing=(.008), 7/1/26 billing= (.0093), 8/3/26 billing = +.0069, 9/1/26 billing = .0114, 10/1/26 billing = .0281
- CFC 10 Year Forecast
    - See Ipad
- July & August 2026 Financials
    - See Ipad

General Manager-Furmanski

Power Costs-Same as last year.

Power Sales- Sales were up a little compared to last year.

- Aclara-Still working on things.
- EWR – Still slow.
- WPPI Event-Attended annual meeting last week.
- Building-Did not get the bid.
- New Maintenance person- One applicant, was made an offer and are waiting on background check.
- Foreman-One good candidate, moved him up.
- Lineman-Interviewed one today, and will do two on Friday,
- UPPCO leased our property-They own tower and buildings and are interested in continuing a lease or purchasing. They will come back with an offer.

Committee Reports & Agendas

- Nothing to report

Executive Session

- ***Moved by Director Johnson to move into executive session, support by Director Dausey. Motion carried.***
- Executive session was entered at 4:22 p.m. EST
- ***Moved by Director Wery to leave executive session, support by Director Johnson.***
- Executive session was completed at 4:51 p.m. EST

Redistricting:

Moved by Director Alholm to implement the redistricting by 12/31/2026 due to the implementation time required, support by Director Wery. Motion carried.

District 3:

Moved by Director Wery to seek applicants for selection to the Board of Directors for District 3, support by Director Alholm. Motion carried.

Adjourn

- ***Moved by Director Bruno to adjourn, support by Director Dausey. Motion carried.***
- Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m. EST.

Jesse Betters - President

Kirk Bruno-Secretary/Treasurer