

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

October 23, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association was held on October 23, 2024.

**Call to Order and Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Betters at 12:55 p.m. EDT.

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 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, and (Operations Manager) Troy Tiernan.

**Approve the Agenda:**

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

**Member Comments:** None

**Minutes:**

***Moved by Director Johnson to approve minutes of September 18, 2024 regular meeting, support by Director Wery. Motion carried.***

**Approve the Administrative Items:**

***Motion to approve check register in the amount of \$1,889,144.64 by Director Alholm with 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 Johnson, with support by Director Dausey. Motion carried.***

**Old Business:**

- Safety Update
  - No lost time accidents or injuries to report.
  - Last month's safety meeting was pole top rescue.
  - Completed chain saw safety training yesterday for October's training.

**New Business:**

- Lawyer
  - **Moved by Director Alholm to retain Pat Greeley of Kendricks Bordeau as legal counsel and accept the rates as set forth in their proposal, support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.**
- DERMS
  - **Moved by Director Johnson to approve the Resolution to create a Demand Response Program as proposed by management and recommended by MECA, support by Director Wotruba. Motion carried.**
- Property Sales
  - There are three small parcels located in Menominee County that could be sold.
  - Appraisals were ordered, haven't received yet.
- Energy Waste Reduction
  - There were three options: State, WPPI, & MECA.
  - Furmanski recommends choosing MECA due to less cost, more flexibility and the ability to aggregate with other co-ops.
  - **Moved by Director Johnson to allow Furmanski to enter into a contract with MECA, support by Director Bruno. Motion carried.**
- 2025 Meeting Calendar
  - A proposed meeting calendar for 2025 was provided.
  - December 2024 meeting has been moved to Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Staff Reports:**

**Operations Manager Report-Tiernan**

- Work Plan Projects
  - We continue to work on new services and system upgrades.
  - MJ Electric will be completing the Big Bay DCU's this week and moving to the G-12 rebuild.
- Maintenance Items
  - Marquette crew is working on a system upgrade project in Big Bay along with new services.
  - Gladstone crews are working system upgrades and rebuilds.
- Vegetation Crews
  - Vegetation crews are working in the Big Bay, Isabella and White Rapids areas.
  - Vegetation management expenses are high due to storms this year.
  - **Moved by Director Dausey to add \$200,000 to the vegetation management budget for 2024, support by Director Small. Motion carried.**
- Warehouse/Facilities
  - Working on moving excess equipment/materials to the Rapid River yard for winter storage.
- Safety

- Crews attending chainsaw safety training at Bay College October 21 & 22.
- Equipment
  - Preparing budgets for 2025.

#### Office Manager Report-Priebe

- Meter Exchanges -Began exchanges in Big Bay area.
  - On hold as of 10/10/2024 due to contractors being sent to assist with Hurricane
- Work Order Completion-As-built/Final inspection.
- IT-Servers-New main server migration 99% complete, working out antivirus issues
  - Issues with Remit/Payment server-looking at migrating to a new mainframe server.
- Mapping-As-Built/New Construction
  - Idle Service Audit-New field inspection for linemen has become a great tool for Operations.
- Cybersecurity-Daily monitoring/Reports DSTech
- Prediction model for outages-Jeanne and Shannon are working with NiSC on behind-the-scenes issues with connectivity.
- Meat Bundles-Members notified, will pick them up at Rainbow Packing.
- Billing/Outages/Events
  - Total meters billed October 2024: 10519
  - Total estimated-October: 12
- Link to Country Lines Magazine was provided.
- Link to Facebook page was provided.
- Social Media Recap
  - Meter exchanges
  - ROPE/Mutual Aid-Hurricane Helen updates
  - Generator safety-ladder safety-fire prevention
- Service/Work Orders
  - September 2024 processed service orders-255.
  - September 2024 new members-39
  - September 2024 new services-11
  - September 2024 transfers-44
  - September 2024 upgrades-13

#### Finance Report-Labadie

- Capital Credits
  - Retirements of capital credits-1993-all set.
  - 11/1/24 billing and checks will be mailed to inactive members 11/11/24.
- Ivue Connect Financials
  - New timesheet program-final step to switch us over-10/30/24.

- RUS Loan
  - Initiated \$2M drawdown this week.
- 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, 10/1 billing=.0099, 11/1 billing=.0047
- September 2024 Financials
  - Financial information is available on the Dashboard.
- 2025 Budget
  - The next project.

#### General Manager-Furmanski

Power Costs-Below previous two years

Power Sales-Same offset below previous two years.

- Continued MIP training.
- Harvey Building zoning application.
- 2025 Budget
  - Director Bruno recommends a draft in November for Finance & Rates Committee review.
- There will be an upcoming employee retirement.
- Small, Dausey, and Betters are up for election next year.

#### Committee Meetings:

- Policy Committee held a re-organizational meeting earlier today.
- Next meeting-January 8, 2025, 10:30 am-will review 100's.
- ***Moved by Director Alholm to modify Policy 119 Section H #3 as proposed by Policy committee which would allow General Manager to make adjustments on a case by case basis, support by Director Wery. Motion carried.***
- WPPI Update by Director Bruno
  - Director Bruno attended the WPPI annual meeting.
  - Important management changes are taking place.
  - They have made a strategic decision to start producing energy rather than just buying. (RICE units & solar farms)


#### Executive Session

- ***Moved by Director Johnson to move into executive session, support by Director Dausey. Motion carried.***
- Reason for executive session: upcoming budget.
- Entered executive session at 2:47 p.m. EDT.
- ***Moved by Director Bruno to leave executive session, support by Director Dausey. Motion carried.***

- Executive session ended at 3:08 p.m. EDT.

**Adjourn:**

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



Jesse Betters - President



Kirk Bruno-Secretary/Treasurer