

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

November 8, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association was held on November 8, 2023.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by President Lawless at 12:55 p.m. EST.

Directors present: District 1-Darryl Small, District 2-Karen Alholm, District 3-Mike Lawless (virtual), 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, (Operations Manager) Troy Tiernan.

Approve the Agenda:

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

Member Comments: None

Minutes:

Moved by Director Johnson to approve minutes of October 18, 2023 regular meeting, support by Director Wery. Motion carried.

Approve the Administrative Items:

Motion to approve October check register in the amount of \$1,835,446.64 by Director Dausey with support by Director Betters. 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 Alholm, with support by Director Wery. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Safety Update
 - Tiernan and a couple others attended Safety Coordinator meeting last week.
 - Safety training will be put together here as of January 1, 2024.
 - President Lawless suggested getting all the linemen certified in chain saw safety.
- Annual Meeting Discussion

- 2024 date is June 12th.
- Alger County Rural Stakeholder Meeting
 - Furmanski joined the meeting online.
 - They are now qualified to apply for grants.
 - Currently looking for projects to do.
 - Director Bruno questions what/if any role Alger Delta would play.
 - Furmanski will keep in contact.

New Business:

- EO Program
 - Passed it last year with a December 2023 end date.
 - A few rebates have been issued.
 - there are funds still available.
- WPPI Bond Information Request
 - WPPI sent a survey that needs to be completed by November 30, 2023.

Staff Reports:

Operations Manager Report-Tiernan

- Work Plan Projects
 - Deerton Tie Line complete/working on the tie to Autrain.
 - MJ has installed the Grand Marais DCUs and is working on LaBranch.
- Maintenance Items
 - Crews are working on projects throughout the system trying to stay ahead of the snow.
- Vegetation Crews
 - 2-crews in Big Bay.
 - 2-crews in Grand Marais.
 - 1-crew in Stonington.
- Warehouse/Facilities
 - Continue to make improvements at substations. New gravel inside/outside the fence along with LED lighting for security.
- Safety
 - RESAP observation team was here for a week on October 16th. We did very well, as expected.
 - Biggest negative -one crew was missing a road sign.
- Equipment
 - Working on 2024 fleet budget.

Office Manager Report-Priebe

- Internal/External Vulnerability Analysis Cyber74/DSTech
 - Assessment completed-working through mediation with DSTech
- Work order completion-as-built/final inspection.

- NISC-Upgrade to 2.58 11/06/2023-Work through pre-prep and finalization.
- Meter Exchanges -Grand Marais ongoing-750 meters in area-Chapman metering.
- Cookbook-Cooking for a Cause-Best of Michigan Country Lines Cookbook
 - Lynn met with member to present their complimentary copy.
 - Director Small will be presenting Melody Brown, Big Bay her copy.
 - Proceeds go to: Feeding American local food banks & Cooperative Family Fund.
 - Link to purchase was provided.
- Director Email-Directors should see Priebe to have them installed on their iPad.
- Business Continuity-Work with DSTech and staff to complete.
- Billing/Outages/Events
 - Total members billed October 2023: 10494.
 - Total estimated-13
- Social Media Recap
 - Link to Alger Delta's Facebook page was provided.
 - Spooky energy savings/energy tips.
 - Meter exchanges in Grand Marais.
 - Phone outage November 3rd.
- Expense Report
 - Provided link to expense report.
- Service/Work orders
 - October 2023 processed service orders-262.
 - October 2023 new meters/services-36.
 - October 2023 transfers-45.

Finance Report-Labadie

- November 14th
 - Employees meeting scheduled with 44N to review health insurance benefits with employees/open enrollment.
- September Financials
 - Review updated financials; made an adjustment to depreciation.
- Upcoming Webinars
 - WECA-"Revenue Requirements" and NISC "Year End Workflow".
- Paperless Billing Campaign
 - Partnering with WPPI/Brett Niemi to coordinate the campaign and use a portion of our WPPI budget to offset at least a portion of the cost.
- 2024 Budget
 - Continue to work on the 2024 budget.

General Manager-Furmanski

Power supply-Substantially lower in October than September.

- Continue working with Cloverland on a tie line for Isabella.

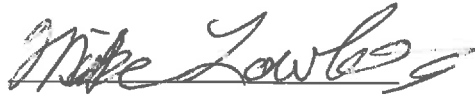
- Continue working with MBPL and ATC at the Pineau Substation.
- Started planning the Hiawatha cable replacement project.
- Moving forward with land purchase for substation.
- Working on grant application.

Committee Reports & Agendas

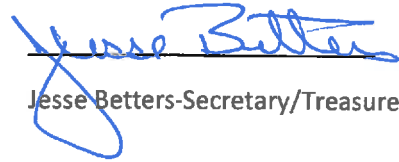
- None

Adjourn:

- ***Moved by Director Johnson to adjourn, support by Director Dausey. Motion carried.***
- Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. EST.



Mike Lawless - President



Jesse Betters-Secretary/Treasurer