

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

December 14, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association was held on December 14, 2022.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by President Lawless at 12:59 p.m. EST.

Directors present: District 1-Darryl Small (virtual), District 2-Karen Alholm, District 3-Mike Lawless, District 4-Vacant, District 5-Wery, District 6-Jesse Betters, District 7-Kirk Bruno, District 8-Don Johnson, District 9- Doug Bovin.

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 Johnson to approve the agenda with the addition of Bovin's report before old business, support by Director Alholm. Motion carried.

Member Comments: None

Minutes:

Moved by Director Alholm to approve minutes of November 9, 2022 regular meeting, support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.

Approve the Administrative Items:

Motion to approve November check register in the amount of \$1,454,000.17 by Director Betters with support by Director Alholm. 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 Bovin, with support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.

Director Bovin Report

- Collective bargaining
 - Went smoothly, over a 2 day period.
 - Feels they ended with a good agreement.
 - Furmanski noticed the big thing requested was more time off.
 - A reduced HSA contribution was agreed upon.
 - Director Betters noted that Furmanski and Labadie were very well prepared.

- MECA Board Meeting
 - Debbie Miles was honored for her retirement.
 - Recommended forming a partnership with MI State Police as a safety measure as they often find line theft before the Co-op.
 - DC Youth Tours are scheduled for June 14-18, 2023, after a couple years cancelled. One opening from Alger Delta.
 - Magazine costs \$0.62 a copy. Recipes are the number one thing people read.
 - MECA dues are going down about \$300 for 2023.
 - Budget was set for next year.
 - Announced meeting dates for 2023.
- Resignation
 - Director Bovin officially resigned from the Alger Delta Board.
 - Stated he knows of four candidates interested in taking his place.
 - ***Moved by Director Johnson to nominate Director Betters to replace Director Bovin on the Executive Committee, support by Director Alholm. There was a unanimous consensus of the Board.***

Old Business:

- Safety Update
 - A fault was found on the homeowner side during an install. Testing was conducted until the issue was found. Homeowner was impressed with the Alger Delta employee.
- Gold Resources
 - Furmanski hasn't heard anything new.
- Aclara Update
 - More of the same-works great for a while, then a couple of issues.
 - Last few meters in Autrain didn't want to communicate.
 - An issue was found with the ZigBee port.
 - New ones going forward will not have a ZigBee port.
 - 1500 still on order since April.
- Office Back-up Generator
 - Gas line scheduled to be hooked up on the 27th.

New Business:

- Collective Bargaining Agreement
 - ***Moved by Director Wery to accept the Collective Bargaining agreement, support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.***
 - This agreement is good for three years.
- Director Positions
 - ***Moved by Director Betters to fill the open positions and look at downsizing and redistricting at a later date, support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.***

- Letters will be sent to members with an application deadline of January 17, 2023.
- Executive Committee will meet before the regular meeting to go over applications.
- RUS Documents
 - **Moved by Director Alholm to approve the RUS documents presented, support by Director Bruno. Motion carried.**
- 2023 Calendar
 - **Moved by Director Alholm to approve the provided 2023 calendar, support by Director Better. Motion carried.**
 - Early bird rates for the March 5-8th NRECA Power Xchange are due January 6th.
 - Director Bruno asked for clarification on budget for Directors to attend events other than regular board meetings.
- Annual Agenda-Rates/Service Charges/Fees
 - Furmanski will talk with Tiernan about service charges.

Staff Reports:

Operations Manager Report-Tiernan

- Work Plan Projects
 - River Road upgrade is completed.
 - Deerton tie line update was provided.
- Maintenance Items
 - AD Crew continue to work on service upgrades and pole replacements.
- Vegetation Crews
 - Vegetation crews continue to work in the Grand Marais area.
- Warehouse/Facilities
 - We continue to make improvements in the warehouse. Currently working in the meter room installing shelving and work bench.
- Safety
 - Tiernan will be attending a safety conference in Huntsville, AL January 9th with Cloverland and Great Lakes Energy staff, along with MECA.
- Equipment
 - We are expecting to receive our new F550 bucket truck from Versalift this month.

Office Manager Report-Priebe

- Tech/IT
 - Aclara-exchanged meters in the Autrain area.

- DSTech/Chapman and Priebe set up security for daily download file-no issues.
- NISC-AppSuite
 - Linemen: Jon Conger, Cody Warren, Tom Viitala and Brandon Lind.
 - Research team from NISC is conducting research and usability test over the next couple of weeks to understand how Members use AppSuite Outages and Work Management.
- CRC-Updated 2023 holiday schedule and on call list.
- MissDig-Territory issues, updated MissDig data base with latest AD territory.
- Vault Server-Issue with IP address in network, lost patch to server with upgrade.
- All Systems down on 12/05/22. Found the DHCP was gone, created a new scope and everything started working normally. May have been caused by nightly update.
- NISC-Messenger/Text outage notification. Working through details on activating notifications. Must be active in SmartHub online portal to participate.
- Retired Services-Continue inspections of abandoned/retired services.
- Outages
 - Total billed meters November: 10,425.
 - Total estimated: 13-10 Aclara/3 Ts2
 - Billables/member caused outages: 0
- Outage Management Report was provided.
- Social/community
 - Happy Holidays and holiday hours.
 - Updates storm outage map.
 - Plowing safety
 - Autrain meter exchanges
 - Holiday Décor safety
 - Masonville Township Fire Department Mohawk event-Tiernan participated.
- Expense Report
 - Provided link to expense report.
- Service/Work orders
 - November 2022 processed service orders-179.
 - November 2022 disconnected services-9, total year-97.
 - November 2022 new connects-8, transfers-40.

Finance Report-Labadie

- Union Negotiations
 - Meetings were held 11/11/22 and 11/29/22
 - Negotiations completed 11/29/22.

- Employee Meetings
 - NRECA Retirement Presentation/Meeting with employees on 12/6/22.
 - 44 North Meeting scheduled for 12/22/22 to review health benefits with employees.
- October Financials
 - Final numbers for October 2022 can be found on the dashboard.
 - Outage Management Report was provided.
 - Bottom line came in at \$111,459.28; proforma showed \$7,135.85 (under estimated revenue in proforma). Currently working on November financials.
- 2022 Proforma Income Statement
 - Updated the proforma after final numbers ran for October.
 - Preliminary -Bottom line shows \$514,390.04
- 2023 Budget
 - Continue to work on 2023 budget.

General Manager-Furmanski

Power supply currently below 2021.

- Working on the 2023 budget.
- Budget can go right to board without a committee meeting.
- Three Energy Optimization have been reviewed.
- Continue working with Cloverland on tie line for Isabella.
- WindMil has been installed and am working through the mapping.
- WECA offers classes included web-based director training on financials.

Committee Reports & Agendas- None

Executive Session

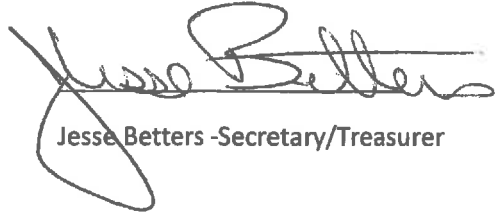
- Topic of discussion-Personnel
- ***Moved by Director Johnson to move into executive session, support by Director Wery. Motion carried.***
- Board entered Executive session at 2:58 p.m.
- ***Moved by Director Johnson to leave executive session, support by Director Alholm. Motion carried.***
- Board exited Executive session at 3:38 p.m.

Adjourn:

- ***Moved by Director Alholm to adjourn, support by Director Betters. Motion carried.***
- Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. EST.

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Mike Lawless - President

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Jesse Betters -Secretary/Treasurer