

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

December 20, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association was held on December 20, 2023.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by Director Alholm at 12:58 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 Johnson to approve the agenda as presented, support by Director Dausey. Motion carried.

Member Comments: None

Minutes:

Moved by Director Wery to approve minutes of November 8, 2023 regular meeting, support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.

Approve the Administrative Items:

Motion to approve November check register in the amount of \$1,713,771.00 by Director Betters 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 Bruno, with support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Safety Update
 - Finished the last MECA safety meeting last week.
 - They will be in house after January 1st.
 - First one scheduled the week of January 22nd.
- Gold Resources
 - Their building in Stephenson is for sale.
 - They have downsized staff.

New Business:

- EO Program
 - Program ends with 2023.
 - **Motion by Director Johnson to approve a 2024 proposal from Furmanski, support by Director Bruno. Motion carried.**
 - **Moved by Director Johnson to approve a customer request for rebate retroactive to just before program started, support by Director Wery. Motion carried.**
- 2024 Calendar
 - **Motion by Director Alholm to approve the 2024 Calendar as presented, support by Director Wotruba. Motion carried.**
- 2024 Budget/Finance Committee Report
 - WPPI had a proposed rate change late.
 - Committee suggests preliminary approval of draft budget.
 - **Motion by Director Johnson to approve the draft budget, support by Director Dausey. Motion carried,**
 - Budget assumption-based primarily on capital spending information.
 - Board asked Furmanski to keep them more aware of big spending amounts as we move throughout the year.

Staff Reports:

Operations Manager Report-Tiernan

- Work Plan Projects
 - Deerton /Autrain tie line complete
 - Isabella tie line update (Cloverland).
 - System upgrades-White Rapids Sub.
- Maintenance Items
 - Crews continue to work on system upgrades and pole replacements.
- Vegetation Crews
 - Crews are working in Grand Marais & Stonington
- Warehouse/Facilities
 - Working at the Rapid River property.
 - Hoping to start moving materials and equipment through the winter.
- Safety
 - We will be starting our in-house safety meetings Jan. 25th 2024.
- Equipment
 - Working on equipment budget for 2024.

Office Manager Report-Priebe

- Work order completion-as-built/final inspection.
- Meter Exchanges -Grand Marais complete-LaBranche in near future.

- Director Email-See Priebe to install on iPad.
- Business Continuity-Work with DSTech and staff to complete.
- SmartHub-NISC-working through “glitches” with their redesign.
 - Autopay & notifications
- L&H/DSTech-issues with Windows update-meter data collection-data flow repaired
- Billing/Outages/Events
 - Total members billed November 2023: 10472.
 - Total estimated-34
- Link to Country Lines Magazine was provided.
- Link to new updated Board of Directors time card was provided.
- Social Media Recap
 - Link to Alger Delta’s Facebook page was provided.
 - Thanksgiving.
 - Outages-November 14th-squirrel
 - Brandon Lind-Employee promotion.
- Service/Work orders
 - November 2023 processed service orders-219.
 - November 2023 new meters/services-34.
 - November 2023 transfers-42.

Finance Report-Labadie

- Christmas Parades
 - Alger Delta participated in the Escanaba parade on 12/1 and Marquette’s on 12/8.
- Webinars
 - 12/7/23-5th and final webinar-Director’s series “Financial Status Correlation to Co-op Culture & Teamwork”.
 - 12/13/23-7th and final webinar-Financial Series-“Review of Financial Related Policies”.
- 2024 Budget
 - Done!
 - Received a preliminary audit planning email on 12/18/23.
- October & November 2023
 - October & November 2023 Balance Sheets and Income Statements on meeting agenda.
 - Strong end to 2023; Equity continues to slowly increase.
- ***Motion by Director Better to accept the financial report, support by Director Small. Motion carried.***

General Manager-Furmanski

Power supply-Lower than the last couple of years.

Power Sales-Consistent the past three years

- 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.
- Director elections are coming up-Directors Lawless, Alholm and Wotruba will be up for election. Lawless is not going to run. Petitions are due back by February 1st.
- January 5th Christmas plans were discussed.
- PowerXchange the 1st week of March in San Antonio-registration is open.
- WPPI Board Meeting update
 - They can meet Michigan's new energy requirement
 - Levels of service were discussed
 - Happy with their response when questioned how they purchase gas.
 - August 2023 was the highest use of power ever.
 - An EV study-expect many years before there is an impact.
 - Power cost projections for the next five years were very modest.

Committee Reports & Agendas

- Finance Committee-see New Business/2024 Budget.

Executive Session

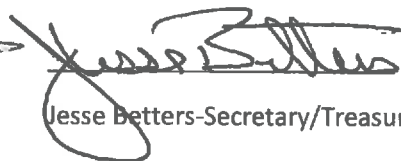
- Topic of discussion-
- ***Moved by Director Johnson to move into executive session, support by Director Dausey. Motion carried.***
- Board entered Executive session at 2:02 p.m.
- ***Moved by Director Johnson to leave executive session, support by Director Wery. Motion carried.***
- Board exited Executive session at 2:14 p.m.
- ***Moved by Director Betters to approve salary adjustments as submitted by Furmanski, support by Director Bruno. Motion carried.***

Adjourn:

- ***Moved by Director Wery to adjourn, support by Director Bruno. Motion carried.***
- Meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m. EST.



Mike Lawless - President



Jesse Betters-Secretary/Treasurer