

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

December 16, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association was held on December 16, 2024.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Betterers at 1:01 p.m. EST.

Directors present: District 2-Karen Alholm, District 3-Tim Jenkins, District 4-Bill Wotruba, District 5-Steve Wery, District 6-Jesse Betterers, District 7-Kirk Bruno, District 8-Don Johnson, District 9- Steve Dausey.

Directors absent: District 1-Darryl Small

Also present were (General Manager) Mike Furmanski, (Finance Manager) Lynn Labadie, and (Operations Manager) Troy Tiernan.

Approve the Agenda:

Moved by Director Wery to approve the agenda as presented, support by Director Dausey. Motion carried.

Member Comments: None

Minutes:

Moved by Director Johnson to approve minutes of November 12, 2024 regular meeting, support by Director Wotruba. Motion carried.

Approve the Administrative Items:

Motion to approve check register in the amount of \$1,356,477.80 by Director Dausey with support by Director Wotruba. 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 Johnson. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Safety Update
 - No near misses or accidents to report.
- Disclosure Resolution
 - ***Moved to adopt Disclosure Resolution by Director Alholm, support by Director Bruno. Motion carried.***

New Business:

- EO Extension
 - Must file by June for 2026 State mandate.
 - Furmanski recommends continuing the current plan for 2025.
 - ***Moved by Director Johnson to continue current plan for 2025, support by Director Bruno. Motion carried.***
- Budget
 - Finance & Rates Committee met today.
 - See committee report below.
- Attorney Presentation
 - Patrick Greely introduced himself.
 - An overview of Kendricks Bordeau Attorneys at Law was given.
 - Board member roles were clarified: how Boards take action, fiduciary duty, and conflict of interest.
 - Greenly asked the Board to let him know what they were looking for from him.
 - ***Moved by Director Johnson to authorize Furmanski to utilize his authority at his discretion as limited by Policy, support by Director Alholm. Motion carried.***

Staff Reports:

Operations Manager Report-Tiernan

- Work Plan Projects
 - AD crews continue to work on underground conversions in Menominee County.
 - MJ Electric continues to work on the line rebuilds in Menominee County.
- Maintenance Items
 - Marquette crew is working on completing the Aclara meter exchanges in Big Bay.
 - Gladstone crews are working system upgrades and new services throughout the system.
- Vegetation Crews
 - Vegetation crews are working in the Big Bay, Hiawatha and White Rapids areas.
- Warehouse/Facilities
 - Remodeling old break room and turning it into an office area for the line crews.
- Safety
 - We are working on next year's Safety Meeting topics and schedule.
 - Attending Wisconsin Line Sup. Conference in January.
- Equipment
 - TeleRoad Communications installed radios in the trucks.

- Working on fleet budget for 2025. (new digger derrick, small bucket truck and lowboy trailer)

Office Manager Report-Priebe

- Meter Exchanges -Big Bay meter exchanges.
 - Chapman pulled the technician due to the weather. Alger Delta will complete the remaining 350 meters.
- Work Order Completion-As-built/Final inspection.
- IT-Servers-Aclara/priority-backup failures.
- Mapping-As-build/New Construction
 - Idle Service Audit-New field inspection for linemen has become a great tool for Operations.
- Cybersecurity-Daily monitoring/Reports DSTech
- Upcoming Events: Escanaba parade, Marquette parade.
- Billing/Outages/Events
 - Total members billed December 2024: 10506.
 - Total estimated-December: 9
- Link to Country Lines Magazine was provided.
- Link to Facebook page was provided.
- Social Media Recap
 - Christmas parade
 - Happy Thanksgiving
 - Safety
 - Veteran's Day
- Service/Work Orders
 - November 2024 processed service orders-210.
 - November 2024 new meters-34
 - November 2024 new services-8
 - November 2024 transfers-36
 - November 2024 upgrades-0

Finance Report-Labadie

- Utility Service Technician Position
 - Received several applications: including a few with locating experience.
 - Interviewed five candidates the week of 12/9/24.
- Budget
 - Completed
 - Worked with WPPI on the 2025 revenue and power costs projections.
 - Prepared budget assumptions and presented to the Finance & Rates Committee on 12/16/24.
- Oct & Nov 2024
 - October & November balance sheets and income statements are on Call to Order.
 - Strong end to 2024.

- Equity: Sept 2024:34.65, Oct 2024=33.67 (decreased due to the 1993 retirement of capital credits), Nov 2024=33.93 (Nov 2023=33.95).
- Esky Christmas Parade
 - Great Participation!
 - Thanks to all the employees who worked on the float and participated in the parade with their families; special thanks to Shannon Priebe for the float idea and talented artistic skills in painting the Grinch and his dog Max!

General Manager-Furmanski

Power Costs-Jumped a little in November.

Power Sales-Jumped a little, but still slightly behind previous two years.


- Completed MIP training.
- Harvey Building zoning application, meet this month with builder.
- 2025 Budget
- There will be an upcoming employee retirement.
- Christmas party January 3rd 6 pm with dinner at 7 pm EST at the Terrace.
- Petitions were given to the Directors for the upcoming election.
- 2025 meeting calendar was provided.

Committee Meetings

- Policy Committee
 - Will meet at 10:30 am EST on January 8, 2025.
 - Will be going over 100's policies.
 - Furmanski stated that the MIP training recommended social media and AI policies. He will look for some samples.
- Finance & Rates Committee
 - Committee met earlier today.
 - Draft 2025 budget was presented to the Board.
 - Budget approval to be held at January 2025 meeting.
- Director Jenkins asked the other directors about Director Training.

Adjourn:

- ***Moved by Director Wery to adjourn, support by Director Jenkins. Motion carried.***
- Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m. EST.


 Jesse Betters - President


 Kirk Bruno-Secretary/Treasurer