

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

March 16, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association was held on March 16, 2022.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by President Lawless at 1:02 p.m. EST.

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

Directors absent: None

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

Approve the Agenda:

Moved by Director Johnson to approve the agenda with the addition Director Small comments after agenda approval, support by Director Alholm. Motion carried.

Director Small provided statistics on the declining population in the Upper Peninsula and stated it is something the Board needs to consider when planning for the future.

Member Comments: None

Safety Update:

- No incidents.
- MECA safety meeting last week with Gladstone and Escanaba.

Approve the Minutes:

Motion to approve the Minutes of the February 16, 2022 regular meeting by Director Alholm, support by Director Bovin. Motion carried.

Approve the Administrative Items:

Motion to approve the administrative items (membership applications, director's expenses, check register, manager's expenses, and estate retirements) as submitted in the board packet was made by Director Bovin, with support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Aquila Resources
 - Nothing new to report.

- Aclara
 - Lost meters last week and this week.
 - They finally replicated the red light in the lab.
 - A call is scheduled with them tomorrow.
 - Problem is in the communication.
 - They won't be sending a check, it will be deducted off of future orders.
- Annual Agenda-Construction Policies/Rules/Tarrifs
 - Nothing yet.
- Annual Agenda-Plan annual meeting
 - Planning in progress.
 - Will need to pick the meal in May.
 - There was WPPI funds, so giveaways were ordered.
 - A request came in to delay taking reservations until everyone had received the magazine/notification to make it fair for everyone.
 - Instead of the regular speaker maybe an external communicator to discuss the new rate plan.
 - Discussed inviting Nick Baumgartner.

New Business:

- NRECA Strategic Plan Report
 - Report was received a couple of weeks ago.
- Annual Agenda-ACRE/MECA CEO/Strategic Plan
 - Board was reminded what ACRE was.
 - Furmanski will distribute ACRE information.
- Island Resort and Casino
 - Furmanski will keep working with them to explore possible beneficial opportunities.

Staff Reports:

Operations Manager Report-Tiernan

- Work Plan Projects
 - Working on 2022 Workplan Projects.
- Maintenance Items
 - Crews continue to work on retirement and maintenance items.
 - Ice storm outages-Kiva & Watson.
- Vegetation Crews
 - Bugle crews are in the Watson, Stonington and Harvey areas.
- Warehouse/Facilities
 - Preparing the Pineau Substation for an additional material yard for the crew in the Marquette area.
- Safety

- Started the Safety/Loss Control Committee. Members are Shannon (Office), Jason (Warehouse/Grounds), Jon (Gladstone Lineman), and Anthony (Marquette).
- Equipment
 - Purchased a budgeted Ford F550 Flatbed. This truck will replace an existing 2003 IH Flatbed and a 2012 F250. Will be used to haul materials and equipment.

Office Manager Report-Priebe

- Tech/IT
 - DSTech /NISC Servers upgraded.
 - Reading portal for Aclara-Update blocked file/firewall
 - Took a team effort-NISC, DSTech, and Aclara
 - New employee's-technology onboarding.
- Outages
 - 58 total outages. 35 of which were power supplier.
 - Zero were billable.
- Social/community
 - National Lineworker Appreciation Day is coming.
 - Scholarship information is out.
- Billing
 - Total estimated meters for billing-15 (4-Aclara).
 - Total meters billed in February-10,260.
- Service/Work Orders
 - Transfer of accounts for February was 28.
 - Upgrade and new service applications as expected-just a handful.
 - Total closed service orders-173.
 - Continued GIS updates.
- Expense Report
 - Provided link to expense report.

Finance Report-Labadie

- New Hires
 - Anthony Hamel-Started 3/7/22 for the Marquette position.
 - Riley Corrigan-Started 3/14/22 as apprentice in Gladstone.
- January Financials
 - Preliminary January financials included on the dashboard.
 - Priority continued, needs to be placed on PSCR and rate restructure.
- Assessment Notices
 - Currently receiving assessment notices; have had to contact a few assessors to have them make corrections.
- New Work Plan
 - Continue to work on gathering a list of items for the loan application.
- Finance Reports

- Various reports were provided to the Directors via Call to Order.
- Audit
 - Still gathering some items for the auditors. Audit was the week of 3/7-3/11/22.
- Workshop
 - NISC Plan Accounting Workshop-virtual-April 25-28, 2022..

General Manager-Furmanski

- Power supply was reported.
- Continue to work with WPPI on a Cost of Service/Rates study.
- Working with the Landmark Inn and CFC in preparation for the Strategic Planning Session.
- Continue planning for the annual meeting, which will be held on June 15, 2022 at the Island Resort and Casino.
- Attended the NRECA Power X Change.

Committee Reports & Agendas

Policy

- Met today to review recommendations by Burkhart.
- Made changes he recommended except for the emergency section.
- Employees are to get a copy of the Policy manual.
- Collective Bargain section added.
- He thought our non-union section was generic.
- ***Moved by Director Betters to accept the proposed changes recommended by the Policy Committee, support by Director Alholm. Motion carried.***

Rates & Finance


- Met today.
- Recommend to Board a July 1, 2022 deadline to have changes to billing made.
- There are three parts to consider: Power Cost, Service Cost, and Energy Cost.
- They are considering members who have more than one meter.
- Notice to be given to members that reviewing rates will be discussed at the April and May Board meetings.
- Furmanski will work on another Country Lines column and work with Priebe on Social media/website information.
- Possibly have a place at the annual meeting where members can calculate the new rate.
- Suggested that there be a virtual option so all members have the option to hear and ask questions.
- Committee will continue to meet often.

Adjourn:

- **Moved by Director Johnson to adjourn, support by Director Bovin. Motion carried.**
- Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. EST.



Mike Lawless - President



Doug Bovin-Secretary/Treasurer