

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

August 11, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association was held on August 11, 2021.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by President Lawless at 1:00 p.m. EST.

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

Directors absent: District 5-Ivy Netzel,

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

Approve the Agenda:

Moved by Director Prestin to approve the agenda as presented and moving Mike Peters to the beginning, support by Director Betters. Motion carried.

Approve the Minutes:

Motion to approve the Minutes of the July 21, 2021 regular meeting, by Director Lawless, 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 Prestin, with support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.

Member Comment:

- None

Old Business:

- Safety Update
 - No issues-no loss time
 - Next safety training is August 26, 2021
- Aquila Resources
 - Nothing new to report
 - We've met our requirements
 - Haven't had a response

- Aclara Update
 - In a holding pattern.
 - There have been some locked-up meters.
 - Feeling cautiously optimistic.
 - April, May & June were good, July had some issues.
 - Got through the summer with the foliage.
- Donation Discussion
 - **Moved by Director Alholm to support the UP State Fair with \$1000 donation where it will be best used, support by Director Bovin. Motion carried.**
 - **Moved by Director Prestin to amend policy #214 to allow the General Manager to make donations up to \$1000, support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.**
 - **Moved by Director Prestin to approve up to \$11,340 to be spent at the Jr Livestock auction, support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.**
- WPPI Annual Meeting
 - September 16, 2021
 - Furmanski, Johnson, and Bruno will attend
- Energy Waste Reduction
 - As it sits now, we wouldn't lose money.
 - What will we do with leftover?
- NRECA
 - Will be held in late September or October.
- CFC Training
 - October 19, 2021 10-4.

New Business:

- Mike Peters President and CEO of WPPI
 - Reviewed the history, relationship, and contract (expires 2055) between Alger Delta and WPPI.
 - We are WPPI's only cooperative and can't compare to municipalities.
- District 5 Director
 - **Moved by Director Bovin to accept Netzel's resignation, support by Director Prestin. Motion carried.**
 - **Moved by Director Prestin to fill seat using past practice, support by Director Bruno. Motion carried.**
 - Interviews to be held in conjunction with October meeting.
 - Send a thank you letter to Netzel.
- Bylaw and Policy Review
 - Waiting for Donna to finish the redlines.
 - Move to October.
- Set 2022 Annual Meeting Date
 - June 15, 2022.
 - Still looking into holding it at the Harvey Casino.

Staff Reports:

Operations Manager Report-Tiernan

- Work Plan Projects
 - Squaw Beach Rebuild-Tree crews started clearing Aug 9th.
 - Chocolay Sub cutover date-TBD.
 - Working with Pat on a new workplan.
- Maintenance Items
 - Crews continue work on service upgrades/new services & maintenance.
- Vegetation Crews
 - Crews continue to clear ROW in Watson and Deerton.
- Warehouse/Facilities
 - Continue to organize the yard and warehouse.
- Safety/Training
 - Crews continue to work remote and will be starting/ending at home.
- Equipment
 - We donated truck 59 to the Tri County Fire Dept.

Office Manager Report-Priebe

- Livestock Auction
 - Lynn and Shannon will attend the Lori Branstrom Livestock Auction on August 21st at the UP State Fair.
 - Raffle entry form will be featured in the September Country Lines magazine.
- Outages
 - Windstorm July 15th had 115 outages.
 - Windstorm July 27th & 28th had 191 outages.
 - Believes our aggressive vegetation management has made a significant impact on outages.
 - Alger Delta sent crews to assist Oconto Electric Cooperative
 - Total outages for July was 409.
 - Four were billable.
- Social/community
 - Featured the truck donation to the Tri-County Fire Department.
- District 5-Gourley, Labranche, Cornell
 - Prepare labels and letters to go out.
- Billing
 - Total estimated meters for billing-19.
 - Aclara meters-6.
- Service/Work Orders
 - Transfer of accounts continue to rise.
 - Upgrade and new service applications have been coming in steady.

- Continued GIS updates.

Finance Report-Labadie

- Form 990
 - Continue to work on the PBC list from Eide Bailly.
 - Reminder to Board members to complete the request letter for the 990: emails were sent on 8/2.
 - Stressed the importance that Board members record their hours and submit those with the expense reports as they are used to compute an average for the Form 990.
- July 2021 Financials
 - Upon completion Lynn will upload to Call to Order (under September) and send an email stating they are available.
- 2020 Capital Credit Allocation
 - Process is complete and ready to print on the September 2021 bills for active customers.
 - Notices to inactive customers will be mailed via NISC on 9/10/21.
 - Working on the list of members with unclaimed capital credits next and then will do the retirement for 1992.
- Board Training-CFC
 - Booked the conference room at the Delta County Chamber of Commerce for October 19, 2021.
 - See tentative agenda: 10 am-4 pm EST.
- Current financials were reported to the board, including TIER, OTIER, and equity ratio, and audit update.

General Manager-Furmanski

- Had a call with ATC to discuss MBLP at the Pineau Sub.
- Signed a MOU with MBLP.
- Met with Brett Niemi regarding donations.
- Attended WPPI planning meeting in Norway.
- Working on developing the CWP.

Committee Reports & Agendas

- Rates and Finance
 - Met on August 11, 2021.
 - President Lawless appointed Director Betters to replace Director Netzel on Rates & Finance Committee retroactive to this morning's meeting.
 - Focus for September will be the need for rates evaluation.
 - How will we communicate to members?
 - Need further examination on PPP loans, allocation of capital credits.
 - Keep line loss in mind for work plan.

Executive Session

- ***Moved by Director Prestin to enter Executive session, support by Director Small. Motion carried.***
- Entered Executive Session at 3:44 p.m. EST.
- Topic to be discussed the handling of draft minutes.
- ***Moved by Director Prestin to leave executive session, support by Director Small. Motion carried.***
- Board left Executive Session at 3:59 p.m. EST.

Adjourn:

- ***Moved by Director Prestin to adjourn, support by Director Bruno. Motion carried.***

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. EST.



Mike Lawless - President



Doug Bovin-Secretary/Treasurer