

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

March 17, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association was held on March 17, 2021.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by President Lawless at 1:04 p.m. EST.

Directors present: District 1-Darryl Small, District 3-Mike Lawless, District 4-Dave Prestin, District 5-Ivy Netzel, District 6-Vacant, District 7-Kirk Bruno, District 8-Johnson, District 9- Doug Bovin.

Directors absent: District 2-Karen Alholm

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

Approve the Agenda:

Moved by Director Prestin to approve the agenda as presented, support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.

Approve the Minutes:

Motion to approve the Minutes of the February 17, 2021 regular meeting by Director Prestin, 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 Netzel, with support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.

District 6 Interviews:

- Six candidates were interviewed for the District 6 position: Guard, Gustafson, L Erickson, W. Erickson, Betters, and Palmen.

Old Business:

- RUS Update-
 - Loan has been approved.
 - Ready for drawdown.
 - Will pay off the line of credit and look at some higher interest loans.
- Aquila Resources
 - No Action

- Aclara Update
 - Furmanski talked to Aclara's Vice President.
 - Aclara technicians have been here to help troubleshoot the system
 - Trailer load of meters is gone to have new firmware and software installed.
 - Three DCU's were not working.
 - Large update went through yesterday.
 - Time will now go on a work order so Alger Delta isn't paying.
 - System will need to prove itself for three months before going any further.
- MECA
 - Bovin and Furmanski attended the virtual meeting last week.
 - All officers were re-elected.
 - NRECA meeting coming up in April.
 - Provided a legislative update.
 - Developing online training.
 - April 12th is Lineman Appreciation Day.
 - Next MECA meetings are June 10th and December 2nd.
- PieperLine Oakwood Road Certificate of Completion
 - Tiernan is comfortable with the board signing.
 - ***Moved by Director Prestin to accept the Certificate of Completion, support by Director Netzel. Motion carried.***

New Business:

- Donations/Sponsorships-Brett Niemi
 - Value of Local Utility Program overview and how it is run was provided.
 - Guidelines on where the funds go were discussed.
 - Niemi requested Board members bring opportunities to his attention.
- Annual Meeting
 - Casino can accommodate the event.
 - June 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
 - Whatever Covid restrictions/precautions are in place at that time will be followed.
 - Following same agenda type as two years ago.
- Chocoy Labor Contract Close-out
 - Tiernan is comfortable with the Board signing.
 - ***Moved by Director Netzel to accept the close-out documents regarding the Chocoy Labor Contract, support by Director Bovin. Motion carried.***
- CRC Voting Delegate Registration Form
 - ***Moved by Director Prestin to replace Seger with Furmanski, support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.***
- CoBank Designee Changes

- *Moved by Director Prestin to replace Seger and Tiernan with Furmanski and Labadie, support by Director Netzel. Motion carried.*
- NRECA Executive Search Final Bill
 - *Moved by Director Bovin to approve final invoice, support by Director Small. Motion carried.*
- Dashboard Updates
 - Documents the Board may need included for easy access. (examples: Bylaws, Policies, Budget, District Map, Committees & Members, Strategic Financial Plan, Organizational Chart)

Staff Reports:

Operations Manager Report-Tiernan

- Work Plan Project
 - Energizing Chocolay Sub this week.
 - Continue to work on reject poles in the Rapid River area.
- Maintenance Items
 - Crews are working on repairing Hazard Reports and line inspections.
- Vegetation Crews
 - Crews are in the Mirror Lake area and on CR 577 in Daggett.
- Warehouse/Facilities
 - Organizing the yard and materials from the latest jobs.
- Safety/Training
 - Safety meetings will be resuming indoors with MECA Safety starting this month due to the latest Covid updates.
- Equipment
 - Will need to replace 2009 F250 and looking into trading the Malibu for a used pickup.

Office Manager Report-Priebe

- Ballots
 - District 2 should hit the mailboxes today.
- CSR-Training
 - NISC-virtual training modules.
- Outages
 - Snow/Ice storm-250 outages
 - Began evening of February 4th with last one restored at 4:24 p.m. February 6th.
- Audit
 - Documents still being requested.
 - Unsure of timeline to be completed.
- Tech
 - Made improvements on workflows/service orders.

- iPads and computers purchased and set up for new directors and employees.
- Retirements
 - Curt staking retirements-created workflow
- Social Media
 - Scholarship information is posted.
- Service/Work Orders
 - Update provided.

Finance Report- Labadie

- Audit Update
 - Completed initial auditors request list.
 - Auditors are sending additional requests.
 - Once complete they will send a draft and we will go through the review phase.
- Insurance Renewal
 - Reviewed insurance coverage with Federated Insurance.
 - Has a 5/1/21 renewal date.
 - 4% increase largely due to property coverage increase and industry wide rate increases.
- Completed Projects-Loan AR8
 - Will be paying the final bills for the completed projects.
 - Next step will be to submit the “financial requirement and expenditures statement” to start drawing down the money.
 - Plan to pay off the \$2M line of credit once money is received.
 - Will be reviewing outstanding loans for best options to be paid off.
- First Month for new Finance Manager Lynn Labadie
 - Has been working on Audit, check runs, payroll runs, closing month end.
 - Goal to close March before April board meeting.

General Manager-Furmanski

- Cloverland-
 - Phone conversations with Mike Heise regarding possible collaboration on multiple issues.
- UP Energy Task Force
 - Final meeting was on March 16th.
- Superior Solar
 - Marquette County Solar project of 150 MW.
 - Looking for us for a partial offtake, but we are unable due to full requirements contract with WPPI.
- MEDC

- Had a call with Vickie Schwab from MEDC, Ed LeGault from Delta County EDA, Marty Fittante and Amy Berglund from Invest UP.
- Talked about Apprenticeship programs and the Youth Professionals Program.
- Service Agreements
 - Researching Service Agreements in case any opportunities arise in our area
- Peninsula Fiber Network
 - Talking with Scott Randall about MAMA, broadband, phone service.
- Completed the basic iVue training.
- Will attend the Gourley Township meeting April 12th.

Committee Reports & Agendas

- No committees have met.
- Furmanski has suggested a change to Policy-Article 3 Section 2.

Executive Session

- ***Moved by Director Prestin to enter executive session, support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.***
 - Executive session was entered at 4:25 p.m. EST.
 - Topics to be discussed: District 6 director candidates.
- ***Moved by Director Johnson to come out of executive session, support by Director Small. Motion carried.***
 - Executive session concluded at 5:07 p.m. EST.
- ***Moved by Director Bovin to name Jesse Betters as the new director of District 6, support by Director Prestin. Motion carried.***
- ***Moved by Director Bovin in view of the fact that this board has a contract with Dave Prestin to act as a consultant and the contracted work is winding down, move that the contract will end April 30, 2021, support by Director Johnson. Motion carried 6-0, Prestin abstained.***

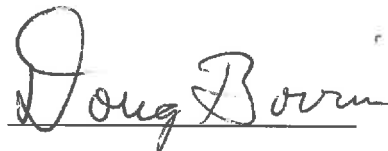
Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Director Small, support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. EST.



Mike Lawless - President



Doug Bovin-Secretary/Treasurer