

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

April 17, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association was held on April 17, 2024.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lawless at 1:03 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 (virtual), 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, and (Office Manager) Shannon Priebe.

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 March 20, 2024 regular meeting, support by Director Dausey. Motion carried.

Approve the Administrative Items:

Motion to approve check register in the amount of \$1,359,486.11 by Director Wery with support by Director Dausey. 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 Dausey, with support by Director Wery. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Safety Update
 - Doors are locked with a code for security.
 - Gladstone Public Safety will do a fire pre-plan visit on May 6th.
 - Safety meeting next Tuesday.
 - No accidents, injuries or near misses during the recent storm/outages.
- Symposium Update
 - Furmanski left early due to the large power outage.

- Board Contract Involvement
 - President Lawless referred this issue to the Policy Committee and asked that the Policy and General Manager employment contract/job description reflect each other and are consistent.
- Integrity Fund Application
 - Draft application looks good and expected to be approved.

New Business:

- MECA Contract Discussion
 - This is a Member Partnership Agreement.
 - Draft was provided to Board members.
 - MECA is looking for each co-op's approval.
- Services Agreement Discussion
 - MECA currently has a 5-year agreement with Wolverine.
 - Both will be re-visited next month when firmer agreements are in place.

Staff Reports:

Operations Manager Report-Tiernan

- Work Plan Projects
 - Copper Weld Replacement Projects-Ongoing efforts to replace copper weld are in progress to ensure infrastructure resilience and efficiency.
 - Isabella Tie Project-The project continues with crews diligently working towards completion, enhancing our network's reliability.
- Maintenance Items
 - During the April snowstorm, Alger Delta crews and mutual aid teams successfully restored power to over 5000 members, demonstrating our commitment to rapid response and community support.
- Vegetation Crews
 - Crew Deployment:
 - Isabella-2 crews
 - White Rapids-2 crews
 - Stonington-1 crew
 - These efforts are crucial for maintaining clearances and ensuring the safety and reliability of our electrical infrastructure.
- Warehouse/Facilities
 - Harvey Site Garage-Progress continues constructing a new garage at the Harvey site to accommodate our growing needs.
 - Mobil Warehouse Concept-Discussions are underway to explore the feasibility of a mobile warehouse to enhance our response capabilities during major storms.
- Safety

- Pleased to report no accidents or near misses during the latest storm, underscoring our commitment to safety and the effectiveness of our safety protocols.
- Equipment
 - Truck 21 Update-Truck 21 has been fully outfitted and is currently operational in Marquette, strengthening our fleet and operational capabilities.
 - Looking at truck to truck communication systems, will have more information at the next Board meeting.

Office Manager Report-Priebe

- Meter Exchanges -Waiting on materials to continue.
- Work Order Completion-as-built/Final inspection.
- Automated emails-Updating automated emails with links to bill pay, address updates, etc.
- IT-Servers-5-year age limit-reviewing alternative options before replacing. On hold, waiting on Aclara.
- Mapping-Misplaced meter locations, Equipment and Facility ID issues, as-built/new construction
- Billing/Outages/Events
 - Total members billed March 2024: 10428.
 - Total estimated-14
- Link to Country Lines Magazine was provided.
- Link to new updated Board of Directors time card was provided.
- Social Media Recap
 - Snow Owl.
 - Scholarships-Due April 14th.
 - Gourley-Planned outage maintenance.
 - Happy Easter-New business hours.
- Service/Work Orders
 - March 2024 processed service orders-146.
 - March 2024 new meters/services-16.
 - March 2024 transfers-23.

Finance Report-Labadie

- NISC
 - Training sessions on upgrading to "Connect Financials"-kickoff call 3/21/24 and first training 4/11/24.
- Standard Costs
 - Zoom meeting with Terilyn Wallis Consulting 4/18/24 to start reviewing standard costs and overhead-re: work orders.
- Audit
 - Still working with auditors on wrapping up the 2023 audit.
 - Board presentation scheduled for 5/22/24 meeting.

- 990
 - Received the PBC list for the 2023 990.
- 2023 Power Cost Adjustment
 - 1/2/24 billing=(.0046), 2/1/24 billing=(.0051), 3/1/24 billing=(.0133), 4/1.24 billing=(.0008), 5/1 billing=(.0116).
- Capital Budget
 - Information provided to Directors on their Dashboards.
- February 2024 Financials
 - February 2023 financials information is available on the Dashboard.

General Manager-Furmanski

Power Costs-Well below estimated costs.

Power Sales-Down slightly from the last couple of years.

- Evaluating various EWR options-MECA, WPPI, State of Michigan.
- Rescheduled May meeting to the 22nd to ensure delivery of MCL.
- Possible increase in MEAP funding.
- Aclara support update.
- 8 scholarship applications were received.

Committee Reports & Agendas

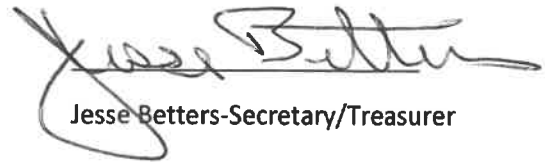
- Finance & Rates
 - Committee recommends keeping energy charge the same and raise fixed cost charge to \$49.34.
 - Members will be notified in time to attend the May Board meeting.

Adjourn:

- ***Moved by Director Johnson to adjourn, support by Director Dausey. Motion carried.***
- Meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m. EST.



Mike Lawless - President



Jesse Betters-Secretary/Treasurer