

ALGER DELTA COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

November 10, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association was held on November 10, 2021.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by President Lawless at 1:03 p.m. EST.

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

Directors absent: None

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

Approve the Agenda:

Moved by Director Betters to approve the agenda, support by Director Bruno. Motion carried.

Member Comments: None

Safety Update:

- In person meeting for just Alger Delta was held last week.
- No accidents or issues since the last meeting.

Approve the Minutes:

Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2021 regular meeting, by Director Johnson, support by Director Small. 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 Alholm, with support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Aquila Resources
 - Jason Hanselman provided an update.
 - They have filed a motion for dismissal.
 - Waiting for Judges decision.

- Aclara Update
 - More hardware is due today.
 - Chapman starting to install meters today.
 - Hoping to have it done this month so there won't be any estimating.
 - Then looking at Autrain and some meters to be changed out in Palestine.
- Rates Discussion
 - WPPI provided some data for the BOD to consider.
 - Tabled until Finance & Rates Committee has a chance to look into it.
- Annual Agenda
 - Budget/Capital Credits-Budget is currently being worked on.
 - Management Compensation will go to Executive Committee

New Business:

- IBEW Contract Approval
 - Moved to Executive Session
- AMI Opt-out Policy approval
 - If a customer doesn't want an AMI meter.
 - Current manual meter read request form on the website seems incomplete.
 - ***Moved by Director Betters to adjust the form to special service charge \$150 per hour, additional meter reading \$50, plus the usual customer charge, support by Director Johnson. Motion carried.***
- 2022 Annual Meeting
 - June 15, 2022 is open at the Island Resort & Casino
 - There is funds left for education/outreach that could be spent on giveaways.
 - ***Moved by Director Betters to book the Island Resort & Casino with proposed 420 attendees and address the numbers later if needed, support by Director Alholm. Motion carried.***
- Annual Agenda Item-Construction Policies/Rules/Tariffs
 - General Manager Furmanski feels they are inconsistent.
 - Possibly have Policy Committee look at it.
 - Tabled until Furmanski talks with Tiernan and Knauf.

Staff Reports:

Operations Manager Report-Tiernan

- Transferred the Harvey/Deerton load to Pineau Sub on October 29th.
- MJ Electric has started on the Squaw Beach rebuild and expect to start on the Harvey/Autrain DCU's the week of November 15th. Estimated completion in 1-2 weeks.

- Alger Delta crews continue to work on new services and upgrades. Construction crew is in the Grand Marais area this week finishing pole replacements.
- Bugle crews continue to work in the Sand River area and are making great progress. A couple of crews are finishing the remaining circuits in the Watson area.
- Currently at Great Lakes Energy working with their Safety & Operations teams to perform RESAP (Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program) inspections at five of their nine service centers. We will be returning in December to complete the remaining sites. This relationship will benefit Alger Delta for Engineering/Operations support into the future. GLE has been extremely helpful assisting us on past storms and are always willing to assist in any way they can when called upon.

Office Manager Report-Priebe

- Email Migration
 - Migrated our email host from WPPI to DSTech.
 - Updated Barracuda Protection.
 - DSTech will give presentation on “fishing” emails.
 - Scheduling upgrade NISC iVue-2 updates behind needed before end of the year.
 - Visit from account representative Brian Farmer/NISC in December
- Outages
 - 256 outages in October.
 - Two outages were billables.
- Social/community
 - Removed financials from website-available upon member request.
 - Informed Harvey/Deerton area of Chapman metering in their area.
- District 5
 - Congratulations to Steven Wery.
 - Completed his iPad setup.
- Billing
 - Removed EO charge from billing.
 - Total estimated meters for billing in October-12.
 - Aclara meters in October-6
 - Total meters billed in October-10,359.
- Service/Work Orders
 - Transfer of accounts continue to rise.
 - Upgrade and new service applications have been coming in steady.
 - Continued GIS updates.
- Expense Report
 - Provided link to expense report

Finance Report-Labadie

- Employee Meeting
 - 10/29/21 reviewed current CDC guidelines regarding Covid.
 - Furmanski provided a summary of October Board meeting.
 - Next meeting set for 11/11/21-review health insurance plan with employees, presentation with 44N.
- October Financials
 - October financials are in progress.
 - Finance manager has missed a few days of work due to husband's surgery.
- 2022 Budget
 - 2022 budget is in progress.
 - Have started watching NISC videos
- Finance Reports
 - Various reports were provided to the Directors via Call to Order.

General Manager-Furmanski

- Switched the Harvey/Deerton load over to the Pineau substation on October 29th.
- Met with a couple of representatives from AT&T regarding their FirstNet system.
- Met with WPPI, MBLP, MPPA to discuss the Harvey metering point.
- Continue working with WPPI on a Cost of Service study.
- Will visit Cloverland on the 29th.
- MECA board meeting is December 2nd.

Miscellaneous

- Director Small has several books from classes he has taken and they will be available for other Board members to sign out.

Executive Session

- ***Moved by Director Bruno to enter Executive session, support by Director Bovin. Motion carried.***
- Entered Executive Session at 2:25 p.m. EST.
- Topic to be discussed is IBEW contract.
- ***Moved by Director Bovin to leave executive session, support by Director Small. Motion carried.***
- Board left Executive Session at 3:05 p.m. EST.

Moved by Director Better to accept the contract as presented, pending approval by the IBEW membership, support by Director Alholm. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

- ***Moved by Director Alholm to adjourn, support by Director Small. Motion carried.***

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. EST.

Mike Lawless - President

Doug Bovin-Secretary/Treasurer