

ALGER DELTA COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

September 24, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association was held on September 24, 2025 at the Brampton Township Hall.

**Call to Order and Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Betters at 1:00 p.m. EDT.

Directors present: District 3-Tim Jenkins, District 4-Bill Wotruba, District 5-Steve Wery, District 6-Jesse Betters, District 7-Kirk Bruno, District 8-Don Johnson, District 9- Steve Dausey

Directors absent: District 1-Darryl Small, District 2-Karen Alholm,

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

**Approve the Agenda:**

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

**Member Comments:** None

**Minutes:**

***Moved by Director Johnson to approve corrected minutes of August 20, 2025 regular meeting, support by Director Jenkins. Motion carried.***

**Public Hearing on EWR Rates:**

***Furmanski provided information on the EWR plan that was approved at the August meeting. The proposed Energy Waste Reduction rates and charges were reviewed. No member comments were received.***

**Approve the Administrative Items:**

***Motion to approve check register in the amount of \$1,677,304.66 by Director Johnson, 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 Wery, with support by Director Jenkins. Motion carried.***

**Old Business:**

- Safety Update
  - A report from Federated Insurance was reviewed.

- Mine Update
  - Spoke with the mine recently. They are planning on closing in late 2028.

#### New Business:

- EWR Plan Rates Approval
  - Reviewed the proposed EWR plan rates.
  - ***Moved by Director Johnson to approve the EWR plan rates provided by Furmanski, support by Director Bruno. Motion carried.***
- KRTA Pro Toolkit Presentation
  - The presentation from the September 10<sup>th</sup> Strategic Planning session was reviewed
- RUS Audit
  - The RUS performed a field audit in April. We were found to be out of compliance with 1 issue. This issue has been corrected.
- MECA Voting Delegate
  - Each MECA member co-op is required to name a voting delegate for the MECA Annual meeting which is scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
  - ***Moved by Director Dausey to name Furmanski as the Voting Delegate, support by Director Wery. Motion carried.***
- PTO Schedule
  - The PTO schedule has not been updated in a long time. A new schedule was presented and discussed.
  - ***Moved by Director Dausey accept the new PTO Schedule, support by Director Wery. Motion carried.***
- Construction Work Plan update
  - Furmanski presented a draft plan of projects that will likely be included in the 2026 – 2029 Construction Work Plan. Final approval will happen later this year.

#### Staff Reports:

##### Operations Manager Report-Tiernan

- Work Plan Projects
  - Michels Corp. started on the Buckhorn Rd project.
  - Provided an Isabella tie line update.
- Maintenance Items
  - Marquette crew is working on new services & upgrades.
  - Gladstone crews are working on pole replacements, system upgrades and new service installs.
- Vegetation Crews
  - Vegetation crews are in White Rapids and Round Lake areas.
- Warehouse/Facilities
  - Working on estimates to install safety glass in front office.
  - Moved spare transformer to Hiawatha Substation.

- Safety
  - September safety meeting - Safety roundtable & Safety manual review.
  - October Safety Agenda-Pole top/Bucket rescue & Equipment securement/Michigan DOT updates.
  - Attended Wisconsin Line Superintendents conference.
- Equipment
  - Working on 2026 fleet budget/needs.

#### Office Manager Report-Priebe

- Work Order Completion-As-built/Final inspection.
- Cybersecurity-Daily monitoring/Reports DSTech.
- NISC – Upgraded to web Call to Order
- NISC – Testing stage for Expense reporting via SmartHub app
- NISC – MI Low Income Energy Fund (MILIEF)
  - Rate updated
  - Working with NISC on monthly report requirements
- NISC – Locating/Mapping
  - New locating equipment work with Chris and tech on KMLs (maps)
- NISC – Monthly server patching/security
- NISC/Aclara – Daily read issues worked through new security issues not allowing communication
- Billing/Outages/Events
  - Total active meters: 10325
  - Total members billed: 10530 (including transfers).
  - Total estimated: 67
- Link to Facebook page was provided.
- Social Media Recap
  - School Bus Safety
  - CoBank matching donations
  - 811 Miss Dig
  - 2025 Jr Market Livestock Auction
- Service/Work Orders
  - Processed service orders-140
  - New members-40
  - New services-6
  - Transfers-42
  - Upgrades-6
  - Disconnects-8
  - Reconnects-12
  - Temp Disconnect/Reconnect-10

#### Finance Report-Labadie

- 1994 Capital Credit Retirement

- Active members will see credit on 10/1/25 billing.
- Inactive members – checks will be mailed 10/13/25.
- RUS loan drawdown
  - 8/29/25 Drawdown from RUS - \$2,000,000.
- IBEW Contract
  - Negotiations in October
- NISC
  - Working on setting up credit card reporting with NISC and watched NISC webinar on AI
- Power Cost Adjustment
  - 1/2/25 billing = (.0034), 1/31/25 billing = (.0116), 2/28/25 billing = (.0131), 4/1/25 billing = (.0048), 5/1/25 billing (.0106), 6/2/25 billing (.0095), 7/1/25 billing= (.0071), 7/31/25 billing =+.0013, 9/2/25 billing =+.0131, 10/1/25 billing = +.0232.
- July and August 2025 Financials
  - See Ipad

General Manager-Furmanski

Power Costs-A little higher than the past couple of years.

Power Sales- A little higher than the last 2 years.

- Continue working on the Construction Work Plan.
- Energy Waste Reduction-will start in January.
- Strategic Planning-went well, waiting on summary from CFC
- Attended the WPPI annual meeting in Green Bay.
- Prepping for 2026 election – Gourley, Stonington, Isabella are up in 2026.


Directors Johnson, Bruno, Alholm, Jenkins, and Betters attended the WPPI Annual Meeting and provided an update.

**Committee Meetings**

- No Committee reports this month.

**Adjourn**

- ***Moved by Director Wotruba to adjourn, support by Director Jenkins. Motion carried.***
- Meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m. EDT.

  
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 Jesse Betters - President

  
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 Kirk Bruno-Secretary/Treasurer