

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ONTONAGON COUNTY R.E.A.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE HELD AT 500 JAMES K PAUL STREET
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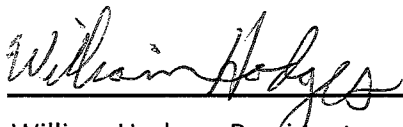
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April 19, 2024 9:30 A.M.

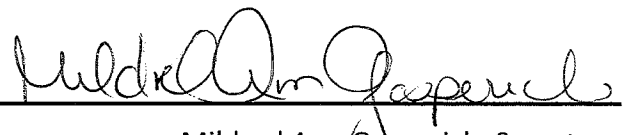
1. President Hodges called the regular meeting to order at 9:31.
2. Roll Call – Bill Hodges, Calvin Koski, Randy Myhren, Ann Gasperich, Jack Lehto and Mike Gaunt

Others Present: Dallas Aho and Attorney Pat Greeley, via zoom.

Guests present via zoom for their portion of the meeting Tom Sobeck from Presque Isle Electric and Gas, Zack Anderson & Eric Baker from Wolverine.
3. Member comment session – None
4. **M/S Gaunt/Lehto** to approve the agenda, with the following changes – allow Tom Sobeck to speak at 9:40 AM, no matter where we are on the agenda, the two from Wolverine via zoom at 10:30 AM, to add item #9 and #10 under other business for Eugene’s letter of resignation and Status of General Manager Position, all in favor, motion passed.
5. **M/S Lehto/Gaunt** to approve the minutes of the March 15, Regular Board Meeting
6. Attorney Report –Pat provided an update as to the pole on Hermits Cove Road, will draft letters regarding an employee temporarily or permanently having their CDL suspended, and provided pros and cons to a pre-employment physical/drug test.
7. The Operations Report was presented. There are no updates. (see attached)
8. The Metering Update was presented. There are no updates. (see attached)
9. Administrative Assistants’ Report was presented. A lineman’s appreciation lunch was held on April 18th, and Semco is looking to renew the lease on the L’Anse Garage.
10. Financial Report
 1. Financial Statements for period ended 2/29/2024
 2. PSCR Over/Under Collection for period ended 03/31/2024
 3. RUS Form 219 Inventory of Work Orders for period ended 1/31/2024 Inventory #0124-1 for \$107,214.52
 4. List of Bills – March 2024**M/S Myhren/Gaunt** to accept the reports and pay the bills as presented, discussion, all in favor to accept and pay the bills, passed.
11. Business Requiring Board Action
 1. Board Signatures for March 15, 2024
12. Other Business
 1. MECA Symposium Update – A brief update was provided. The speakers were top notch and the networking and connections are incredible.
 2. Staffing Updates – Justin Sironen was promoted to Line Superintendent and will begin on Monday April 22, 2024.
 3. MECA Dues Proposal -- Tom Sobeck spoke to the changes in how MECA Dues are charged. They are proposing to go with the same base charge and from KW sold to number of meters. MECA will vote on the change at the May meeting.
 4. **M/S Gaunt/Lehto** to Acknowledge and accept the District #2 Director Resignation effective March 25, 2024, all in favor, motion passed.
 5. Wolverine Power Contract Presentation – Zack Anderson & Eric Baker – they spoke to the current contract expiring, and presented two proposals for new contracts, a five- and ten-year option. They also spoke to the reopening of the Palisades nuclear power plant and the working relationship with Wolverine, Holtec and Hoosier Energy for purchase power. The tentative on-line time frame is fall 2025 to spring 2026.
 6. Michigan Electric Cooperative Engineering and Operations Association (MECOA) Annual Conference on May 8 & 9, **M/S Gasperich/Lehto** recommend the training be attended by Aho and Sironen.
 7. Tom Sobeck – Presque Isle Electric and Gas Coops offered his services for consulting. He is retiring from PIE&G on June 30th and will be available.

8. **M/S Gaunt/Myhren** to outsource our accounting with Bauman Associates, Ltd., all in favor, motion passed.
9. **M/S Gaunt/Koski** to receive with regret and place on file the letter of resignation from Eugene Soumis, all in favor, motion passed.
10. **M/S Myhren/Gaunt** have Dallas Aho as the acting general manager of the Cooperative, with increased benefits while he is functioning in this capacity, roll call vote, Myhren, Yes, Gaunt, Yes, Koski, Yes, Lehto, Yes, Hodges, Yes, Gasperich, Yes, all in favor, motion carried.
13. Around the Table Discussion – all quiet.
14. Executive Session called by the President at 12:17.
Returned to regular session at 12:40. No action taken
15. Next Meeting Date: May 17, 2024
16. Adjournment by Myhren at 12:41, sine die.


William Hodges, President


Mildred Ann Gasperich, Secretary

We the undersigned Directors of the Ontonagon County Rural Electrification Association do hereby confirm, approve and ratify in all respects the above minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 19, 2024.

