## A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ONTONAGON COUNTY R.E.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS HELD AT 500 JAMES K PAUL STREET ONTONAGON MICHIGAN

## Minutes January 17, 2025, 9:30 A.M.

- 1. Hodges called the regular meeting to order at 9:30
- 2. Roll Call Hodges, Cal Koski, Myhren, Gasperich, Paul Koski, and Gaunt, Lehto participated via teams. Others Present: General Manager Aho, Justin Sironen, Kelsey Preiss. Consultant Tom Sobeck and Attorney Greeley also participated via teams.
- 3. Executive Session was not called.
- 4. Member Comment Session Mr. Pat Kitzman asked how to request information. He was told a copy of the policy would be provided to him. Mr. Kitzman again inquired how to request information. He again was told a copy of the policy would be provided. After five minutes Mr. Kitzman was asked if he had any other comments, as this is a member comment section not a question and answer. He continued to ask how to request information, and was told multiple time a copy of the policy would be provided to him after the meeting. He was again informed his five minutes of member comment session was over, if he refused to leave the Ontonagon County Sheriff's Department would be called. He refused to leave. The call was placed for the Sheriff's Department to remove Mr. Kitzman from the building. The meeting was then called off at 9:47, until the Sheriff arrived and Mr. Kitzman was off the premises. The meeting resumed at 10:20
- 5. M/S Myhren/Gaunt to approval the agenda, all in favor, motion passed.
- 6. **M/S Gaunt/Myhren** to approval the Minutes of December 20, 2024, as presented. All in favor, motion passed.
- 7. Attorney Reports The attorney provided updates to items of interest.
- 8. The Operations' Report Vision Metering is 89.5 % complete, zero accidents, zero near misses in December.
- 9. CEO Report was presented. Discussion was held on the Youth Tour. Three have applied. Calvin Koski, Ann Gasperich and CEO Dallas Aho will interview the candidates.
- 10. Financial Report
  - a) Financial Statements for period ended 11/01/2024
  - b) PSCR Over/Under Collection for period ended 12/31/2024
  - c) List of Bills December, 2024

**M/S Myhren/C Koski** to accept the reports as presented. Questions asked and answered regarding RUS documents, all in favor, motion passed.

- 11. Business Requiring Board Action
  - a. Board Signatures for December 20, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

## 12. Other Business

- a. Net Metering Update draft tariff was presented. It was discussed. Attorneys were asked to review. It will be on the agenda in February again for further discussion.
- b. M/S Gaunt/Gasperich to adopt the 2025 budget as presented on RUS Form 7, Roll Call Vote, all in favor, motion passed.
- 13. Directors Other Comments comments were discussed. Again, the staff was thanked for the amazing job they are doing.
- 14. Next Meeting Date: February 21, 2025
- 15. Adjournment Myhren at 11:19 Meeting adjourned 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.