

The Ontonagon County Rural Electrification Association
The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
At 500 James K Paul Street, Ontonagon, MI

On Friday, August 21, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to call.

Directors present:

Wayne Heikkinen, Bill Hodges, Mike Urbis, Ann Gasperich, George Rajala,
and Calvin Koski. A quorum was present.

Others present:

Debbie Miles, General Manager and Pat Greeley, Counsel.

Mark Urbis, Line Superintendent (for his report).

No members appeared for the Member Comment Session.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Rajala, seconded by Heikkinen . On a voice vote the motion passed.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:04A and came out of session at 9:12A.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2020 meeting was made by Gasperich , seconded by Rajala; on a voice vote the motion passed.

Attorney Greeley provided updates on:

- the Covid-19 related financial relief in the form of the PPP (Payment Protection Program) pertaining to the Ontonagon Co. REA.
- updated the Board on progress with franchise agreements with local units of government.

Line Superintendent, Mark Urbis presented his safety and progress report. R.O.W. brushing, trimming, and brush mowing is progressing well with the REA in house crew.

A motion to approve the Attorney's and the Line Superintendent's reports was made by Gasperich, seconded by Urbis, on a voice vote the motion passed.

Manager Miles presented the financial statement and continued the ongoing discussion regarding the PSCR over/under collection status.

A motion to approve the Manager's Reports was made by Heikkine , seconded by Gasperich , on a voice vote the motion passed.

9. Business requiring Board action:

A motion was made by A.Gasperich, seconded by G.Rajala; on voice vote, the motion passed, to approve the following:

- RUS Form 219, Inventory of Work Orders, for period ended 06/30/2020 in the amount of \$87,204.10.
- Special Equipment Summary for the period ending 06/30/2020 in the amount of \$4,108.61.

C. Metering System: The Board has received studies from two pilot programs in the U.S. that are utilizing the metering system that is being considered by the REA and is also being used by Presque Isle Electric & Gas, a Michigan Cooperative. At the July 2020 Board meeting, Wesley Repke (Presque Isle Electric & Gas) presented information on the new metering system. The Board concluded that having an independent pilot program for the REA was no longer required (see June 2020 minutes) due to the information from previous programs.

As a result, a motion was made by M.Urbis, seconded by Heikkinen, on a voice vote the motion passed to:

“Enter into a feasibility study with “Vision” (the metering provider) for upgrading the REA’s present metering system.” Representatives from both Vision and Presque Isle Electric & Gas will be present at the September Board meeting to discuss the proposal as well as the logistics to launch the upgrades.

Annual Meeting: After discussing several options, a motion was made by G. Rajala, seconded by W. Heikkinen, on a voice vote the motion passed.

Cancel the 2020 Annual Meeting due to Covid-19 and to post pertinent information relating to the Annual Meeting on the REA website.

Open Board Seat: District 1 Board member F. Wiideman resigned for personal reasons. After discussion, a motion was made by A. Gasperich, seconded by M. Urbis. On a voice vote the motion passed, 5 ayes, 1 opposed, to:

Offer the runner up of the June 2019 District 1 election to fill the seat to complete the remainder of the term. If it is declined, the offer for the seat will be presented to the second runner up. If the second runner up declines, the REA will seek letters of interest from members of the District.

The Board members strategic planning session will be held in September.

A motion to approve the list of Bills and the Financial Report was made by Heikkinen, seconded by Hodges. On a voice vote the motion passed.

Other Business:

Discussion continues for a succession plan for a future General Manager position.

A copy of the REA Mission Statement was presented to Board members.

Operation Round-up: will be discussed next month.

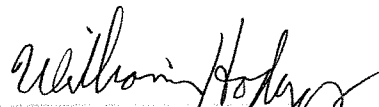
Survey: The bid was awarded to have a boundary survey on the REA parcel at the corporate office in Ontonagon.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Friday, September 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Koski adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

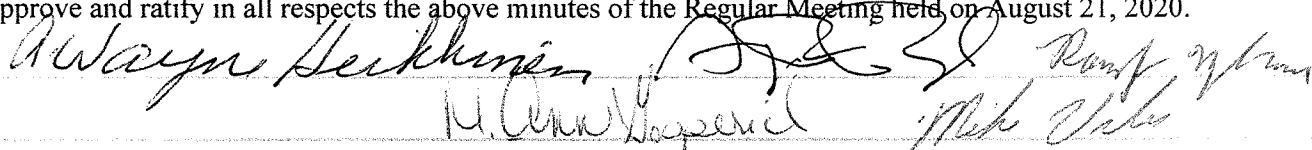


Calvin Koski, President



William Hodges, 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 held on August 21, 2020.



Being, all of the Directors of the Ontonagon County Rural Electrification Association.