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

On Friday, September 18, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to call.

Directors present:

Wayne Heikkinen, Bill Hodges, Mike Urbis, Ann Gasperich, George Rajala, Randy Myhren, 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 Gasperich, seconded by Rajala. On a voice vote the motion passed.

Executive Session: There was no executive session.

A motion to approve the minutes, with corrections, of the August 21, 2020 meeting was made by Gasperich, seconded by Rajala; on a voice vote the motion passed.

Attorney Greeley provided updates on:

- will personally reach out to William Menge in an effort to create dialog regarding the Menge parcel.
- updated the Board on the positive aspects of the REA'S current R.O.W. clearing/brushing program to reduce liability and increase efficiency.

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.

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

A motion to approve the Attorney's report, the Manager's Reports, and the Line Superintendent's report was made by Myhren, seconded by Rajala, on a voice vote the motion passed.

## 9. Business requiring Board action:

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

- RUS Form 219, Inventory of Work Orders, for period ended 07/31/2020 in the amount of \$21,947.43.
- Special Equipment Summary for the period ending 07/31/2020 in the amount of \$14,725.78.
- **C. Metering System**: The Board met with Wesley Repke (Presque Isle Electric &Gas) and Randy Austin (Vision, the AMI provider) to hear further information regarding the new metering system capabilities, to have questions answered, and discuss the logistics of launching the system. The Board concluded that the REA should proceed forward with the installation of the Vision AMI (metering system).

As a result, a motion was made by Koski, seconded by Myhren, on a voice vote the motion passed to:

Launch Phase 1 of the AMI system within District #2, Ewen/Trout Creek, and to form a subcommittee that will keep the Board informed about the progress of the project.

- D. PSCR Base Factor: Continues to be discussed in the Managers report.
- **E. Mission Statement:** after discussion a motion was made by Gasperich, seconded by Myhren, on a voice vote the motion passed to: Change the REA mission statement to read as follows.

"Members serving Members, Powering the Future: -Safe -Reliable -Innovative"

- **F. RD Apply:** A motion to approve two resolutions pertaining to the RUS (Rural Utility Services) was made by Gasperich, seconded by Myhren, on a voice vote the motion passed. A copy of the two resolutions is attached and included with the September 18, 2020 minutes.
- **10A. New Business:** A motion was made by Myhren, seconded by Gasperich, on a voice vote the motion passed to: Dissolve all REA Board Committees, i.e. Finance, Human Resources, etc. and to address matters pertaining to the differing committees as a Board, when necessary.
- B. A motion was made by Myhren, seconded by Hodges, on a voice vote the motion passed to:

Eliminate the inclusion of the "Payroll Labor Check Register" in the Board meeting documentation provided to Board members for each monthly meeting.

11A. Strategic Planning Session: The Board of Directors, General Manager, and Line Superintendent attended a two day Strategic Planning Session on September 15-16 conducted by Aaron Stallings of the Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC). Issues discussed included an industry update, a review and discussion of strategic issues and goals identified, development of a timeline and action plan.

**Other Business:** A reorganizational meeting was held after the conclusion of the regular monthly Board of Directors meeting to appoint officers for the upcoming year. Results: President-Calvin Koski;

Vice President-William Hodges; Secretary-Ann Gasperich; Treasurer-Randy Myhren.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Friday, October 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Koski adjourned the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

Calvin Koski, President

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William Hodges, Segretary

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 September 18, 2020.

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