

**On Thursday, October 18, 2016, at 10:00 a. m.**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ontonagon County Rural Electrification Association was held at 500 James K. Paul St., Ontonagon, MI, on Thursday, October 18, 2016, at 9:50 a.m. Secretary Myhren appointed Rajala to record the Board Meeting Minutes. Rajala reported the following directors present: Wayne Heikkinen, Calvin Koski, Paul Koski, Frances Wiideman, Tom List, Randy Myhren and George Rajala. A quorum was present.

Others Present: Debbie Miles, General Manager

There were no members present for the comment session.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Heikkinen and duly seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed all ayes.

The Board went into an executive session.

A motion to approve the minutes for the September 18, 2016, Board Meeting was made by Rajala and duly seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed all ayes.

A motion to approve the September and October Line

Superintendent's Report's and the Manager's Report was made by Myhren and duly seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed with all ayes.

A motion to approve the Special Equipment Summary in the amount of \$43,762.00 and RUS Form 219, Inventory of Work Orders, in the amount of \$110,772.43 for period ended 08/31/2016, was made by List and duly seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed all ayes.

A motion to approve the list of Bills and the Financial Report was made by Rajala and duly seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed all ayes.

Wiideman discussed Policy and Procedure Reports.

Succession planning was discussed and the manager was asked by the board to give at least six months' notice before retiring.

Redistricting will be presented to the membership at the next annual meeting.

Miles and Calvin Koski reported on the MECA Meeting held in Lansing on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The statewide apprentice program, fiber to the home and the MECA CEO evaluation was discussed at that meeting. The importance of the director training that will be held in Traverse City in

February 2017, was stressed and all new directors are encouraged to attend.

A motion to have a board member attend the KEDA meetings was made by Rajala and duly seconded. On a voice vote, the motion passed by a 4 to 3 vote. The nays were List, Paul Koski and Myhren.

The Energy Summit will be held in Marquette in February. All Board members are encouraged to attend.

Aaron Stallings of CFC addressed the board suggesting they schedule a strategic planning session in which CFC would facilitate at no cost to the coop. The session will be scheduled at later date.

The board took no action on a request for a donation to the Ontonagon Volunteer Fire Department.

A motion to adjourn was made by Myhren and duly seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed all ayes.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Calvin Koski adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.