

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

MINUTES  
October 24, 2022

1. **The regular meeting was called to order by President Bill Hodges at 9:33**– Roll call in the office Hodges, Koski, Myhren, Urbis, Gaunt, Gasperich via Teams and Lehto attempted to join via teams but was unsuccessful.
2. **Member comment session** -- none
3. **M/S Myhren/Urbis** to Approval the Agenda, with the addition of other business, line item F, request for per diem.
4. **Executive Session – Hodges** called for an executive session at 9:35 and returned to regular session at 10:13.
5. **M/S Koski/ Myhren** – To Approve Minutes of the September 23, 2022 meeting, passed.
6. **Attorney Reports** – Pat Greeley provided an update and the Corporate Resolution regarding the purchase of the L'anse shop property. The resolution was added to the Business requiring board action. (Line-item d.)
7. **Metering Update** – Line Superintendent Urbis advised the BOD that an additional 60' pole was necessary at the Bond Falls location due to the topography. A similar situation is likely in the Firesteel River location area.
8. **Line Superintendent's Report** was provided.
9. **Manager's Report**
  - a. Financial Statements for periods ending 09/30/2022
  - b. PSCR Over/Under Collection
  - c. And presented the list of bills  
**M/S Myhren/Koski** to accept the reports of the Line Superintendent, Attorney, and Manager, passed.
10. **Business Requiring Board Action**
  - a. Pension Restatement is an annual process that must be adopted signed and returned.
  - b. SES for Period ended 08/31/2022 in the amount of \$15,267
  - c. RUS Form 219 Inventory of Work Orders for period ended 07/31/22 in the amount of \$42,469 **M/S Myhren/Gasperich** to authorize the Pension Restatement, SES, RUS and pay the bills, passed.
  - d. **M/S Myhren/Gaunt** to adopt the resolution as presented by Attorney Greeley for the purchase of the L'anse property on Dynamite Hill Road, all in favor, motion passed.
11. **OTHER BUSINESS**
  - a. Dynamite Hill Road Purchase agreement was discussed, no significant issues were documented. We will continue with the scheduled closing on the property.
  - b. MECA-NRECA Cyber Security Training November 2, 2022. Mike Gaunt (Board Member) and CEO Eugene Soumis to Attend.
  - c. Aaron Stallings from CFC will present Key Ratio Trend Analysis (KRTA) to the Board during the November meeting.
  - d. Rate Increase discussions: since our last rate increase was over five years ago, we will discuss this with Aaron at the November meeting.
  - e. 2023 budget was discussed, including topics such as establishing a Fundraiser Fund (\$2K) to cover all service areas, initiating the MECA Youth Program – 3K allocated, the compensation for the future administrative assistant and the CFC Cost Study to be conducted in March 2023.

- f. Additional Per Diem for Koski for all of his work on the Dynamite Hill Property, **M/S Myhren/Gaunt**, passed.
- g. Hodges provided his projected expenses to attend an NRECA conference "Educating Board Members." Hodges will share his educational experience with the BOD. Thanks for agreeing to go!
- h. Policies and Procedures Update – Gaunt requested a copy of all the existing policies in word. He will include the date of origin of the policy as well as the updated date. He and Lehto will begin the updates when Jack returns.

12. Around the Table – Soumis asked us to take time to review the website and offer suggestions. Everyone is happy it is up and running.

13. Motion to adjourn – **Myhren /sin die TIME 11:58-**

14. Next meeting November 18, 2022

  
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**William Hodges, President**

  
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**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 held on July 15, 2022.**

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