

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
December 16, 2022

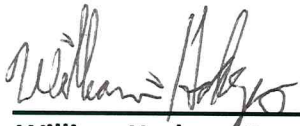
1. **The regular meeting was called to order by President Bill Hodges at 9:37**– Roll call Hodges, Myhren, Urbis, Gaunt, Gasperich, Lehto, and Koski.
2. **Member comment session** -- none
3. **M/S Gasperich/Gaunt** to Approval the Agenda, with the addition of the MECA Update and around the table.
4. **Executive Session – Hodges** called for an executive session at 9:37 and returned to regular session at 10:25.
5. **M/S Lehto/Myhren** – To Approve Minutes of the November 18, 2022 meeting, passed.
6. **Attorney Reports** – Pat Greeley informed the board regarding an easement request which was denied by a member, and the appropriate action to follow when this happens. He also spoke about a member that is interested in a petition for changes and has instructed that member to follow the outlined procedure in the by-laws.
7. **Metering Update** –The status of a pole placement in Chassell Township was provided. Additional poles have been set at Bond Falls and Wilderness Drive. Antennas and collectors have been added and both locations are now functioning properly. Thus far 1,235 meters have been deployed with 1,067 meters presently online. Mark Urbis is working with Vision (the provider) for technical support. Meters are currently being installed on Firesteel Road and US 45.
8. **Line Superintendent’s Report** was provided by Mark Urbis. Two journeymen electricians were sent to the Bayfield Wisconsin area to help restore power due to severe weather. Eight new services have been connected, seven old services reinstated and 22 transferred services. There were 19 service interruptions in November. The vegetation management crews have been working around Matchwood, Mass and Skanee. They have responded to 21 Tree Tickets and removed 709 danger trees.
9. **Manager’s Report**
 - a. Financial Statements for periods ending 11/30/2022
 - b. PSCR Over/Under Collection
 - c. Presented the list of bills
 - d. Special Equipment Summary (SES) for 10/31/2022, \$36,256.21.
 - e. There were no RUS Work orders for the period.
M/S Myhren/Gaunt to pay the bills, as well as accept the reports of the Line Superintendent, Attorney, and Manager, passed.
10. **Business Requiring Board Action**
 - a. **M/S Myhren/Gasperich** to approve the 2022 year-end write off list as presented., passed.
 - b. **M/S Gaunt Lehto** to authorize the Check Signators of Myhren, Hodges and Soumis.
11. **Other Business**
 - a. Fall 2023 Strategic Planning Conference will be set for the week of September 25, 2023. Final dates to follow.
 - b. The need for a Rate Change was discussed. A rate study will be conducted this spring. A “cost of service” study will be conducted this spring and will assist in recommending possible rate/fee changes
 - c. Manager Soumis provided an update to the Administrative Assistant Job applicants.
 - d. The 2023 budget was presented along with the review of the 2022 budget. **M/S Gasperich/Gaunt** to accept the 2023 budget with discussed changes.

e. The MECA Update was provided by Hodges. The top items of interest are power theft and continued implementation of our Safety Program. Our regular monthly safety meetings sponsored by MECA continue to ensure a safe work environment for our employees, members, and the community.

12. Around the Table – Each Director and the General Manager were provided an opportunity to bring up any items of interest not on the agenda.

13. Motion to adjourn – Myhren /sin die at 12:12 PM

14. Next meeting January 20, 2023

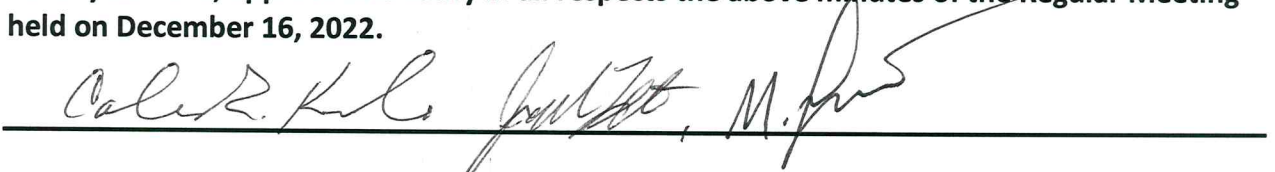


William Hodges, President



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 held on December 16, 2022.



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