

Ontonagon County REA Annual Meeting **Questions/Comments**

1. Have there been offers to purchase the REA? If so, what is the status of any offer?
 - a. **There have not been any offers to purchase the REA**
2. How do people give input on open meetings?
 - a. **You can call or email the office and talk to Dallas or Kelsey. daho@ontorea.com or kelsey@ontorea.com (906) 884-4151**
3. What is the percentage of net metered solar power on the REA grid? What is the cap?
 - a. **We're currently at 6%. At this time, we do not have a net metering cap.**
4. A few years ago, there was talk about the REA considering a solar generating plant on the brown fields. Is that still being considered? Why not? "Solar is cheapest."
 - a. **This is not an option with our current purchased power agreement.**
5. Would the BOD be willing to entertain having a "At Large" director? Would need Bylaws change. Interested in position but do not want to run against our current BOD because they do a great job!
 - a. **That is definitely something that the REA board can discuss.**
6. How many applied for "Youth Tour"?
 - a. **There were 4 applicants in 2025.**
7. When does the fiscal year end for the REA?
 - a. **December 31**
8. When is the audit to be completed and when is it required to be brought to the members? According to the Bylaws it is to be brought before the members at the next annual meeting is this correct?
 - a. **Audit reports shall be presented to the members at the following annual meeting**
9. Why was the audit not complete until Dec of 2024 as noted in the Dec 20th 2024 meeting minutes?
 - a. **The 2023 audit was not completed due to the fact that the former CEO left in April of 2024 and at that point had not been started.**
10. Whose responsibility was it to make sure the auditors had the necessary information to complete the audit?
 - a. **It is the CEO's responsibility to make sure the auditors have the necessary information to complete the audit. During the time that the audit would normally be completed there was no CEO and then an interim CEO.**
11. Who was the CEO during the year 2023?
 - a. **Eugene Soumis**

12. Is Mr. Aho an accountant as noted in the Feb 2024 minutes? If this is correct, was it necessary to hire an accounting firm?

- a. Mr. Aho is not an accountant. There will need to be an adjustment made to the minutes.

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- There needs to be a limit on how many comments/motions are made by one member. It was ridiculous.
- Gluten free food options – rolled meat without a bun, rice Krispie treats
- Door prizes only to members. Employees and DOB not eligible – speaks volumes to members.
- 2 – opens meetings – in evenings. Yearly – this is what CEC does and it works – or limit at monthly meetings. Member must set up appt.
- Let the BOD do their job! We voted them in.... Good job BOD!!!
- Round up program. To give back to the community.
- Thank you, BOD, for allowing “Youth Tour”. Awesome! How many applied?
- Thank you for making the outage map available on the website. Some suggestions to improve accessibility to the map:
 - Put a link on the Ontonagon REA main website page. I found the map by accident when I logged in to pay my bill this month. I happened to scroll down in my account page and noticed the outage map link. Shouldn’t have to log in to see the map.
 - The outage map link should go to the map, not a summary list.
 - Either:
 - add a link for the summary list too or
 - land at the map (from the outage map link) and provide a link to see the summary.
- We have added the “Outage Center” tab at the top of the webpage. There is a link to the outage map on that tab. Thank you for the suggestions!