

On Thursday, July 21, 2016, at 9:00 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, July 21, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to call.

Raj ala reported the following directors present: Wayne Heikkinen, Calvin Koski, Paul Koski, Frances Wiideman, Randy Myhren, Tom List and George Rajala. A quorum was present. Secretary Myhren appointed Raj ala to record the Board Meeting Minutes.

Others Present: Debbie Miles, General Manager

At 9:00 a.m., President Calvin Koski called the Board Meeting to order. Member Bruce Johanson made comments on the annual meeting and is questioning the board's decision to not allow members to attend the regular board meeting. Johanson commented that twenty minutes was not adequate for a question and answer session at the annual meeting and the secretary's report was insufficient. There were no other members present.

Jeremy Abcock, Federated Insurance, presented the Board with a Plaque for "for no loss time" for 2015. There has been no loss time since October of 2005. The coop's worker's compensation rates reflect that record.

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

There was no Executive Session.

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

A motion to accept the Line Superintendent's Report and the Manager's Report was made by Heikkinen and duly seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed all ayes.

A motion to approve the RUS Form 219 Work Order in the amount of \$8,605.93 and the Special Equipment Summary in the amount of \$5,113.65 was made by Myhren 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.

Miles presented member comments on the annual meeting. It was suggested that the breakfast be discontinued at the meeting. It was also suggested that the cost of service study be shared with the membership, redistricting needs to be a priority and that twenty minutes was not sufficient for questions and answers.

Redistricting was discussed. Calvin Koski noted that most members do not see any need to change the current district structure. The Board agreed and no action was taken.

Calvin Koski and Rajala discussed board per diem increases. After discussion no action was taken.

Miles discussed vegetative management and feels we should move forward on spraying.

A motion to contribute \$200.00 to Country Lines for a picture contest was made by Wiideman and duly seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed all ayes.

Miles discussed 990 Disclosures.

The coop had received a "Third Call for Voluntary Additional Capital 2016" from ATCLLC in the amount of \$7,681.00. Motion was made by Myhren and duly seconded approving the contribution. On a voice vote the motion passed all ayes.

Miles stated that the Cost of Service will be discussed at the next meeting when more information will be available.

A donation to the Ontonagon County Labor Day Festival was tabled.

The board discussed the "Member Comment Sessions". There is no board policy governing those sessions and it is at the discretion of the board as to how those sessions will be conducted. The member comment session is just that, a comment session, not a debate and the "practice" of the board will be to hear each member individually."

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Calvin Koski adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am.

Calvin Koski, President

Randy Myhren, Secretary