

**The Ontonagon County Rural Electrification  
Association**

**The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
500 James K Paul Street, Ontonagon, MI.**

**On Thursday, September 21, 2017, 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, September 21, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to call.

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President, Calvin Koski.

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

Others Present: Debbie Miles, General Manager  
Eric Baker, Wolverine Power Supply

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

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Kitzman of Matchwood addressed the Board during the member comment session. The Kitzmans were given 5 minutes and after 10 minutes were asked by the Board President to leave. After being asked to leave twice, Mrs. Kitzman left but Mr. Kitzman refused. The Ontonagon County Sheriff was at the office and asked Mr. Kitzman to leave the board room or be arrested. Mr. Kitzman was arrested and taken from the board room.

Eric Baker, President and CEO of Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative gave the Board a brief overview of Wolverine and the services they offer. Wolverine is a transmission cooperative located in Cadillac, MI.

The Board went into an executive session at 9:30 a.m. and resumed the regular meeting at 9:45 a.m.

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2017 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 and Manager's Reports was made by Heikkinen and duly seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed, all ayes.

A motion to approve the Special Equipment Summary in the amount of \$4,585.66 and RUS Form 219, Inventory of Work Orders, in the amount of \$9,015.95, for period ended 07/31/2017, was made by Myhren and duly seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed, all ayes.

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


A Notice of Fourth Call for Voluntary Additional Capital Contributions for 2017 was received from ATCLLC in the amount of \$4,608. The contribution was approved on motion by Myhren and duly seconded. Motion passed on a voice vote, all ayes.


The Vegetation Management Program was discussed. Rajala expressed his disappointment with Calvin Koski's decision to remove the Aura area from the spraying program and pointed out the problems that would come with that decision.

The manager informed the Board that there are Board policies regarding board compensation and another giving the Board the discretion as to whether or not the meetings are open or closed.






The Board took no action on donation requests.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Calvin Koski adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

  
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Calvin Koski, President

  
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Randy Myhren, 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 September 21, 2017.

    
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