

The Ontonagon County Rural Electrification Association  
The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
At 500 James K Paul Street, Ontonagon, MI  
On Thursday, April 20, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to call.

Secretary Myhren appointed Director Moore to record the Board Meeting Minutes.

Directors present:

Wayne Heikkinen, Calvin Koski, Frances Wiideman, Jim Moore, Randy Myhren, and George Rajala. Paul Koski was absent. A quorum was present.

Others present:

Debbie Miles, General Manager and Theodore Greeley, Counsel.

No members appeared for the Member Comment Session.

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

The board met in Executive session from 10:02 to 10:05 a.m.

Upper Peninsula Power Company will attend the next board meeting to present their vision for electric power in the UP.

A motion by Rajala, seconded by Heikkinen to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2018 meeting; on a voice vote the motion passed, all ayes.

Corporation counsel Greeley reported on a member communication he received and the board discussed the proper course of action. Greeley also notified the board of the pending wholesale power agreement with Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative. With board approval today, only approval from RUS is required.

A motion to approve the Wolverine Power Agreement was made by Rajala, seconded by Myhren; on a voice vote the motion passed, all ayes. Assuming RUS approval, Wolverine will provide wholesale power to the Ewen/Trout Creek substation starting January 1, 2019 and the remainder of the substations starting January 1, 2021.

Wolverine proposed the best and lowest bid for providing wholesale power to the coop.

Line Superintendent Bill Tucker reported that one of the digger trucks may need significant repairs or be replaced; it is the oldest vehicle in the fleet. The Boston/Lake Linden tieline is progressing well and may be available January 2019.

Miles reported that disconnects have started for non-payment of bills. Initial concerns that indigent members would not be able to obtain government assistance were mollified with news that significant federal funds are being distributed.

A motion to approve both the Line Superintendent's and Manager's Reports was made by Myhren, seconded by Wiideman; on a voice vote the motion passed, all ayes.

A motion to approve the Special Equipment Summary in the amount of (\$541.01), a credit, for the period ended 2/28/2018 as well as the RUS Form 219, Inventory of Work Orders in the amount of \$33,813.15 for the period ended 1/31/2018 was made by Rajala and seconded by Myhren. 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 seconded by Heikkinen. On a voice vote the motion passed, all ayes.

A motion to approve the contribution of \$9,217.00 in response to an ATC Call for Additional Capital was made by Myhren and seconded by Moore. On a voice vote the motion passed, all ayes.

A motion to approve the expenditure of per diem/mileage for those board members wishing to attend the UP Energy Summit in Marquette, May 23, 2018, was made by Rajala and seconded by Wiideman. On a voice vote the motion passed, all ayes.

Nominating petitions will continue to be available at the office or by contacting Miles.

The cost of providing information in response to members' request was discussed, specifically, maps of districts. Prior practice has been to charge a fee reflecting any extra personnel time required to fulfill the request; this will continue.

Preparation for the annual meeting, June 16, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at the Chassell High School, continues with decisions made as to: meeting manager, Ted Greeley, motivational speaker, Johnathan Mantila and secretary, Donna Siren.

The board decided to discontinue membership in the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

A request for a contribution from a charitable organization was tabled.

Myhren proposed and Rajala seconded, a donation, equal to last year's, to UPSET West. On a voice vote the motion passed, all ayes.

The next Board Meeting will be held on May 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Calvin Koski adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

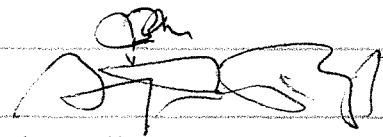


Calvin Koski, President



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 April 20, 2018.



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