

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF  
CHERRYLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

May 22, 2023

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Cherryland Electric Cooperative was held at the Cooperative office in Grawn, Michigan on May 22, 2023.

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by President Schweitzer.

Present: David Schweitzer, President  
Melinda Lautner, Sr. Vice President  
Gabe Schneider, Secretary  
Thomas Van Pelt, Treasurer  
Valarie Handy  
Terry Lautner  
Dean Adams  
Tony Anderson, General Manager  
Dawn Garrock, Assistant Secretary

Mr. Mark Wilson, CFO; Mr. Frank Siepker, Engineering Manager; Ms. Deidra Charnes, Human Resources Director; Mr. Jeff Puffer, Safety Director, Mr. Greg Jenkins, General Counsel and Mr. Jason Rice, Metering Supervisor, joined the meeting.

President Schweitzer reviewed the board agenda. Motion by Ms. Lautner, supported by Mr. Schneider, and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

No members present for public input.

The April Safety Report was discussed.

The April meeting minutes were discussed. Motion by Mr. Lautner, supported by Ms. Handy and carried to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on April 24, 2023.

Mr. Wilson gave his CFO report.

Mr. Rice gave a special presentation on Renewable Energy Rates which included Net Metering, Buy All-Sell All, Community Solar and Large Renewable Energy. Details of each plan were presented showing current metrics.

Mr. Wilson presented the Economic Development Loan Program including the program history, USDA requirements, past investments, loans by business segments, and options to manage increased interest in the Loan Program going forward.

Managers' reports were reviewed and discussed.

The board recessed for a break at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:34 a.m.

There was no old business to discuss.

New business was discussed.

Cherryland Cares Bylaws revisions were presented to the Board. The revisions were administrative and made to accurately reflect how the Cherryland Cares Board is currently operating. After review and discussion, the changes were approved. Motion by Mr. Schneider, supported by Mr. Lautner and carried to approve the revisions to the Cherryland Cares Bylaws.

A CFC Voting Delegate was discussed for the upcoming 2023 CFC Annual Membership Meeting. Mr. Anderson stated that he would be attending the meeting and could serve as the voting delegate. Motion by Mr. Schneider, supported by Ms. Lautner and carried to approve Mr. Anderson as the voting delegate.

Mr. Wilson stated that the signatories on the PNC Bank accounts would need to be changed from Mr. Anderson to Ms. Johnson. Motion by Mr. Lautner, supported by Mr. Van Pelt and carried to approve the removal of Mr. Anderson and the addition of Ms. Johnson as a PNC Bank signatory.

The upcoming Annual Meeting was discussed. The business meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. and Ms. Lautner volunteered to read the Invocation.

Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative matters were discussed. Mr. Schneider will attend the June Wolverine Board meeting as guest director.

Mr. Schneider provided an update on MECA. The Strategic ADHOC committee had a successful first meeting in which they discussed statewide issues, the cost for long periods of outages and energy waste reduction.

The General Counsel report was discussed.

Upcoming meetings were discussed.

Cooperative advocacy issues were discussed.

Mr. Anderson gave his final remarks to the board as the General Manager of Cherryland Electric Cooperative after 20 years of service.

At 11:33 a.m. the board entered into Executive Session by motion of Mr. Schneider, supported by Mr. Adams and carried to enter executive session.

At 11:38 a.m. the board ended Executive Session by motion of Mr. Schneider, supported by Mr. Adams and carried to end executive session.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved to adjourn, supported, and carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

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David Schweitzer, President

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Gabriel Schneider, Secretary

We, the undersigned directors of the Cherryland Electric Cooperative, do hereby approve, ratify, and conform to all respects of the above and foregoing minutes of this regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said Cooperative and each and every step taken and performed thereat.

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