

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
CHERRYLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

August 28, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Cherryland Electric Cooperative was held at the Cooperative office in Grawn, Michigan on August 28, 2023.

Meeting was called to order at 8:58 a.m. by President Schweitzer.

Present: David Schweitzer, President
Gabe Schneider, Sr. Vice President
Valarie Handy, Secretary
Thomas Van Pelt, Treasurer
Terry Lautner
Melinda Lautner
Dean Adams
Rachel Johnson, CEO
Dawn Garrock, Assistant Secretary

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

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

No members present for public input.

The July Safety Report was discussed. The Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program will be at CEC in September for a safety review. Results will be shared at the October board meeting.

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

Mr. Eric Baker, of Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, gave a special presentation on Strategic Opportunity – Securing our Energy Future which outlined potential directions to strengthen their energy portfolio.

Ms. Deidra Charnes, Human Resources Director, presented the results of the 2023 collective bargaining meetings and a proposed contract to the board. After some discussion, the board approved the 2023 collective bargaining contract as presented. Motion by Mr. Lautner, supported by Ms. Handy and carried to approve the 2023 collective bargaining contract as presented.

The board recessed for a break at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

Managers' reports were reviewed and discussed.

Ms. Johnson discussed the energy legislation package that Governor Whitmer will be speaking about on Wednesday. Topics are expected to include energy waste reduction; 100% coal free by 2030 and statewide zoning for renewables by 2035.

Ms. Johnson reported that the yearly visits to CEC's economic loan recipients went well. Several member businesses are considering a second request.

Ms. Johnson shared with the board that CEC will pilot a 4-day work week next year between Memorial Day and Labor Day. She outlined several operational advantages and stated that there will be stats to evaluate the effectiveness of the schedule.

At 12:06 p.m. the board entered into Executive Session to discuss cooperative matters and old business. Motion by Mr. Van Pelt, supported by Mr. Schneider and carried to enter Executive Session.

At 12:18 p.m. the board ended Executive Session by Motion of Mr. Schneider, supported by Ms. Lautner and carried to end Executive Session.

New business was discussed.

Mr. Wilson presented CoBank renewal documents. No action was required of the board.

Two board members, one director and one employee, are needed to serve a one-year term on the Spartan Renewable Board. Motion by Mr. Schneider, supported by Ms. Lautner and carried to nominate Terry Lautner and Frank Siepker for potential election.

Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative matters were discussed.

Mr. Schneider provided an update on MECA and the Strategic ADHOC committee.

The General Counsel report was discussed.

Upcoming meetings were discussed.

Cooperative advocacy issues were discussed. Mr. Van Pelt shared that he has been asked to apply for a seat on the Leelanau Energy Future Taskforce. The taskforce will explore usage and future possibilities for Leelanau County.

At 12:41 p.m. the board entered into a second Executive Session to discuss exempt wages. Motion by Ms. Lautner, supported by Mr. Schneider and carried to enter Executive Session.

At 12:49 p.m. the board ended Executive Session by Motion of Mr. Van Pelt, supported by Mr. Schneider and carried to end Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Lautner, supported by Mr. Schneider and carried to authorize implementation of the requested exempt payroll as proposed.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved to adjourn, supported, and carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

David Schweitzer, President

Valarie Handy, 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.

