

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
CHERRYLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

May 20, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Cherryland Electric Cooperative was held at the Cooperative office in Grawn, Michigan on May 20, 2024.

Meeting was called to order at 8:59 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 (attended virtually)
Rachel Johnson, CEO
Shannon Beery, Assistant Secretary

Mr. Mark Wilson, CFO; Mr. Frank Siepker, COO; Ms. Deidra Charnes, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Courtney Doyle, Communications & Member Relations Manager; Mr. Greg Jenkins, General Counsel; and Mr. Dan Grignon, Right of Way 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 were present for public input.

The April Safety Report was discussed with no major safety incidents to report. Spring safety trainings have been widely attended by cooperative staff.

The April meeting minutes were discussed. Motion by Mr. Van Pelt, supported by Ms. Lautner, and carried to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting, held on April 22, 2024.

Managers' reports were reviewed and discussed.

New business was discussed.

A voting delegate for the 2024 CFC Annual Meeting was needed. Motion by Mr. Schneider, supported by Mr. Van Pelt, and carried to approve Mr. Schweitzer as the 2024 CFC Annual Meeting voting delegate.

The 2024 NCSC Annual Meeting voting delegate was needed. Motion by Mr. Schneider, supported by Ms. Lautner, and carried to approve Ms. Johnson as the 2024 NCSC Annual Meeting voting delegate.

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Cherryland Cares Board member, Alisa Korn, has vacated her seat on the board after serving one term. Having previously expressed interest in serving on the Cherryland Cares Board, Chet Janik confirmed his wishes to fill the At-Large seat’s vacancy. The board discussed Mr. Janik’s continued interest and appointed him as a new board member on the Cherryland Cares Board. In addition, the term of current Cherryland Cares Board Chairperson, Mike Kenney, was up for reappointment. Motion by Mr. Lautner, supported by Mr. Schneider, and carried to approve the appointment of Chet Janik and reappointment of Mike Kenney to the Cherryland Cares Board.

Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative matters were discussed.

Mr. Schneider provided a brief update on MECA. The 5-year services agreement between MECA and Wolverine is being finalized. MECA is preparing for their biannual board meeting, to be held on May 30, 2024 at Shanty Creek.

The General Counsel report was discussed.

Upcoming meetings were discussed.

Cooperative advocacy issues were discussed.

The board recessed for a break at 10:19 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Ms. Johnson and Mr. Siepker provided an update on facilities planning and welcomed the Cunningham-Limp planning team to the meeting. The planning team provided an overview of their process and shared feedback from employee focus groups and tours of BATA’s future facility, Great Lakes Energy, Presque Isle Electric & Gas, and Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, then answered questions from the board regarding same.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved to adjourn, supported, and carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.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.

