



**Nobles Cooperative  
Electric**

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## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

October 13, 2022 – Worthington, MN

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Directors in attendance: Ron Schwartau, Lee York, Cindy Hokeness, Jerry Beckering, Gary Clarke, Timothy Bickett, and David Dorpinghaus.

Other attendees: Chief Executive Officer (CEO)/General Manager Adam Tromblay, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Sherry Swanson, Line Superintendent Brian Postma, Member Services Manager Tracey Haberman, and Executive Assistant Amy Rucker.

### **Executive Session**

The Board met in executive session.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schwartau at 8:00 a.m. and a quorum was acknowledged.

Chairman Schwartau said that he would like other board members to have the opportunity to chair board meetings in order to build leadership skills within the board. Director Dorpinghaus agreed to chair the meeting.

### **Notice of Meeting**

The notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the bylaws.

### **Appointment of Recording Secretary**

Chairman Dorpinghaus appointed Executive Assistant Rucker as the recording secretary for the meeting.

### **Approval of Agenda**

An agenda was presented for the board's consideration and approved.

### **Line Superintendent's Report**

Line Superintendent Postma gave the operations department report, including an update on safety activities since the last board meeting.

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

The September 12, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

The following consent agenda items were approved: disbursements for the period of September 2022; membership applications and cancellations, and assignment of membership and capital credits to joint tenants.

### **December 2022 Board Meeting**

December 21, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

### **Resolution in Favor of Prairie Island Energy, LLC Power Purchase Agreement**

After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Resolution in Favor of Prairie Island Energy, LLC Power Purchase Agreement (NCE 22-10-01).

### **Attorney Invoice**

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the attorney invoice.

### **2023 Youth Tour Sponsorship**

It was decided to continue the Youth Tour sponsorship in 2023 and budget for one participant to attend.

**February Safety Meeting**

Ideas for a joint meeting in February with Federated Rural Electric were discussed, including safety topics and the video of the presentation of “Minnesota Cooperatives’ Success at Managing Risk” by Todd Rapp of Rapp Strategies, Inc. A potential date for the meeting will be discussed at the November meeting.

**Director/Member Engagement**

Director Hokeness summarized a conversation she had with a member at the Grab-N-Go.

Director York described several conversations with members regarding their concerns about a new wind project in his district.

Director Dorpinghaus has had conversations, but not complaints, with members regarding rates.

**Delegate for Mid-West Electric Consumers Association Annual Meeting**

Director Beckering is the delegate for Mid-West Electric Consumers Association Annual Meeting and will attend. Director Hokeness will be the alternate in case Director Beckering cannot attend.

**Course and Meeting Attendees**

Upcoming courses and meetings were discussed.

Director Dorpinghaus will attend the November 2-3 Great River Energy (GRE) board meeting as a guest director.

**Director Reports**

Director York updated the board and staff on GRE, while Director Schwartau updated the board and staff on the Minnesota Rural Electric Association.

**CEO and CFO Reports**

CEO/General Manager Tromblay gave his monthly report.

CFO Swanson presented the monthly financial report.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report subject to audit.

Member Services Manager Haberman reported on her department’s September activities and statistics.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.