



**Nobles Cooperative  
Electric**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

February 16, 2023 – Worthington, MN

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

Other attendees: Chief Executive Officer (CEO)/General Manager Adam Tromblay, Line Superintendent Cody Hansen, Member Services Manager Tracey Haberman, and Executive Assistant Amy Rucker.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman York at 8:47 a.m. and a quorum was acknowledged.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Notice of Meeting**

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

### **Appointment of Recording Secretary**

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

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

The January 19, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

### **Getting to Know NCE Employees**

Employees Steve Burdick and Rick Leebens joined the meeting for a few minutes to reintroduce themselves to the board and share highlights of their jobs.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

The following consent agenda items were approved: disbursements for the period of January 2023, membership applications, membership cancellations, along with the settlement of accrued capital credits of deceased members and members requesting transfers of accrued capital credits.

### **Capital Credits Transfer Request**

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to transfer capital credits from 18240 (Leota Café/Harriet Kroontje) to 7238 (Gerrit Kroontje).

### **April 2023 Board Meeting**

April 14, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

### **Attorney Invoice**

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

### **Annual Cogeneration Report**

After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the 2022 Annual Cogeneration Report.

### **Project Falcon**

Options for Project Falcon were discussed and a preferred approach was agreed upon.

### **Homestead Funds Account Overview**

Brian Allen, Head of Cooperative Relationships at Homestead Funds, joined the meeting virtually to give an overview of current market conditions and NCE's account and to answer questions.

**Board Policies**

The board reviewed each current policy. Those needing revision will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**Director/Member Engagement**

Members continue to express concerns about the readiness of electric vehicles for the rural Minnesota market.

**Minnesota Soybean Processors (MnSP) Annual Meeting Representative**

The board appointed Dave Dorpinghaus to represent the cooperative at the MnSP Annual Meeting on March 25. A letter will be sent to MnSP stating the above.

**Great River Energy (GRE) Director Nomination and Annual Meeting Delegate Appointment**

After a vote, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to nominate Director York for election as GRE director.

Motions were made, seconded, and carried to appoint Lee York as the delegate and Tim Bickett as the alternate for GRE’s April 5 annual meeting.

**Course and Meeting Attendees**

Upcoming courses and the National Rural Electric Association’s (NRECA) Legislative Conference were discussed.

**Director Reports**

Director York updated the board and staff on GRE.

Director Schwartau updated the board and staff on the Minnesota Rural Electric Association.

**Management Reports**

CEO/General Manager Tromblay gave his monthly report.

The monthly financial report was presented.

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

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

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

**NRECA International Electrification Project**

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve partnering with Minnesota and Iowa cooperatives in the NRECA International Electrification Project in Guatemala in 2024.

**Innovative Ideas**

Director Beckering and Bickett talked about some of the topics presented at the Directors Conference they attended.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.