



**Nobles Cooperative
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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2024 – Worthington, MN

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

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Schwartzau at 8:32 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

Chair Schwartzau appointed Executive Assistant Rucker as the recording secretary for the meeting.

Board Meeting Minutes

The February 15, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda Items

The following consent agenda items were approved: disbursements for the period of February 2024, membership applications, membership cancellations, assignment of stock certificate and capital credits to joint tenants, capital credits transfer requests, and a request to split capital credits.

May 2024 Board Meeting

May 20, 2024, at 8 a.m.

Attorney Invoices

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the January and February attorney invoices.

Great River Energy (GRE) Community Program Contribution

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to designate \$250 to the Veterans Suicide Prevention Training Event sponsored by the American Legion Erwin March Post 64 in Slayton.

Irrigation Service Schedule

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the new Irrigation Service Schedule.

Board Policies

The board reviewed each current policy. Policies needing revision will be reviewed at the next meeting and a new policy regarding cybersecurity was proposed.

Director/Member Engagement

Members asked Director Schwartzau about the survey. One called him about the new building.

Director York visited with a member from Fulda who had concerns about our new building and wondered whether we could install a sprinkler system in the current office building for the potential day care pods. CEO Tromblay said that he was told the construction of the current office building doesn't require sprinklers.

Members asked Director Bicket about the new building. Another member asked him about wind turbines.

Director Hokeness talked with an individual regarding the PACE program. The individual also asked whether our net metering rates are confidential.

Conference Attendees

Director Hokeness will attend the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Legislative Conference.

Director Reports

Director York gave an update on GRE.

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

CEO/General Manger Report

CEO/General Manager Tromblay completed his monthly report to the board.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to schedule a board/staff visit to the Twin Cities to visit the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) and GRE on September 9 and 10

Financial Report

CFO Reemtsma presented the monthly financial report. Director Bickett requested monthly average kWh for the Brewster wind turbine for the past 12 months.

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

Other Management Reports

Member Services Manager Haberman reported on upcoming events, as well as her department's February activities and statistics.

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

Other Business

At the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Annual Meeting, Director Hokeness talked with Fast Forward, a company that does automated line patrol and thermal inspections. She shared a video that shows their process and results.

Director Schwartau thanked Director Dorpinghaus for serving on the board for the past 3 years.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.