

# MEETING MINUTES



## May 23, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

### Dakota Electric Association Board Members in Attendance

**DISTRICT 1**

John DeYoe  
David Jones  
Jerry Pittman

**DISTRICT 2**

Terry Donnelly  
Bill Middlecamp  
Clay Van De Bogart (Virtual)

**DISTRICT 3**

Ken Danner  
Margaret Schreiner  
Cyndee Fields

**DISTRICT 4**

Paul Bakken  
Jenny Hoeft  
Stacy Miller

### Staff/Guests in Attendance

Jon Beyer	Ryan Hentges	Betty Jo Kiesow	
Melissa Cherney	Corey Hintz	Mjyke Nelson	Tony Hoff, SBS
Adam Heinen	Jeff Schoenecker	Sara McGrane	Tim Masa, CBS

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### Minutes

TOPIC	DETAILS																
<b>Call to order</b>	Chair Paul Bakken called the regular meeting of the Dakota Electric Association Board of Directors to order at 8:30 a.m. and presided. A quorum was present.																
<b>Agenda Adoption</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the agenda.</li> </ul>																
<b>Annual Board Reorganization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to move into closed session.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attorney Sara McGrane presided over the annual board reorganization with the results as follows:                                     <table border="1" data-bbox="479 1558 1084 1944"> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Chair:</b></td> <td>Paul Bakken</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Vice Chair:</b></td> <td>Jerry Pittman</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Secretary:</b></td> <td>Terry Donnelly</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Treasurer:</b></td> <td>David Jones</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>GRE Director Seat 1:</b></td> <td>Margaret Schreiner</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>GRE Director Seat 2:</b></td> <td>Bill Middlecamp</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>MREA Director:</b></td> <td>John DeYoe</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>*Audit Committee:</b></td> <td>Clay Van De Bogart Cyndee Fields Bill Middlecamp Jenny Hoeft</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Chair:</b>	Paul Bakken	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Jerry Pittman	<b>Secretary:</b>	Terry Donnelly	<b>Treasurer:</b>	David Jones	<b>GRE Director Seat 1:</b>	Margaret Schreiner	<b>GRE Director Seat 2:</b>	Bill Middlecamp	<b>MREA Director:</b>	John DeYoe	<b>*Audit Committee:</b>	Clay Van De Bogart Cyndee Fields Bill Middlecamp Jenny Hoeft
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	*David Jones, Treasurer, is ex-officio member
<b>*Unclaimed Capital Credits Committee:</b>	John DeYoe Bill Middlecamp Clay Van De Bogart Terry Donnelly
<b>*Board Retreat Delegation:</b>	Stacy Miller John DeYoe Bill Middlecamp Cyndee Fields
<b>*Election Committee:</b>	Bill Middlecamp John DeYoe Margaret Schreiner Paul Bakken
<b>*CEO Performance Review Committee:</b>	John DeYoe Stacy Miller David Jones Bill Middlecamp Terry Donnelly

\*Paul Bakken is an ex-officio member of all Committees as Board Chair.

- The Board reviewed their compensation and decided not to make any changes to Board compensation.

**Member Comments**

No members provided comments to the Board.

**Consent agenda**

- ✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the consent agenda.
  - April 25, 2024 board meeting minutes
  - April board legal fees
  - Rural Utilities Service security and data grant application requirement – resolution 24-5-1
  - 2025 board meeting dates

**Executive closed session**

- ✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to move into closed session. Tim Massa of Cooperative Building Solutions, and Jeff Schoenecker, VP Utility Services, provided an update on the facility planning process.

**Executive closed session**

- ✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to move into closed session. Adam Heinen, VP Regulatory, provided an overview of the rate case process. John Beyer, VP Member and Energy Services, provided an update on load growth. Ryan Hentges, CEO, provided management perspectives.

**Post-election review**

Survey and Ballots representative Tony Hoff reviewed the results of the 2024 annual director election. The total vote count was down slightly from 2023.

**CEO report**

CEO Hentges provided an overview of the resiliency priority in the strategic plan and future plans with the director of the safety role.

**Corporate Insurance**

- ✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt resolution 24-5-2. This resolution clarifies that staff has the authority and responsibility to negotiate and contract for appropriate corporate insurance. The Board will authorize the expenditure as part of the yearly operating budget.

**Great River Energy**

Directors Margaret Schreiner and Clay Van De Bogart provided a Great River Energy update, including continued work on large-scale wind options and New ERA funding.

**Minnesota Rural Electric Association**

Director John DeYoe provided a Minnesota Rural Electric Association update including MREA's facility planning process.

**Attorney update**

Attorney Sara McGrane provided an overview of this month's legal work including Election questions, property tax appeal, and human resource advice.

**Executive Closed Session**

- ✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to move into closed session. Sara McGrane conducted annual legal updates and harassment training.

**Adjournment**

- ✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn at 3:45 p.m.