

MEETING MINUTES



July 25, 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 (Virtual)
Clay Van De Bogart (Virtual)

DISTRICT 3

Ken Danner (Virtual)
Margaret Schreiner
Cyndee Fields

DISTRICT 4

Paul Bakken
Jenny Hoeft
Stacy Miller

Staff/Guests in Attendance

Jon Beyer	Ryan Hentges	Betty Jo Kiesow	
Trina Sandlie	Corey Hintz	Mjyke Nelson	
Adam Heinen	Jeff Schoenecker	Steve Yoch	Tim Masa, CBS

Members in Attendance

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Minutes

TOPIC	DETAILS
Call to Order	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.
Agenda Adoption	✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the agenda.
Member Comments	No members provided comments to the Board.
Consent Agenda	✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the consent agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ May 23, 2024, board meeting minutes▪ May board legal fees▪ June board legal fees▪ 2023 Charitable Organization Annual Report Form
Meeting and Event Delegates	After a brief discussion, the following individuals were selected to represent Dakota Electric. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dakota County Fair 4-H Livestock Auction – Jenny Hoeft▪ NRECA/CFC District 6 Meeting – Bill Middlecamp, John DeYoe as the alternate▪ NARUC Annual Meeting – Adam Heinen

Executive Closed Session	<p>✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to move into closed session.</p> <p>Jeff Schoenecker, VP of Utility Services reviewed the letter of intent terms for land purchase.</p>
Facility Planning Report	<p>Jeff Schoenecker, VP Utility Services, Corey Hintz, VP Financial Services, Jon Beyer, VP Energy & Member Services reviewed the needs assessment, projected financial impact and project communications plan. After discussion and a Q & A period, the board considered resolution 24-7-1.</p> <p>✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried on a 11-1 vote to adopt resolution 24-7-1. This resolution authorizes staff to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Sign a Letter of Intent to purchase land 2.) Sign a Purchase Agreement of the land, after completion of necessary due diligence 3.) Sign the Design/Build Agreement with Cooperative Building Solutions 4.) Complete the design phase of the facility plan
Executive Closed Session	<p>✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to move into closed session.</p> <p>CEO Ryan Hentges briefed the board on GRE member Crow Wing Power transitioning from member to customer.</p>
Crow Wing Power	<p>✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve Resolution 24-7-2. The resolution provides Dakota Electric’s approval of the Crow Wing Customer contract. The board also selected David Jones as the delegate for the August 1, 2024, member meeting at GRE.</p>
CEO Report	<p>CEO Hentges provided an overview of the energy optimization priority in the strategic plan. A quarterly update of the cooperative scorecard was provided, along with a review of the strategic project list. Hentges provided an update on Safety and recommendations related to open safety and administrative positions.</p>
Quarterly Financial Report	<p>Corey Hintz, VP of Financial Services, provided a financial update noting operating expenses are \$33 million or 3.9% favorable to budget and power costs are \$72.6 million or 7.1% favorable to budget. Overall YTD kWh sales are 852.2 million or 4.5% unfavorable to budget and revenue is \$102.5 million or 5.6% unfavorable to budget.</p>
Great River Energy	<p>Directors Margaret Schreiner and Bill Middlecamp provided a Great River Energy update, including continued work on GRE rates, serving large loads, along with discussions involving financing future transmission investments.</p>
Minnesota Rural Electric Association	<p>Director John DeYoe provided a Minnesota Rural Electric Association update, including MREA’s facility planning process and ongoing district meetings.</p>
Executive Closed Session	<p>✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to move into closed session.</p> <p>Jon Beyer, VP Energy & Member Services, along with CEO Hentges provided an update on continuing large load discussions with multiple parties.</p>

Board Retreat Follow-up

- ✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to discontinue the Board Working Group focusing on DEI goals. The board recognized the work group made strides in this area of focus and the work will continue as a committee of the whole.

Attorney Update

Attorney Steve Yoch provided a written overview of this month's legal work.

Adjournment

- ✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn at 1:25 p.m.