



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

**DAKOTA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION®
BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2022**

Dakota Electric Association Board Members in Attendance:

District 1

John DeYoe
David Jones
Jerry Pittman

District 2

Bill Middlecamp
Clay Van De Bogart

District 3

Ken Danner
Bill Holton
Margaret Schreiner

District 4

Paul Bakken
Judy Kimmes
Stacy Miller

Staff in Attendance:

Jon Beyer
Melissa Cherney
Dan Haller
Adam Heinen

Corey Hintz
Betty Jo Kiesow
Lindsay LaScotte

Sara McGrane
Greg Miller
Joe Miller

Mjyke Nelson
Jeff Schoenecker
Allie Shetler

Guests and Members in Attendance:

Matt Gilley

Doug Larson

Rich Macke

Todd Rapp

Call to Order

Chair Jerry Pittman called the regular virtual meeting of the Dakota Electric Association Board of Directors to order at 8:31 a.m. and presided. A quorum was present.

Agenda Adoption

✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the agenda.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the consent agenda.

- Minutes of March 31, 2022 Board Meeting
- Attorney's Monthly Fees – Resolution 22-4-1
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- Committee Recommended CEO Compensation
- Meeting Attendance Authorization
 - CoBank 2022 Energy Directors Conference
 - CFC 2022 Forum

2022 Great River Energy Member Survey

Todd Rapp presented to the board an overview of the 2022 Great River Energy member survey results.

2022 Dakota Electric Member Survey Allie Shetler presented to the board an overview and key highlights of the 2022 Dakota Electric member survey noting our website received its highest member approval recorded.

Board Chair Update Chair Pittman provided an update regarding various events and activities during the month of April.

President and CEO Report Vice President of Information Services and CIO Mjyke Nelson provided updates regarding ERP, new board room equipment installed for future hybrid meetings, iPad replacements and cybersecurity. Vice President of Utility Services Jeff Schoenecker noted Dakota Electric will be replacing 45 year old fuel tanks with new tanks. Vice President Schoenecker then provided updates regarding reliability.

Vice President of Regulatory Services Adam Heinen provided a legislative update noting the PUC approved Dakota Electric's 2022 Optional Renewable Energy Rider (Wellspring) rates. Vice President Heinen then highlighted the remote capabilities now possible due to AGi, specifically remote reconnects that will then allow us to waive the reconnection fee. Vice President of Energy and Member Services Jon Beyer provided an update related to a possible commercial land development involving a beverage bottling manufacturing facility.

Vice President of Engineering and Administrative Services Betty Jo Kiesow provided an update regarding an electric vehicle case study to better determine how adding EV to a household would affect electric usage and metering. Vice President Kiesow then provided an overview of the Energy Academy Brainstorming event at Xcel attended by energy providers and local community and technical colleges to focus on recruiting and removing barriers to provide direct access to employment opportunities at utility companies for underrepresented populations in Minnesota.

Vice President of Financial Services and CFO Corey Hintz provided an update regarding average delinquent member account balances noting an average delinquent balance of \$4.7 million which is a slight decrease from the previous month. CEO Miller concluded with updates related to safety week, Dakota Electric hosting University of Minnesota students and issues related to the Connexus exit.

Quarterly Financial Update CFO Hintz provided a first quarter financial update noting operating expenses are 14.6 million or 2.9 percent favorable to budget. However, overall kilowatt sales are 440.3 million kWh or one percent unfavorable to budget and power costs are 36.3 million or five percent unfavorable to budget.

2021 Patronage Capital Allocation Resolution ✓ **A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the 2021 Patronage Capital Allocation – Resolution 22-4-2.**

- Purchasing Resolutions** ✓ **A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Revised Primary Cable – Resolution 22-4-3 and the Dodd Park Substation Switchgear – Resolution 22-4-4.**
- Great River Energy** Directors Margaret Schreiner and Clay Van De Bogart provided a Great River Energy update regarding approved resolutions, highlights from the Cooperative Network virtual Minnesota Day at the Capitol and continued use of the 2021 budget until the sale of Coal Creek Station and HVDC transaction is complete in May.
- Minnesota Rural Electric Association** Director Stacy Miller provided a Minnesota Rural Electric Association update and shared highlights from the Electrify Minnesota event held on April 27 in Minneapolis, MN.
- Attorney Update** Attorney Sara McGrane provided an update noting extensive work this month related to election questions.
- Executive Session** ✓ **A motion was made, seconded and carried to move into Executive Session at 2:06 p.m.**
- Discussion was held taking a closer look at the impact to Dakota Electric as a result of the Connexus exit.
- A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to move out of Executive Session and convene into open session at 3:30 p.m.**
- Adjournment** ✓ **A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn at 3:31 p.m.**

Melissa Cherney, Recorder