



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

**DAKOTA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION®
BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 30, 2022**

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

District 3

Ken Danner
Bill Holton
Margaret Schreiner

District 4

Paul Bakken
Judy Kimmes
Stacy Miller

Staff in Attendance:

Jon Beyer
Melissa Cherney
Adam Heinen

Corey Hintz
Sara McGrane

Greg Miller
Joe Miller

Mjyke Nelson
Jeff Schoenecker

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.

Executive Closed Session

✓ **A motion was made, seconded and carried to move into Executive Session.**

A discussion was held regarding next steps in transition and hiring planning for the CEO and President position as a result of Greg Miller's notice of retirement in April 2023. A special committee was formed including Directors Paul Bakken, Bill Middlecamp, Margaret Schreiner, Terry Donnelly, Ken Danner and Alternate Stacy Miller. Directors, Attorney Sara McGrane and Melissa Cherney were present.

✓ **A motion was made, seconded and carried to move into Regular Session.**

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 May 26, 2022 Board Meeting
- Attorney's Monthly Fees – Resolution 22-6-1
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- Amendment and Restatement of Retirement Security and/or 401K Pension Plans – Resolution 22-6-2
- 2021 Draft Form 990

Dakota Electric Solar Performance Review	Vice President of Energy and Member Services Jon Beyer and Vice President of Utility Services Jeff Schoenecker presented an overview of 2018-2021 solar financial and energy performance at the Marshan, Randolph and Vermillion substations.
Future Timing of Annual Board Retreat	In coordination with the timing of the 2022 annual board retreat due to 2021 COVID-19 delays; the annual board retreat will now occur in June following the annual election and board reorganization.
Great River Energy Director Guest Attendance	Directors Bill Middlecamp and Terry Donnelly were elected to represent Dakota Electric as guest director attendees at the October 5-6, 2022 Great River Energy Board Meeting. Directors Stacy Miller and John DeYoe will be alternates.
Great River Energy	Directors Clay Van De Bogart and Margaret Schreiner provided a Great River Energy update regarding finance, Project Tundra, excessive outages due to major storms, current budget and safety.
Minnesota Rural Electric Association	Director Stacy Miller provided a Minnesota Rural Electric Association update regarding an Education Committee, changes to social media staff, noting all staff are in-house now; and the Energy Issues Summit scheduled for August 10-11, 2022.
President and CEO Report	<p>Vice President of Energy and Member Services Jon Beyer provided an update related to commercial land development involving a beverage bottling manufacturing facility noting a signed agreement is now in place. Vice President of Engineering and Administration Betty Jo Kiesow noted Dakota Electric was a recipient of the Employer of Excellence award again this year and then shared highlights from the Dakota Electric Employee Appreciation event.</p> <p>Vice President of Financial Services and CFO Corey Hintz provided an overview of delinquent accounts highlighting the decrease in overall balance shows improvement. Vice President of Information Services and CIO Mjyke Nelson provided updates related to the cybersecurity audit and technology equipment delays. Vice President of Utility Services Jeff Schoenecker spoke to recent tragedies and injuries in the linemen community. Vice President Schoenecker then provided updates regarding major events, reliability and fuel costs noting we will be over budget in 2022 due to significantly increased fuel costs.</p> <p>Vice President of Regulatory Services Adam Heinen provided legislative updates noting an increase in complaints to the Public Utilities Commission due to the start of disconnection season. President and CEO Greg Miller then concluded with a safety update, a review of the first post strategic planning meeting with GreatCo-Ops and a possible change to Dakota Electric operational hours.</p>

Attorney Update Attorney Sara McGrane provided an overview of this month's work on Dakota Electric related topics.

Adjournment ✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn at 12:11 p.m.

Melissa Cherney, Recorder