

# MEETING MINUTES



## September 29, 2022 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

#### DISTRICT 3

Ken Danner  
Bill Holton  
Margaret Schreiner

#### DISTRICT 4

Paul Bakken  
Stacy Miller

### Staff in Attendance

Jon Beyer  
Melissa Cherney  
Corey Hintz

Adam Heinen  
Betty Jo Kiesow

Greg Miller  
Joe Miller

Mjyke Nelson  
Jeff Schoenecker

### Guests and Members in Attendance

Richard Billion

Sara McGrane

### 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>	✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the agenda as amended.
<b>Approval of the Consent Agenda</b>	✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the consent agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minutes of the August 25, 2022 board meeting</li><li>• August board legal fees</li><li>• Support of the 2023 Dakota Cares campaign – resolution 22-9-1</li></ul>
<b>Electric vehicle future</b>	Vice President of Regulatory Services Adam Heinen provided an update related to the future of electric vehicles including the pros and cons of sub-metered rate design, times of use and charging as a service.
<b>Long range financial forecast</b>	Vice President of Financial Services and CFO Corey Hintz presented the Dakota Electric long range financial forecast. Annual projections are designed to calculate a high level 10 year forecast noting several considerations that can impact the forecast including but not limited to weather, member growth, power costs and inflation.

✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the long range financial forecast – resolution 22-9-2.

**CEO report**

CEO Greg Miller provided an overview of this month’s report highlighting that Dakota Electric received \$415,000 in LIHEAP funds to help assist eligible members; October is cybersecurity month and trainings will be sent to all employees and directors; 2023 budget planning has begun; and needed wire and cable purchases in the coming months due to extensive supply lead times.

**Strategic plan discussion**

CEO Miller provided an overview of the most recent draft of the strategic plan including revisions previously received in writing from directors. A discussion was held for additional suggested revisions and another draft will be brought to the board for review in the coming months.

**Great River Energy**

Directors Margaret Schreiner and Clay Van De Bogart provided a Great River Energy update including a construction project and wind farm purchase in North Dakota, new committee assignments, increasing natural gas prices and a proposed rate increase.

**Minnesota Rural Electric Association**

Director Stacy Miller provided a Minnesota Rural Electric Association update noting a recent wage survey that is now available and the upcoming legislative session in January 2023.

**NRECA Region 5 & 6 meetings report**

Directors John DeYoe and Bill Middlecamp provided an overview of their attendance at the NRECA Region 5 & 6 meetings in September.

**Legislative Session**

Director Schreiner, Vice President Heinen and CEO Miller provided an overview of their attendance at the legislative session in Washington, D.C. in September.

**Attorney update**

Attorney Sara McGrane provided an overview of this month’s work on Dakota Electric related topics and noted Judge Spicer has agreed to be the arbitrator for the 2023 election season.

**Incumbents seeking re-election**

Chair Bakken requested indication of interest for those up for re-election in 2023. Directors John DeYoe – District 1, Bill Middlecamp – District 2, Margaret Schreiner – District 3 and Paul Bakken – District 4 will all seek re-election in the 2023 annual election.

**Confidential Data Review**

Staff reviewed Dakota Electric policies related to the handling of confidential data.

**Executive closed session**

✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried to move into closed session.

The CEO Search Committee provided an update related to transition planning. Directors, Attorney Sara McGrane and Melissa Cherney were present.

✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried to move into regular session.

**Adjournment**

✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn at 1:14 p.m.