

MEETING MINUTES



November 17, 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

Mjyke Nelson
Jeff Schoenecker

Guests and Members in Attendance

Mike Bull

Matt Gilley

Dan Haller

David Sommer

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.
	✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried to move into closed session.
Executive Closed Session	Vice President of Information Services and CIO Mjyke Nelson provided an update to the board regarding a recent cybersecurity incident.
	✓ 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 as amended.
Approval of the Consent Agenda	✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the consent agenda as amended. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Minutes of the October 27, 2022 board meeting▪ October board legal fees▪ Attorney annual fee proposal

MREA 2023 legislative priorities	Mike Bull, Director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs at MREA was in attendance to speak with Dakota Electric regarding the focus of their 2023 legislative initiatives and priorities.
Approval of pulled Consent Agenda items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the bad debt – resolution 22-11-1. ✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried by an 10-1 majority to approve the Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency power supply contract – resolution 22-11-2.
Section II Policy update	✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve Policy Book Section II, Policy 1, Employee leave Benefits, with edits noted, effective 11-17-2022.
2023 board meeting date changes	✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the changes to the 2023 board meeting calendar.
CEO report	CEO Greg Miller provided an overview of this month’s report and spoke to employee holiday party planning, a bottling plant update and the NISC kick-off meeting.
2023 & 2024 construction budget	✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the 2023 and 2024 construction budget – resolution 22-11-3.
Great River Energy	Directors Margaret Schreiner and Clay Van De Bogart provided a Great River Energy update including a safety update, 2023 meeting date revisions, a strategic plan revision to list safety first, and rate increases.
Minnesota Rural Electric Association	Director Stacy Miller provided a Minnesota Rural Electric Association update and reviewed Project Tundra, REPAC suggested donations and noted two upcoming events; Power Energy Summit in Nashville March 3-8, 2023 and the Director Meeting in Kansas City February 6-8, 2023.
NARUC report	CEO Miller, Vice President Adam Heinen and Chair Bakken provided an overview of their attendance at the NARUC Annual Meeting that took place in New Orleans November 13-16, 2023.
Strategic Plan and Risk Register Discussion	CEO Miller provided an overview of the risk register template and shared an example of the risk mitigation form. Great Co-Ops consultants Matt Gilley and David Sommer joined virtually to answer any questions and provide additional detail regarding the board’s governance role in relation to the risk register. This will be reviewed again in December.
Attorney update	Attorney Dan Haller provided an overview of this month’s work on Dakota Electric related topics including cybersecurity issues, employee leave policy and land acquisition.
Adjournment	✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn at 1:49 p.m.