

# MEETING MINUTES



## December 22, 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

Matt Hillmann

Sara McGrane

Sarah Rauf

### Minutes

TOPIC	DETAILS
<b>Call to order</b>	Chair Paul Bakken called the virtual 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.
<b>MN NRECA Youth Leadership Council Representative</b>	2022 Lakeville North High School graduate Sarah Rauf was selected to represent Dakota Electric as one of five local high school students to send to NRECA’s Youth Tour in Washington D.C. in June 2022. Ms. Rauf was then selected by her peers to represent Minnesota on the Youth Leadership Council. As part of her participation on the council, Ms. Rauf provided a speech related to leadership to the the Dakota Electric Board as her local cooperative.
<b>2022-223 education donation recipient</b>	Northfield School District Superintendent Matt Hillmann was present as a recipient of this year’s Dakota Electric education donations to thank the board and share some highlights of where the funding will be used to most benefit the school district.

<b>Approval of the Consent Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the consent agenda as amended. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minutes of the November 17, 2022, board meeting</li> <li>▪ November board legal fees</li> <li>▪ Meter purchase – resolution 22-12-1</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>2023 operating budget</b>	<p>CEO Miller and senior management staff presented the 2023 Operating Budget. The 2023 budget includes a projected revenue of \$228.3 million, an estimated 1.874 billion in kWh sales and projected operating margin of \$477 thousand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the 2023 operating and three-year budget – resolution 22-12-2.</li> </ul>
<b>Legislative event</b>	<p>Discussion was had related to legislative events and Chair Bakken noted Director Margaret Schreiner, Director Stacy Miller and Vice President Adam Heinen will coordinate Dakota Electric events related to the next legislative session.</p>
<b>Risk register discussion</b>	<p>CEO Miller provided an overview of the risk register template and shared examples of the risk mitigation forms noting categories, impact, and rank determination. This will be reviewed again in January.</p>
<b>CEO report</b>	<p>CEO Greg Miller provided an overview of this month’s report. Vice President Adam Heinen provided an update related to government grants and Vice President Jon Beyer provided an update related to economic development.</p>
<b>Great River Energy</b>	<p>Directors Margaret Schreiner and Clay Van De Bogart provided a Great River Energy update including a safety update, 2023 meeting date revisions, regional meeting dates and 2023 strategic planning.</p>
<b>Minnesota Rural Electric Association</b>	<p>Director Stacy Miller provided a Minnesota Rural Electric Association update including safety updates, strategic planning, and ACRE rebranding.</p>
<b>2023 Nominating Committee selection</b>	<p>Nominating Committee applicants were placed in a pool of their assigned districts determined by their member address and two committee members along with one alternate were chosen by random for each of the four districts.</p>
<b>Attorney update</b>	<p>Attorney Sara McGrane provided an overview of this month’s work on Dakota Electric related topics including an employee related matter and an easement issue.</p>
<b>Executive Closed Session</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to move into closed session.</li> </ul> <p>Chair Bakken provided an update related to the CEO Search.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to move into regular session.</li> </ul>
<b>CEO Search</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to authorize the Board Chair to extend an offer of employment to Ryan Hentges to fill the position of President and CEO due to the retirement of current CEO Greg Miller.</li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn at 2:41 p.m.</li> </ul>