

MEETING MINUTES



January 26, 2023 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
Margaret Schreiner

DISTRICT 4

Paul Bakken
Stacy Miller

Staff in Attendance

Jon Beyer
Melissa Cherney
Corey Hintz

Adam Heinen
Betty Jo Kiesow

Sara McGrane
Greg Miller

Mjyke Nelson
Jeff Schoenecker

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.
Agenda adoption	✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the agenda.
Bill Holton remembrance	To honor the recent passing of Director Bill Holton, fellow directors paid tribute by sharing their favorite stories and memories.
Secretary appointment	Due to the passing of Director Bill Holton the Board held nominations to appoint a new secretary to fill the remainder of the one-year officer term. ✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to appoint Director Terry Donnelly as Secretary.
District 2 open seat discussion	The Board held discussions regarding the seat left open in district three due to the passing of Director Bill Holton. ✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to declare a vacancy and the open seat in district three will be filled with the 2024 annual election.

- ✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the consent agenda as amended. The Eagan franchise fee resolution was withdrawn to be considered at a future meeting.

Consent Agenda

- Minutes of the December 22, 2022, board meeting
- December board legal fees
- Eidswold Substation land purchase – resolution 23-1-2

Resolutions

- ✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the substation switchgear unit purchase – resolution 23-1-1.
- ✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried by an 8-1 majority with one abstention for the approval and acceptance of offer to amend power purchase contract – resolution 23-1-4.

Risk Register and Strategic Plan review

CEO Greg Miller provided an overview of the risk mitigation forms and noted the final draft of the strategic plan.

- ✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the 2022-2025 Strategic and Operating Plan.

CEO report

CEO Greg Miller provided an overview of this month’s report. Vice President Adam Heinen provided an update related to upcoming legislative requirements related to carbon free initiatives and the upcoming legislative gathering on February 21.

RTA Tutorial

Vice President Adam Heinen and Vice President Corey Hintz provided an overview of the rate tax adjustment (RTA) process.

2023 Youth Tour

Interviews for the 2023 youth tour applicants will take place on March 13 and 15, 2023. Directors John DeYoe, Bill Middlecamp, Jerry Pittman and alternate Clay Van De Bogart will help conduct the interviews.

Great River Energy

Directors Margaret Schreiner and Clay Van De Bogart provided a Great River Energy update including a safety update, perimeter security training of substation employees and regional meeting dates.

Minnesota Rural Electric Association

Director Stacy Miller provided a Minnesota Rural Electric Association update noting the availability of MREA weekly updates on Fridays during the legislative session, personnel changes and the 2023 MREA Annual Meeting February 21-22, 2023.

Election Committee report

Committee Chair Clay Van De Bogart provided an election update noting the candidate interviews are complete and results have been posted on the Dakota Electric election page.

Attorney update

Attorney Sara McGrane provided an overview of this month’s work on Dakota Electric related topics including election issues and land easements.

NRECA Director Election Voting Delegate

Director John DeYoe was designated as voting delegate on behalf of Dakota Electric for the upcoming NRECA Director Election and Director Margaret Schreiner was designated as the alternate.

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

Executive Closed Session

Chair Bakken provided an update related to the CEO Search.

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

Adjournment

✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn at 12:15 p.m.