

# MEETING MINUTES



## February 23, 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  
Adam Heinen

Ryan Hentges  
Corey Hintz  
Betty Jo Kiesow

Sara McGrane  
Greg Miller

Mjyke Nelson  
Jeff Schoenecker

### Minutes

TOPIC	DETAILS
<b>Call to order</b>	Chair Paul Bakken called the regular virtual 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>Introduction</b>	Chair Bakken introduced incoming CEO and President of Dakota Electric Association Ryan Hentges. CEO Hentges will assume the role on March 6 due to the retirement of current CEO Greg Miller.
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the consent agenda as amended. Resolution 23-2-1 and 23-2-3 were pulled for further discussion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Minutes of the January 26, 2023 board meeting as amended</li><li>▪ January board legal fees</li><li>▪ Contract underground locations work – resolution 23-2-2</li><li>▪ Primary cable purchase – resolution 23-2-4</li></ul>
<b>Resolutions</b>	✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Eagan Franchise Fee – resolution 23-2-1 and the distribution transformer purchase – resolution 23-2-3.

<b>Rate comparison presentation</b>	Vice President Adam Heinen provided an overview of electric charges, rate comparisons, historic rate analysis and monthly residential bill forecasts between Dakota Electric and surrounding service providers including Xcel, Minnesota Valley, Connexus and Wright-Hennepin.
<b>Meeting reports</b>	Staff and directors shared an overview of their attendance and experiences at the legislative gathering and the MREA annual meeting that took place February 21-22 in St. Paul.
<b>CEO report</b>	CEO Greg Miller provided an overview of this month's report with highlights on safety and weather. Vice President Betty Jo Kiesow provided an update related to recruiting noting the Energy Careers Academy and focus on diversity with an increase in trainee hiring due to the substantial number of retirees. Vice President Jeff Schoenecker provided an outage update.
<b>Great River Energy</b>	Staff and directors who attended the Great River Energy regional meetings provided an overview of their attendance and experiences. Directors Margaret Schreiner and Clay Van De Bogart provided a Great River Energy update.
<b>Minnesota Rural Electric Association</b>	Director Stacy Miller provided a Minnesota Rural Electric Association update noting the ACRE rebranding and an overview of the 2023 MREA Annual Meeting February 21-22.
<b>Election Committee report</b>	Committee Chair Clay Van De Bogart provided an election update noting the candidate rules meeting was convened prior to the regular board meeting.
<b>Audit Committee report</b>	Committee Chair Jerry Pittman provided an update noting auditors from Eide Bailly will attend the March board meeting to present the 2022 audit findings.
<b>Solar install update</b>	Vice President Jon Beyer provided an update regarding current net metering status at Dakota Electric, distributed energy process and solar developer concerns.
<b>Attorney update</b>	Attorney Sara McGrane provided an overview of this month's work on Dakota Electric related topics including New Market Substation, policy review, FMLA, record retention and the board candidate meeting.
<b>Adjournment</b>	✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn at 11:26 a.m.