

MEETING MINUTES



May 25, 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
Jenny Hoelt
Stacy Miller

Guests/Staff in Attendance

Jon Beyer
Melissa Cherney
Adam Heinen

Ryan Hentges
Corey Hintz
Tony Hoff, SBS

Betty Jo Kiesow
Brandon Lunde
Sara McGrane

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.

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

Attorney Sara McGrane presided over the annual board reorganization with the results as followed:

Executive closed session

Chair:	Paul Bakken
Vice Chair:	Clay Van De Bogart
Secretary:	Terry Donnelly
Treasurer:	Jerry Pittman
GRE Director Seat 1:	Clay Van De Bogart
GRE Director Seat 2:	Margaret Schreiner
MREA Director:	John DeYoe
*Audit Committee:	Clay Van De Bogart Jerry Pittman Bill Middlecamp Jenny Hoelt
*Unclaimed Capital Credits Committee:	John DeYoe Bill Middlecamp Clay Van De Bogart Terry Donnelly

*Board Retreat Delegation:	Stacy Miller John DeYoe Bill Middlecamp
*Election Committee:	Stacy Miller Terry Donnelly David Jones
*CEO Performance Review Committee:	John DeYoe Stacy Miller David Jones Bill Middlecamp

*Paul Bakken is an ex-officio member of all Committees as Board Chair.

Executive closed session	<p>CEO Ryan Hentges updated the board regarding a departmental staffing change.</p> <p>✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to move into regular session at 10:13 a.m.</p>
Agenda adoption	<p>✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the agenda.</p>
Consent agenda	<p>✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the consent agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minutes of the April 27, 2023 board meeting ▪ April board legal fees ▪ 2024 board meeting dates
Corporate insurance	<p>✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the 2023-2024 corporate insurance – resolution 23-5-1.</p>
Safety update	<p>Brandon Lunde provided a safety update to the board highlighting Dakota Electric’s safety initiatives, low number of recordables and our participation in the Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program (RESAP); noting Dakota Electric’s inspection is scheduled to take place in 2024.</p>
Post-election review	<p>Survey and Ballots representative Tony Hoff reviewed the results of the 2023 annual director election noting a decrease in member voting participation. Mr. Hoff then provided recommendations for future considerations to improve voter participation.</p>
CEO report	<p>CEO Hentges provided an overview of Dakota Electric happenings this past month including all staff meetings, budget updates, changes to CEO report formatting, external outage communications with members, changes to phone system and provided an update regarding the new substation in Elko, MN.</p>
Great River Energy	<p>Directors Margaret Schreiner and Clay Van De Bogart provided a Great River Energy update including auditor selection, vegetation management, transmission projects, outages, rates, increasing healthcare costs, business improvement plan, year-to-date financials and safety.</p>

Minnesota Rural Electric Association

Director Stacy Miller provided a Minnesota Rural Electric Association update including a grant application submission, building improvement discussions and the CURE scorecard; highlighting Dakota Electric's perfect score. Director Miller also noted the upcoming 2023 Energy Issues Summit in August at the Radisson Blu in Bloomington, MN.

Attorney update

Attorney Sara McGrane provided an overview of this month's work on Dakota Electric related topics including Minnesota Department of Revenue rules, union issue, NRECA's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion policy and a purchase agreement.

Adjournment

✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn at 1:16 p.m.