

MEETING MINUTES



February 22, 2024 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
Cyndee Fields
Margaret Schreiner

DISTRICT 4

Paul Bakken
Jenny Hoeft, virtual
Stacy Miller

Staff in Attendance

Jon Beyer
Melissa Cherney
Adam Heinen

Ryan Hentges
Corey Hintz
Betty Jo Kiesow

Sara McGrane
Mjyke Nelson
Trina Sandlie

Jeff Schoenecker

Guests in Attendance

Jerry Brown

Derik Dautel

Minutes

TOPIC	DETAILS
Call to order	Chair Paul Bakken called the regular meeting of the Dakota Electric Association Board of Directors to order at 10:45 a.m. and presided. A quorum was present.
Agenda adoption	<p>✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the agenda.</p>
Executive closed session	<p>✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to move into closed session at 10:46 a.m.</p> <p>Committee Chair Bill Middlecamp provided an update to the board regarding the status of the CEO performance evaluation process.</p> <p>✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to move into regular session at 11:15 a.m.</p>
Consent agenda	<p>✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the consent agenda as amended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes of the January 25, 2024 board meetingMinutes of the February 10, 2024 board special meetingJanuary board legal fees <p>Director Clay Van De Bogart requested the minutes of the February 10, 2024 special board meeting specify that he was the director that abstained from voting during the board action to open the 2024 annual election. Director Van De Bogart also requested the minutes of the January 25, 2024 board meeting specify his vote in favor of director term limits. Since the request was not made at the time of voting, it was agreed that the minutes of the February 22, 2024 board meeting would reflect his request but the previous minutes would not be amended. Director David Jones then requested the minutes of the February 22, 2024 board meeting include that the format to record a vote would be a future board discussion item.</p>

GRE resolution	✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried to vote in favor of amendment to appendix B of the Great River Energy transmission service contract – resolution 24-2-1.
CEO report	CEO Ryan Hentges provided updates related to safety, balanced scorecard, RESAP observation and facility planning.
2023 review	The executive leadership team provided a review and highlights regarding key projects, initiatives, accomplishments in 2023; including but not limited to a decrease in recordable injuries, continued success of the tree trimming initiative, clean audit of the 2022 financials, property tax appeal, completion of all 2023 budgeted construction plans, charitable giving and transitions to a cloud based Zoom phone system and IVUE finance system.
Bill comparison update	Vice President Adam Heinen provided an overview of electric charges, rate comparisons, historic analysis and monthly residential bill forecasts between Dakota Electric and surrounding service providers including Xcel, Minnesota Valley, Connexus and Wright-Hennepin
Legislative session	Vice President Heinen provided an update regarding this year’s legislative session noting that it coincides with the MREA annual meeting on March 19.
Audit Committee	Treasurer Jerry Pittman provided a 2023 financial audit update noting no issues at this point and representatives from Eide Bailly will attend the March meeting to provide a full report.
DEI workgroup	Director Stacy Miller provided updates to the board regarding the work being done by the DEI workgroup noting current Dakota Electric initiatives already in place. It was determined the workgroup will continue to meet, work with staff and bring additional information to the board for future discussions.
2024 Board retreat	Director Stacy Miller provided an update to the board regarding plans for the 2024 full day board retreat to be held on June 27, 2024 including possible venues, activities, training and facilitators.
2024 Annual Meeting	CEO Hentges provided an update regarding the 2024 annual meeting noting it will be held at the Rosemount Community Center again this year.
Adjournment	✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn at 3:26 p.m.