

CLOVERLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017
SAULT STE MARIE, MI

Call to Order

A Regular session of the board of directors of Cloverland Electric Cooperative was held on Friday, September 22, 2017 at 9:30a.m., 725 East Portage in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Chairperson Monroe called the meeting to order and lead the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board then recited the Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Roll Call was taken and the following were present: Chairperson Virgil Monroe, Vice Chairperson Ron Provo, Secretary/Treasurer Charlie Litzner, Directors Pete Legault, Richard Newland, John Sawruk, Carmine Bonacci, William LaLonde, and Jason St. Onge. President and CEO Dan Dasho and Cooperative Attorney Charles Palmer were also present.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Director Sawruk asked that an explanation of the \$375,000 increase in budget be added to the motion; \$300,000 for right of way, \$50,000 for training, and \$25,000 for the parking lot.

A motion was made to accept the August minutes as amended was made by Director Sawruk, supported by Director LaLonde. All directors voted in favor and the motion passed.

Board Concerns

The board discussed member concerns.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Director Newland, supported by Director LaLonde to enter inter executive session

A motion was made by Director St. Onge, supported by Director Bonacci to return to regular session of the board of directors.

Public Comment

Mr. Alden Guilmette joined the board of directors to present an idea regarding solar energy. Mr. Guilmette requested a rate of 11 cents a kilowatt hour from Cloverland Electric. CFO Malaski is the contact person for Mr. Guilmette.

Aaron Stallings, CFC Regional Vice President, joined the meeting to discuss financials with the board of directors.

President & CEO Report

President and CEO Dasho presented his report to the board of directors.

President Dasho reported on the current LSSU efforts regarding the Freshwater Research facility. President Dasho updated the board on FERC, circuit court filings and the Regional meeting which he and three members of the board attended the beginning of September.

Strategic Planning meeting will be December 14 and 15. Fall back dates will be December 17 and 18. Secretary/Treasurer Litzner asked that the November board meeting date be moved from Friday, November 17 to Monday, November 13.

Finance, Power Marketing and PSCR

CFO Robert Malaski entered the board meeting to discuss the financials and PSCR.

A motion was made by Director St. Onge, supported by Secretary/Treasurer Charlie Litzner to approve the estate retirements in the amount of \$8,190.06. All directors voted in favor and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Director Sawruk, supported by Director Litzner to enter into executive session.

The board returned to regular session.

A motion was made by Director LaLonde, supported by Director Sawruk to allow Director St Onge to continue real estate negotiations on Mackinac Island. A roll call vote was taken, all directors voted in favor and the motion passed.

Consent Agendas

A motion was made by Director Newland, supported by Director Legault to increase the Generation budget another \$40,000 in order to accomplish required EPA testing on the diesel units this year. A roll call vote was taken, Secretary/Treasurer Litzner voted against the motion, all other directors voted in favor, and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Director Provo, supported by Director St. Onge to approve the donation of \$1500.00 to Upward Community Project in Manistique. All directors voted in favor, and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Director Bonacci, supported by Director Sawruk to make Cloverland Regular Meetings of the Board open to the public, with the exception of personnel issues and critical, confidential information. A roll call vote was taken, Directors Litzner, Newland, Legault, Provo and Monroe voted against the motion, Directors Sawruk, Bonacci, St. Onge and LaLonde voted for the motion. The motion failed.

A motion was made by Director LaLonde, supported by Director Bonacci to split up the Regular Board meetings between the three districts, two meetings in each district starting 2018. A roll call vote was taken, Directors Litzner, Sawruk, Bonacci, St. Onge, and LaLonde voted for the motion; Directors Newland, Legault, Provo and Monroe voted against the motion. The motion passed.

Attorney's Report

Cooperative Attorney Chuck Palmer presented his report to the board of directors.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Next Regular Meeting of the Board

The next regular meeting of the board will be on Friday, October 20, 2017.

Vision Statement

The board then recited the vision statement.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Director Sawruk, supported by Director St. Onge to adjourn the meeting. All directors voted in favor and the motion passed.

By:


Secretary/Treasurer Charlie Litzner