



**Nobles Cooperative  
Electric**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

December 16, 2021 – Worthington, MN

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Directors in attendance: Lee York, Cindy Hokeness, Jerry Beckering, Gary Clarke, and Timothy Bickett. Director Schwartau joined via videoconference.

Absent: David Dorpinghaus.

Other attendees: Chief Executive Officer (CEO)/General Manager Adam Tromblay, Chief Financial Officer Sherry Swanson, Line Superintendent Brian Postma, Member Services Manager Tracey Haberman, Executive Assistant Amy Rucker.

### **Executive Session**

The Board met in executive session.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schwartau at 8:45 a.m. and a quorum was acknowledged.

### **Notice of Meeting**

The notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the bylaws.

### **Appointment of Recording Secretary**

Chairman Schwartau appointed Executive Assistant Rucker as the recording secretary for the meeting.

### **Approval of Agenda**

An agenda was presented for the Board's consideration and approved. Mike Bull and Jenny Glumack from MREA will postpone their meeting with the board until the January or February meeting.

### **MyMeter Demonstration**

Ed Houn, Vice President of Customer Development for Accelerated Innovations, gave a demonstration of MyMeter.

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

The November 17, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

The following consent agenda items were approved: disbursements for the period of November 2021 and membership applications and cancellations.

### **February 2022 Board Meeting**

February 16, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

### **Strategic Plan**

After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the 2022-2023 Strategic Plan presented by management.

### **2022 Work Plan and Budget**

Management presented key items in the 2022 Work Plan and Budget, which had been previously submitted to the board for review. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the 2022 Work Plan and Budget presented by management.

**Member Highlight: Fairland Farms**

Austin Williams, a Nobles Cooperative Electric member, joined the meeting and talked with the board about his family’s business, Fairland Farms.

**ORU Trust Board Change**

After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to appoint Brent Miller as the Nobles-Murray Rural Electric Trust Board member for District 2, replacing Marilyn Carlson who has served two consecutive terms.

**Conference Attendees**

The Great River Energy (GRE) Regional Meeting (February 9-10) and CoBank Minnesota Customer Meeting (March 17-18) were discussed.

**2022 Director Fees and Expenses**

The Board approved the 2022 Director Fees and Expenses.

**Director Reports**

Director York gave his monthly GRE report. Director Schwartau updated the Board and staff on the Minnesota Rural Energy Association (MREA). Director Beckering and CEO/General Manager Tromblay reported on the Mid-West Electric Consumers Annual Meeting.

**Management Reports**

Management gave their department reports.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Financial Report subject to audit. The board was also updated on safety activities since the last board meeting.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

**Executive Session**

The Board met in executive session.