



**Nobles Cooperative
Electric**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2021 — Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Board of Directors in attendance: Ronald Schwartau, Lee York, Gary Sieve, Cindy Hokeness, Jerry Beckering, and Gary Clarke.

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schwartau at 8:30 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 Amy Rucker as the recording secretary for the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Management and staff presented an agenda for the Board's consideration that was approved.

Board Meeting Minutes

The January 12, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda Items

The following consent agenda items were approved: disbursements for the period January 2021; membership applications and cancellations; along with the settlement of accrued capital credits of deceased members and members requesting transfers of accrued capital credits.

April 2021 Board Meeting

Monday, April 12 at 8:00 a.m.

Attorney Invoices

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the attorney invoices.

Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Rules, Policy, and Rate Schedules

Engineer Kristi Robinson of STAR Energy Services LLC joined the meeting via Zoom for a discussion on recommended changes to the DER rules, policy, and rate schedules.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to make the recommended changes to the “Cooperative Cogeneration Rules Implementing 216B.164”, Board Policy 4-20 “Cogeneration/Distributed Energy Resources”, Rate Schedule 18 “Distributed Generation (DG)” (to be renamed “Distributed Generation 40 kW and Greater”) and “2021 Cogeneration and Small Production Supplemental Schedule” (to be renamed Rate Schedule 20 “Distributed Generation Less Than 40 kW”). Rate Schedule 20 “Distributed Generation – General Service,” Rate Schedule 21 “Distributed Generation – Multi-Phase Service,” and Rate Schedule 22 “Distributed Generation – Large Power Service” were to be voided and no longer rate schedules.

Annual Cogeneration Report

After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the 2020 Annual Cogeneration Report.

NCE Annual Meeting Agenda

The Board reviewed the April 6 Annual Meeting Agenda. It was decided to have the annual meeting conference call video recorded.

Nominating Committee Liaison

Staff introduced the idea of having a liaison to the Nominating Committee. The liaison could be a current director not running for election or retired director. After discussion, it was decided that this was a good idea and would be enacted in 2022.

MnSP Annual Meeting Representative

The Board approved Director Hokeness to represent the cooperative at the MnSP Annual Meeting on March 20. Management will compose a letter to MnSP stating the above.

NRECA Directors Conference

The NRECA Directors Conference will be held virtually on March 23-24. Directors who wish to attend will contact Executive Assistant Rucker.

MREA Annual Meeting

The MREA Annual Meeting will be held March 2. Director Schwartau will attend in person and be NCE’s delegate. Directors Hokeness, Sieve, and York will attend virtually.

NRECA PowerXchange and TechAdvantage Experience

Directors Beckering, Hokeness, and York are registered to attend the virtual NRECA PowerXchange and TechAdvantage Experience February 24–26 and March 2–4.

The NRECA Annual Meeting will be held virtually on March 4. Director Hokeness will be NCE’s delegate and Director Schwartau will be the alternate.

GRE Annual Meeting and Delegates

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to nominate Director York for election as Director of GRE.

The GRE Annual Meeting will be held virtually on April 7, 2021. Director York will represent NCE as the voting delegate.

Director Reports

Director York gave his monthly GRE report, while Director Schwartau updated the Board and staff on MREA.

Management and Staff Reports

Management and staff gave their department reports. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Financial Report. 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 10:35 a.m.