

Cooperative Light & Power
Two Harbors, Minnesota

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) Association of Lake County was held at the Office of the Association at Fifteen Fifty-Four, Highway Two, on July 23, 2020. All Directors were present at the time the meeting was called to order at 9:55 a.m. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were General Manager/CEO Hal Halpern; Office Manager Spring Detlefsen; Communication Manager Kevin Olson; and Marketing Manager Carey Hogenson. Attorney Jeff Dobberpuhl was present for parts of the meeting by telephone. The seating arrangements of the meeting were revised to comply with Minnesota Department of Health guidelines.

Present

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The agenda was accepted with the addition of providing a resolution for the broadband grant application. In addition, a request was made to change the order of the agenda to focus on the more important items earlier in the meeting. A motion was made by Alis Stevens and seconded by Gregory Lien to accept the agenda with noted changes. Motion carried.

Agenda

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A motion was made by Alis Stevens and seconded by Gregory Lien to change the start time of the Board meeting to 9:30 a.m. going forward. Motion carried.

Board Meeting
start time

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A motion was made by Scott Veitenheimer and seconded by Alis Stevens to approve the minutes of the board meeting held June 18, 2020 with revisions. Motion carried.

Minutes

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A proposed by-law change on the annual meeting schedule was reviewed. Attorney Jeff Dobberpuhl was consulted to clarify some questions. Upon further discussion, Robert Nikolai made a motion, seconded by Scott Veitenheimer to present the amended by-laws to the members for approval. Motion carried.

Resolution for
proposed By-Law
changes

Secretary

<p style="text-align: center;">6.</p> <p>Gregory Lien updated the board on his phone interviews with potential legal counsel candidates and provided a summary of his observation. Based on accessibility, support structure to provide bench depth, and their expertise in cooperatives, the board decided to invite one of the candidates to the August board meeting. Motion carried.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Legal Counsel Review</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">7.</p> <p>CLP’s participation in the 2020 Energy Issues Summit was discussed. Due to rising numbers of Covid-19 cases in Minnesota, the registrations and hotel reservations were cancelled.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Energy Issue Summit cancellation</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">8.</p> <p>Communication Manager Kevin Olson was on hand to discuss the broadband application progress and the technical aspects of the Annual Meeting, necessary equipment, testing, and Q&A coverage. He also updated the board on the recent storm damage to wireless equipment.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Senior Staff Reports- Communication Manager Report</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">9.</p> <p>A motion was made by Alis Stevens and seconded by Robert Nikolai to accept the Financial Statements for the month of June, after explanation and discussion. Motion carried.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Financial</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">10.</p> <p>General Manager/CEO Hal Halpern gave the Operations report. At the August board meeting, pole attachment audit, easement documentation, and right-of-way will be discussed.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Operations</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">11.</p> <p>General Manager Hal Halpern gave a report on behalf of Member Services Manager Ken Jones providing an executive summary on procuring renewable resource energy for the 5% of demand currently not covered by the GRE contract. The summary included unit cost, potential upfront or end of cycle expenses, and CLP’s 1-3-5-year strategies to increase its renewable energy footprint. The board will be given the backup materials of that executive summary at the August board meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Member Services</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">12.</p> <p>A motion was made by Alis Stevens and seconded by Gregory Lien to enter into executive session at 1:15 p.m. Motion carried. At 2:01 p.m. a motion by Alis Stevens was made and seconded by Scott Veitenheimer to exit the executive session. Motion carried.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Executive Session Personnel</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">Secretary</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">13.</p> <p>Marketing Manager Carey Hogenson spoke about the Annual Meeting plans and agenda for the drive-in. She also informed the board that the Annual Pancake Breakfast will be postponed and possibly cancelled until further notice due to Covid19.</p>	<p>Marketing Report</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">14.</p> <p>The consent agenda consisting of the following was reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications and Terminations • Monthly Payments • Correspondence <p>Applications for Membership and Termination of Electric Service were presented for consideration and action as follows:</p> <p>NEW SERVICES- 29</p> <p>TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP- 10</p> <p>TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP (Name Chang Only)- 3</p> <p>TERMINATION OF MEMERSHIP- 38</p>	<p>Consent Agenda</p> <p>Applications for Membership and Termination</p>
<p>Following correspondence was included in the consent agenda:</p> <p>A thank you note from Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center for the donation they received to help with continuing education programs during the pandemic.</p> <p>A thank you note from the Gitchi Gami Trail Association for the donation they received to help with constructing, maintaining, and promoting the trail.</p> <p>A thank you note from Kate Thomasen, recipient of the Westholm scholarship.</p> <p>A thank you note from Bryn Carlstrom, recipient of the Westholm scholarship.</p> <p>A thank you note from Logan Endicott, recipient of the Westholm scholarship.</p> <p>A thank you note from Riley Tiboni, recipient of the Westholm scholarship.</p> <p>A thank you note from Samuel Shervheim, recipient of the Westholm scholarship.</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Wolf Ridge ELC</p> <p>Gitchi Gami Trail Association</p> <p>Westholm scholarship recipients</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">Secretary</p>

15.

There being no further business to come before said meeting, adjournment was called for at 4:18 p.m. with a motion from Scott Veitenheimer and a second by Robert Nikolai. Motion carried.

ALIS STEVENS, Secretary

CORPORATE SEAL

Adjournment

Secretary