

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ONTONAGON COUNTY R.E.A.
HELD AT CHASELL HIGH SCHOOL
41585 US HWY 41, CHASELL, MI 49916

MEETNG NOTES
June 18, 2022 10:00 A.M.

1. Suggestion of sending out a reminder post card was made from a member to increase attendance.
2. During Deb's report she spoke on the Energy Waste Reduction through Wisconsin Energy Power Provider WPPI and stated with the increase we will need to have a member meeting for this fall.
3. Questions from the audience were asked and answered. The questions were:
 - 3.1 How many people are required for a quorum? 50 metered households – only one representative can vote per household, regardless of the number of meters.
 - 3.2 Will the Board consider remote access to achieve a quorum? It will be looked into.
 - 3.3 How do we report danger or hazard trees? Call 1-800-562-7128.
 - 3.4 What is the difference in life expectancy of underground vs overhead distribution lines? 30+ years for UG and 50+ for OH.
 - 3.5 Member/meter voting vs family voting for the number of meters? Currently only one vote per household, no matter how many meters are in use.
 - 3.6 Has Ontonagon Rural Electric Association been approached as a buyout? Yes, a few years ago. At the time, the board determined it was not in the best interest of the members.
 - 3.7 Just a comment – we have danger trees at 5305 Shay Road off of Camp 18 road.
 - 3.8 A suggestion – please consider moving to the auditorium so we can all hear better.
 - 3.9 Will the new meters be able to read both sides, generation and use, for solar power? Yes.
 - 3.10 Sarah Green wanted to thank everyone for their work for Ontonagon REA, employees, manager, board members and everyone that assists with the operation. She offered up suggestions for better communications as shown by a lack of a quorum, Country Lines isn't enough. Maybe send the new letter out earlier with a reminder of the meeting, can we send an email or text to members reminding them? Maybe place a note on the Bill, advertise in the local newspapers, put up yard signs in the districts and create a tic toc video. She also expressed her please with the carbon free footprint Wolverine power is working toward, and looking at electric cars maybe we will be generating more sales with recharging stations.\
 - 3.11 She also suggested providing a list of local contractors who participate in Energy Optimization and having that on the website and in country lines.
 - 3.12 Paulette Archambeau requested more advertising as well, in the bill, in the gazette, and on the radio.
 - 3.13 Director Bill Hodges made the comment about having over 5000 members and only 32 households came. If the weather was terrible, would more people come? He followed with we will be looking at other ways to get the word out.

- 3.14 Again, how do we report Danger/Hazard Trees? Call the number on your power bill – 1-800-562-7128. The number is answered in Ontonagon during regular working hours and then switches to the call center.
 - 3.15 President Calvin Koski mentioned that other Cooperatives are looking to our tree trimming program. They are interested in how well it's working.
 - 3.16 Director Mike Urbis also reminded each of us to assist in passing the word to remind our neighbors of the meeting.
 - 3.17 Please start putting notices in the open space on the monthly bill. Monthly, to get in the habit!
 - 3.18 We are interested in bring out family, we'd like more of a picnic atmosphere, kid friendly event. There is a pre-school here, maybe that can be incorporated for children.
 - 3.19 Please send a letter out in place of a ballot when there is only one candidate for the District Director with an explanation. Great idea!
 - 3.20 Don't use red or orange for inserts, please use blue, green or yellow.
 - 3.21 Please remember to look at remote access in the future, and advertise more, on the bill, in the paper, yard signs, and on the radio.
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4. Eugene Soumis gave a brief bio.
 5. Paulette Archambeau thanked the election workers and presented the election results Randy 84 and Robin 50.
 6. Paulette then reminded everyone that Safety is everybody's business. Clear your 911 signs, and make sure they are visible for everyone, UPS or the Fire Department. It's all of our responsibility to be Safe. Lend a hand and clear your driveway sign.