

On Thursday, June 15, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ontonagon County Rural Electrification Association was held at 500 James K. Paul St., Ontonagon, MI, on Thursday, June 15, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to call.

Rajala reported the following directors present Wayne Heikkinen, Calvin Koski, Paul Koski, Frances Wiideman, Randy Myhren and George Rajala. A quorum was present. Secretary Myhren appointed Rajala to record the Board Meeting Minutes.

Others Present: Debbie Miles, General Manager
Karl Ahonen, Makela, Pollack, & Ahonen, PLLC

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the President, Calvin Koski.

Jim Moore, who will be seated as the director for District 7 at the Annual Meeting, addressed the Board.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Rajala and duly seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed all ayes.

Karl Ahonen of Makela, Pollack & Ahonen, PLLC presented the 2016 Audit to the Board.

An Executive Session was called.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2017 meeting was made by Rajala and duly seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed all ayes.

A motion to accept the Line Superintendent's Report and the Manager's Report was made by Rajala and duly seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed all ayes.

A motion to approve the Special Equipment Summary in the amount of \$2,301.70 and RUS Form 219 in the amount of \$2,584.85 was made by Paul Koski and duly seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed all ayes.

A motion to approve the list of bills & the financial report was made by Rajala and duly seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed all ayes.

Last year after a presentation by Doug Snitgen of MECA the Board had agreed to sponsor a student for the 2017 Youth Tour. We had one

applicant, Johnathan Manttila. He accompanied the group to Washington D.C. at the beginning of June.

The Board reviewed the Bylaw changes.

The Board signed the Resolution Restatement of the R&S and 401(k) Pension Plan. This is required every five years.

Miles gave an update on a billing dispute.

A motion to “opt out” of the LIHEAP Funding was made by Paul Koski and duly seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed all ayes.

A motion to contribute five percent of the system’s CFC patronage capital refund to the Cooperative System Integrity Fund for 2018 and for all future years or until they opt out, was made by Myhren and duly seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed all ayes.

Ontonagon County R.E.A. was invited to join National Cooperative Services Corporation (“NCSC”), an affiliate organization of CFC. On motion by Rajala and duly seconded membership fee of \$100 was approved. Motion passed on voice vote, all ayes.

Calvin Koski and Miles presented an update on the MECA Meeting held in Boyne City on June 7, 2017.

The board took no action on a request for a donation from the Copper Fest Committee.

The manager informed the board that a server needed to be replaced in order accommodate a telephone reporting system needed to furnish data required by the Michigan Public Service Commission. A motion to purchase the server was made by Paul Koski and duly seconded. On a voice vote, the motion passed all ayes.

The Board approved a membership fee of \$295.00 be paid to the Michigan Chamber of Commerce on motion by Rajala and duly seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed all ayes.

A Motion to change the July, August & September Board meetings to start at 9:00 a.m. was made by Rajala and duly seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed by a vote of six to one. Paul Koski voted no.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Calvin Koski adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.