

Bluff Country Co-op Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 12, 2018

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Bluff Country Co-op Community Room

Attendees: Dawn Schreiber, General Manager; Melissa Gordon, Administrative Assistant; Tim Gulden, Winona Renewable Energy

Board Members Present: Jenn Baechle, Coleen Bremer, Eileen Hanson, Donna Kamman, Rachel Kimman, Chris Livingston, Aurea Osgood, Johanna Rupprecht

Board Members Absent: Ann Lichliter

TOPIC	DESCRIPTION	ACTION/OUTCOME		
		Yay	Nay	Abstain
Solar Panels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Gulden from Winona Renewable Energy pitched an option for a rooftop solar array. • The board decided that they need more time to review this proposal before discussing it. • Chris will create a comparison chart of the financial aspects of the two solar plan proposals. • Donna will contact Chris Meyer to see if she could consult with the board on this matter. • Jenn will reach out to Saint Croix co-op to find out about their experience. 			
Task Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One task was carried over. See below. 			
Review Oct Minutes and Vote on Minute Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board decided to go with the version that captured the highlights of the discussion. • There was a minor mechanical change to the minutes. • Eileen motioned to approve the October minutes with the correction. Rachel seconded. 	8	0	0
Board Strategic Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-evaluations should be placed in the envelope in Aurea's mailbox. • The board review AMM survey results and planned to follow up with owners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jenn will find answers to questions and post answers on the board board. Melissa will post it on FaceBook. ○ Social Equity Committee will follow up with folks who asked about that committee. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dawn will follow up with Jenel Dean. ○ Donna will follow up with Fred Krause. ○ Rachel will follow up with Dale. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The board reviewed the general talking points listed on Drive. 			
Committee Updates/ Progress Toward 5 Year Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social Equity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creating a Community Fund advisory committee. ○ Annette Shephardson from SNAP will come to next meeting. ○ Ann is hosting Catholic Worker meal on Friday. ● Membership Outreach Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Considering disbanding the committee. ● Board Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board retreat is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 16, from 8am-3pm at Winona State University, Minné Hall 239 ○ Considering a change of format for monthly policy review. 			
B1 Financial Condition; Draft of Financial Review and vote on Dividends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Budget to Actual Comparison will be in next report. ● Chris motioned to approve the B1 Report. Johanna seconded. ● Aurea motioned to return dividends to preferred shareholders. Eileen seconded. 	8 8	0 0	0 0
GM Update - Discussion of Solar Panels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Xcel energy will be here on Thursday to replace gas pipeline. 			

TASK	RESPONSIBLE PARTY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carried over from last month: Consult with Leslie about membership questions. 	Board members on phone call.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chris will create a comparison chart of the financial aspects of the two solar plan proposals. ● Donna will contact Chris Meyer to see if she could consult with the board on this matter. ● Jenn will reach out to Saint Croix co-op to find out about their experience. 	Chris, Donna, Jenn
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Self-evaluations should be placed in the envelope in Aurea's mailbox. 	All Board Members

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenn will find answers to questions and post answers on the board board. Melissa will post it on FaceBook. • Social Equity Committee will follow up with folks who asked about that committee. • Dawn will follow up with Jenel Dean. • Donna will follow up with Fred Krause. • Rachel will follow up with Dale. 	<p>Jenn, Melissa, Social Equity Committee, Dawn, Donna, Rachel</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark your calendars: Board retreat is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 16, from 8am-3pm at Winona State University, Minné Hall 239 	