

**Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op**  
**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 27, 2017**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The 80th Annual Meeting of the members of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op was called to order by Chairman John Brown at 10:06 A.M. on October 27, 2017 at the Posen High School gymnasium in Posen, Michigan. Posen VFW Post #7804 presented the Colors and PIE&G members joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Bruski, VFW Post #7804 of Posen gave the invocation.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman introduced the Board of Directors (Berg, Borowicz, Knopf, Krajniak, Lucas, Peterson, Smith, and Wozniak), Attorney Ekdahl, and CEO Sobeck. Chairman Brown acknowledged the retirement of long time CEO Brian Burns and Attorney David Werth. CEO Sobeck acknowledged employees who introduced themselves. Chairman Brown thanked all employees both working at the meeting and those who are working at the co-op today. Mr. Brown expressed the honor it is to serve the membership by serving on the board and reminded the members they are able to attend the regular monthly board meeting. Chairman Brown appointed Attorney Ekdahl to conduct the business portion of the meeting.

**III. NOTICE OF MEETING**

It was moved, supported, and carried to dispense with the Reading of the Notice of Annual Meeting which was published in *Country Lines* magazine.

**IV. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

It was moved, supported, and carried to dispense with the Reading of the Minutes which were available upon registering for the meeting.

It was moved, supported, and carried to approve the Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting as presented.

**V. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Attorney Ekdahl reviewed the three methods by which nominations for directors can be made according to Article III, Section 3 of the bylaws.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Mr. Elias Taratuta, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following nominees:

**Cheboygan District:** John Brown, Jack Douglas,  
Dawn Drolshagen

**Montmorency District:** Charles Arbour, Donald Edwards  
David Guest, Dennis Smith

**Presque Isle District:** Allan Berg, Greg Diller

Attorney Ekdahl; called three times for nominations from the floor. There being none, it was moved, supported, and carried to close the nominations.

**Introduction of Candidates:** All candidates were offered an opportunity to address the membership and each accepted by making brief statements, except for Dawn Drolshagen, David Guest, and Greg Diller who were not present.

The Election & Credentials Committee certified that 202 members were registered today. The quorum requirement as stated in the bylaws is 1% (or 307) of the total membership; therefore, no quorum was present.

The membership was given time to vote and the Election & Credentials Committee picked up votes from the floor. During this time Attorney Ekdahl thanked the Election & Credentials Committee for all their efforts and thanked the candidates for their speeches.

#### **VI. PRESENTATION & CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS**

**Audit Report:** Mr. Ron Harris, Harris Group CPAs of Traverse City presented the 2016 audit report. Mr. Harris indicated that the 2016 audit was performed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Overall it was a clean audit without exceptions.

**CEO Report:** Mr. Thomas Sobeck presented a brief speech on Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op which included why the co-op was formed. He also presented highlights from 2016 and expressed his gratitude for the employees and directors, making sure to acknowledge retiring Director David Smith for his 15 years' service to the membership.

#### **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Attorney Ekdahl called for Unfinished Business, and hearing none, moved on to the next item of business.

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS/Q&A**

Without a quorum present, Attorney Ekdahl indicated new business could not officially be addressed, but offered the membership the opportunity to address the board with their concerns.

Seven members exercised this opportunity to ask questions or make comments concerning the following: appreciation regarding storm clean up, annual meeting quorum, annual meeting ADA compliance, promotion of jobs and economic development, energy efficiency, "smart meters", conferences regarding renewable energy resources, repetitive outages, rights of way, generators, and appreciation for services provided to the membership.

#### **IX. ELECTION RESULTS**

Mrs. Doris Smith, chairman of the Election & Credentials Committee, announced the election results as follows:

<b>Cheboygan District:</b>	<b>John Brown</b>	<b>993</b>
	Jack Douglas	303
	Dawn Drolshagen	266
<b>Montmorency District:</b>	<b>Charles Arbour</b>	<b>492</b>
	Donald Edwards	483
	David Guest	268

	Dennis Smith	331
<b>Presque Isle District:</b>	<b>Allan Berg</b>	<b>1,120</b>
	Greg Diller	467

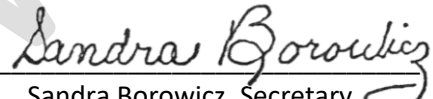
Chairperson Smith indicated the Election & Credentials Committee had certified John F. Brown for Cheboygan District, Charles Arbour for Montmorency District, and Allan Berg for Presque Isle District as directors for Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op for a three year term expiring in 2020.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Brown thanked everyone for their participation in the annual meeting. There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved, supported, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 A.M.

**XI. RAFFLE & PRIZES**

CEO Sobeck announced that all members who voted by mail were entered into a drawing for a \$100 credit to their billing. The winner was Jeff Whitsitt of Millersburg. Door prize winners were announced.

  
 Sandra Borowicz, Secretary

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APPROVED