

Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
October 23, 2020

CEO Tom Sobeck welcomed the membership to the 83rd Annual meeting and thanked everyone for participating in the first ever virtual annual meeting. CEO Sobeck also reminded everyone that those participating in person were still observing COVID-19 safety guidelines and that the meeting was being recorded and would be made available on PIE&G's website and Facebook page.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The 83rd Annual Meeting of the members of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op was called to order by Chairman Allan Berg at 10:00 A.M. on October 23, 2020 held virtually in Onaway. CEO Tom Sobeck encouraged members to join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Director Sally Knopf gave the invocation.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Berg introduced the Board of Directors (Allan Berg (Presque Isle), Kurt Krajniak (Alpena), Sandra Borowicz (Cheboygan), Charles Arbour (Montmorency), John Brown (Cheboygan), Sally Knopf (At Large), Brentt Lucas (Alpena), Daryl Peterson (Montmorency), and Raymond Wozniak (Presque Isle)), Attorney Michael Ekdahl, and President & CEO Thomas Sobeck. Chairman Berg thanked all employees involved in the planning of the annual meeting this year as well as those on the job.

III. NOTICE OF MEETING

Attorney Ekdahl announced the notice of the 2020 Annual Meeting appeared in the *Country Lines* magazine and asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the notice. A motion was made by member Mrs. Smith, seconded by member Mr. Taratuta, to dispense with the Reading of the Notice of Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

IV. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Attorney Ekdahl announced a copy of the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes were made available prior to the meeting and asked if there was a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. A motion was made by member Mrs. Smith, seconded by member Mr. Taratuta, to dispense with the Reading of the Minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

Attorney Ekdahl asked if there are any corrections to the 2019 Annual Meeting minutes and requested for a motion to approve the 2019 Annual Meeting minutes if no corrections were necessary. A motion was made by member Mrs. Smith, seconded by member Mr. Taratuta to approve the Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

V. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Attorney Ekdahl moved to the nominations for the directors of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op. In 2020 three terms expired – (1) in the Cheboygan District, (1) in the Montmorency District, and (1) in the Presque Isle District.

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

1. By the Nominating Committee
2. By Petition

3. By Nomination from the Floor. However, this year with in-person gatherings prohibited, we are unable to receive nominations from the floor.

Attorney Ekdahl asked Nominating Committee Chairman, Elias Taratuta, to present the committee's report.

Nominating Committee Report: Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Elias Taratuta, announced the Nominating Committee met on June 24, 2020 and selected the following nominees:

Cheboygan District:	John Brown, Ned Taylor Peter Redmond
Montmorency District:	Donald Edwards, Charles Arbour Chris Paffi
Presque Isle District:	Allan Berg, Warren Kowalewsky

Attorney Ekdahl thanked Mr. Taratuta and announced the cooperative did not receive any nominations by petition.

Attorney Ekdahl entertained a motion to close nominations for the director of the Cheboygan, Montmorency, and Presque Isle Districts. A motion was made by member Mrs. Smith, seconded by member Mr. Taratuta, to close the nominations. Motion carried.

VI. PRESENTATION & CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

Attorney Ekdahl announced the next item on the agenda is the audit report. The 2019 audit was performed by the Harris Group CPAs of Traverse City, Michigan. Attorney Ekdahl introduced guest speaker, Mr. Ronald Harris, C.P.A.

Audit Report: Mr. Ron Harris, Harris Group CPAs of Traverse City, presented the 2019 audit report. Mr. Harris indicated that the 2019 audit was performed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Overall, it was a clean audit without exceptions.

Attorney Ekdahl thanked Mr. Harris and noted the next speaker is CEO Tom Sobeck to provide the CEO report.

CEO Report: Mr. Sobeck presented highlights from 2019 and 2020 thus far. Highlights included updates on the new headquarters facility, Advanced Metering Infrastructure, COVID challenges, and fiber to the home. Mr. Sobeck also expressed his gratitude for the employees and directors.

Mr. Sobeck indicated Attorney Ekdahl would preside over Unfinished Business, New Business, and Q&A.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Attorney Ekdahl announced that since the meeting is entirely virtual, we are unable to meet quorum requirements as stated in the bylaws and there is no unfinished business to address, so the meeting will move on to the next agenda item, New Business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS/Q&A

Attorney Ekdahl reminded the audience, the cooperative was unable to meet quorum requirements and new business could not officially be addressed. However, the membership was invited to submit questions.

President & CEO Tom Sobeck answered questions and comments concerning outage restoration, natural gas expansion, Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), recent investments and their impact to rates (new building and AMI), Fiber to the Home, and paperless billing. Mr. Sobeck then returned the meeting to Attorney Ekdahl.

IX. ELECTION RESULTS

Attorney Ekdahl noted the co-op typically would hold a large meeting in Onaway or Posen and the membership would be allowed to cast their votes in-person. This year, with COVID restrictions on gatherings, the in-person meeting was prohibited and as a result, member's only opportunity to vote was by mail-in ballot.

The election results were reported by Chairperson Doris Smith of behalf of the Election & Credentials Committee. Chairperson Smith certified the election of directors was fairly and impartially conducted and announced the results as follows:

Cheboygan District:	John F. Brown	840*
	Peter Redmond	511
	Ned Taylor	234
Montmorency District:	Charles Arbour	763*
	Donald Edwards	542
	Chris Paffi	302
Presque Isle District:	Allan Berg	1,018*
	Warren Kowalewsky	651

Chairperson Smith indicated the Election & Credentials Committee 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 2023.

Attorney Ekdahl thanked Chairperson Mrs. Smith. Congratulated the successful directors and thanked all of the candidates and the membership for participating in the co-op's democratic process. Attorney Ekdahl returned the meeting back to Chairman Berg.

X. ADJOURNMENT

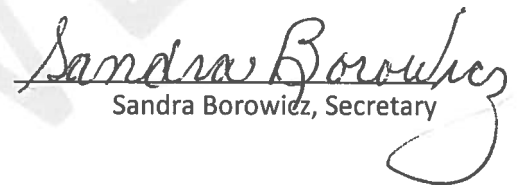
Chairman Berg thanked everyone for their participation in the virtual annual meeting, adding a special thanks to the staff for making today's meeting a successful event. A motion was made by member Mrs. Smith, seconded by member Mr. Taratuta, to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 A.M. Motion carried.

Chairman Berg turned the meeting over to Present & CEO Sobeck for final remarks.

XI. RAFFLE & PRIZES

CEO Sobeck announced that all members who voted by mail before the deadline were eligible for a raffle. Twenty-five winners of a \$50 PIE&G Energy Gift Certificate, to be given as a credit to their utility account were selected. All winners were to be notified of their \$50 bill credit.

CEO Sobeck then thanked Casey Clark and Doug Snitgen of Michigan Electric Cooperative Association for their assistance in the production of our this first ever virtual event as well as Maire Chagnon-Hazelman for her part in developing the program.


Sandra Borowicz, Secretary

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