

**Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op**  
**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 22, 2021**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the members of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op was called to order by Chairman Allan Berg at 10:01 A.M. on October 22, 2021 at the Posen High School gymnasium in Onaway, 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 (Sandra Borowicz (Cheboygan), John Brown (Cheboygan), Sally Knopf (At Large), Kurt Krajniak (Alpena), Brentt Lucas (Alpena), Daryl Peterson (Montmorency), Charlie Arbour (Montmorency), and Ray Wozniak (Presque Isle)), Attorney Ekdahl, and CEO Sobeck. CEO Sobeck acknowledged PIE&G employees working at the meeting, who introduced themselves. Chairman Berg thanked all employees involved in the planning of the annual meeting this year as well as those on the job. Mr. Berg expressed what an honor it is to serve the membership by serving on the board and reminded the membership they can attend the regular monthly board meeting. Chairman Berg appointed Attorney Ekdahl to conduct the business portion of the meeting.

**III. NOTICE OF MEETING**

Attorney Ekdahl announced the notice of the 2021 Annual Meeting appeared in the *Country Lines* magazine and asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the notice. It was moved, supported, and carried to dispense with the reading of the notice of 2021 Annual Meeting.

**IV. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Attorney Ekdahl announced a copy of the 2020 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. It was moved, supported, and carried to dispense with the Reading of the Minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting.

It was moved, supported, and carried that there were no corrections to be made to the 2020 Annual Meeting minutes.

It was moved, supported, and carried to approve the minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting as presented.

**V. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Attorney Ekdahl moved to the nominations for the directors of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op. In 2021 three terms expire – (1) in the Cheboygan District, (1) in the Montmorency District, and (1) for the Director At Large.

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.

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

**Nominating Committee Report:** Mr. Elias Taratuta, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the Nominating Committee met on June 23, 2021 and selected the following nominees:

<b>Cheboygan District:</b>	Sandra Borowicz, Luanne Thomas
<b>Montmorency District:</b>	Daryl Peterson, Curtis Render
<b>Director-At-Large:</b>	Dallas Hyde, Sally Knopf, Warren Kowalewsky, Kimberlee Pappas, Jesse Streich

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

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.

The membership was given time to vote and the Election & Credentials Committee collected 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**

Attorney Ekdahl announced the next item on the agenda is the audit report. CEO Sobeck stated the 2020 audit was performed by the Harris Group CPAs of Traverse City, Michigan and C.P.A. Ronald Harris could not be in attendance today and provided a prerecorded video for review.

**Audit Report:** The audit report was delayed and presented after the CEO Report.

**CEO Report:** Mr. Thomas Sobeck presented highlights from 2020. Mr. Sobeck also expressed his gratitude for the employees, directors, and the membership.

**Audit Report:** Mr. Ron Harris, Harris Group CPAs of Traverse City, presented the 2020 audit report via prerecorded video. Mr. Harris indicated that the 2020 audit was performed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Overall, it was a clean audit without exceptions. Mr. Harris expressed his gratitude for PIE&G being a client for 21 years and informed the membership that the 2020 audit was Harris Group CPAs final audit for PIE&G, since they have decided to no longer provide audit services.

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**



Attorney Ekdahl announced the Election & Credentials Committee certified that 136 members were registered today. The quorum requirement as stated in the bylaws is 1% (or 316) of the total membership; therefore, no quorum was present.

Attorney Ekdahl called for Unfinished Business and hearing none, presented a summary of Bylaw Amendments the Board of Directors approved at the regularly scheduled August 24, 2021 board meeting which was noticed in the Michigan *Country Lines* magazine per Article 16 of the Bylaws requirement. The following bylaws articles were discussed; Article 10 Section 2, Article 7 Section 9, Article 7 Section 10, Article 2 Section 6, and Article 4 Section 6.

#### **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.

CEO Sobeck presided over the Q&A portion of the meeting. Six members exercised this opportunity to ask questions or make comments concerning the following: origin of membership gifts, brushing, automated meters, impacts of rising natural gas costs, capital credits, and gratitude for helpful employees.

#### **IX. VIDEO**

A video tour of the new headquarters facilities was presented.

#### **X. ELECTION RESULTS**

Attorney Ekdahl asked Election & Credentials Committee Chairperson, Doris Smith, to present the committee's report.

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

##### **Cheboygan District:**

**Sandra Borowicz 1,378\***

Luanne Thomas 360

##### **Montmorency District:**

**Daryl Peterson 1,171\***

Curtis Render 573

##### **Director-At-Large:**

Dallas Hyde 483

**Sally Knopf 543\***

Warren Kowalewsky 383

Kimberlee Pappas 353

Jesse Streich 134

Chairperson Smith indicated the Election & Credentials Committee had certified Sandra Borowicz for Cheboygan District, Daryl Peterson for Montmorency District, and Sally Knopf for Director-At Large as directors for Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op for a three-year term expiring in 2024.

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.

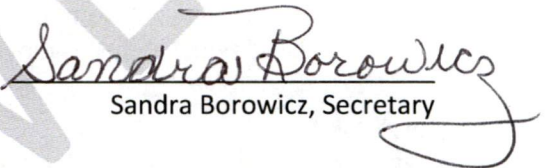
#### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Berg 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 11:25 A.M.

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

#### **XII. 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 Charlene S. Sinelli of Hillman. Door prize winners were announced.

  
Sandra Borowicz, Secretary

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