

**Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op**  
**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 28, 2022**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the members of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op was called to order by Vice Chairman John Brown at 10:09 A.M. on October 28, 2022 at the Onaway High School in Onaway, Michigan. Onaway VFW Post #5857 presented the Colors and PIE&G members joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ron Horrocks, VFW Post #5857 of Onaway gave the invocation.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

Vice Chairman John Brown introduced the Board of Directors (Sandra Borowicz (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. Chairman Allan Berg (Presque Isle) was absent. CEO Sobeck acknowledged PIE&G employees working at the meeting, who introduced themselves. Vice Chairman Brown thanked all employees involved in the planning of the annual meeting this year as well as those on the job. Mr. Brown 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. Vice Chairman Brown appointed Attorney Ekdahl to conduct the business portion of the meeting.

**III. NOTICE OF MEETING**

Attorney Ekdahl announced the notice of the 2022 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 2022 Annual Meeting.

**IV. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Attorney Ekdahl announced a copy of the 2021 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 2021 Annual Meeting.

It was moved, supported, and carried that there were no corrections to be made to the 2021 Annual Meeting minutes.

It was moved, supported, and carried to approve the minutes of the 2021 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 2022 three terms expire – (2) in the Alpena 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.

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 29, 2022 and July 20, 2022. The Nominating Committee selected the following nominees:

**Alpena District:**

Kurt Krajniak, Brentt Lucas, Eric Smith,  
Warren Spragg

**Presque Isle District:**

Linda Dymond, Mary Hentkowski,  
Raymond Wozniak

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 2021 audit was performed by Eide Bailly. John Frosig, from Eide Bailly, could not be in attendance today and provided a prerecorded video for review.

**Audit Report:** Mr. John Frosig, representing Eide Bailly, presented the 2021 audit report via prerecorded video. Mr. Frosig indicated that the 2021 audit was performed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**CEO Report:** Mr. Thomas Sobeck presented highlights from 2021. Mr. Sobeck also expressed his gratitude for the employees, directors, and the membership.

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

Attorney Ekdahl announced the Election & Credentials Committee certified that 145 members were registered today. The quorum requirement as stated in the bylaws is 1% (or 318) of the total membership; therefore, no quorum was present.

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.



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: clean energy sources, fiber, advanced metering, AML opt out, closing of coal plants, and outages.

#### **IX. 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:

<b>Alpena District:</b>	<b>Kurt Krajniak</b>	<b>1,047*</b>
	<b>Brentt Lucas</b>	<b>814*</b>
	Warren Spragg	558
	Eric Smith	523
<b>Presque Isle District:</b>	<b>Raymond Wozniak</b>	<b>927*</b>
	Mary Hentkowski	506
	Linda Dymond	291

Chairperson Smith indicated the Election & Credentials Committee had certified Kurt Krajniak and Brentt Lucas for Alpena District and Raymond Wozniak for Presque Isle District as directors for Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op for a three-year term expiring in 2025.

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

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

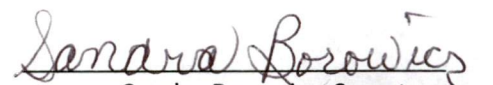
Vice Chairman Brown thanked everyone for their participation in the annual meeting. There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved, supported, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 A.M.

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

#### **XI. RAFFLE & PRIZES**

CEO Sobeck announced that all members who voted by mail were entered into a drawing for a \$100 credit to be applied to their bill. The winner was Donald Dimick from Rogers City. Door prize winners were announced.

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Sandra Borowicz, Secretary