

Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
October 27, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

The 86th Annual Meeting of the members of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op was called to order by Chairman John Brown at 10:00 A.M. on October 27, 2023 at the Posen High School 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

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), Allan Berg (Presque Isle), Ray Wozniak (Presque Isle), Attorney Ekdahl, and CEO Sobeck. CEO Sobeck acknowledged PIE&G employees working at the meeting, who introduced themselves. Chairman Brown thanked all employees involved in the planning of the annual meeting this year as well as those on the job. Chairman 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. 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 2022 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 2022 Annual Meeting.

It was moved, supported, and carried that there were no corrections to be made to the 2022 Annual Meeting minutes.

It was moved, supported, and carried to approve the minutes of the 2022 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 2023 three terms expire – (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.

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 21, 2023. The Nominating Committee selected the following nominees:

Cheboygan District:	John F Brown, Michael L Schultz MD
Montmorency District:	Charles Arbour, John Burr, Christopher Nagel
Presque Isle District:	Allan Berg, Linda Dymond, Gregory Roznowski

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, except Linda Dymond and Gregory Roznowski who were not in attendance.

VI. BYLAW AMENDMENT

Attorney Ekdahl announced that there was also a proposed amendment to Article III, Section 3 of the bylaws on the ballot.

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.

VII. PRESENTATION & CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

Attorney Ekdahl announced the next item on the agenda is the audit report. CEO Sobeck stated the 2022 audit was performed by Eide Bailly. Courtney Richman, from Eide Bailly, gave the 2022 audit report virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Audit Report: Ms. Richman indicated that the 2022 audit was performed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

CEO Report: Mr. Thomas Sobeck presented highlights from 2022. Mr. Sobeck also expressed his gratitude for the employees, directors, and the membership.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Attorney Ekdahl announced the Election & Credentials Committee certified that 156 members were registered today. The quorum requirement as stated in the bylaws is 1% (or 320) 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.

IX. 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. Five members exercised this opportunity to ask questions or make comments concerning the following: director compensation, potential gas services, automatic billing issues, transmission lines, and solar panels.

X. VIDEO PRESENTATION

A brief video presentation was shown while votes were counted.

XI. 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:	John F Brown	1,224*
	Michael L Schultz MD	354
Montmorency District:	Christopher Nagel	704*
	Charles Arbour	502
	John Burr	386
Presque Isle District:	Allan Berg	978*
	Linda Dymond	384
	Gregory Roznowski	294
Article III, Section 3 Bylaw Amendment	Yes	1,394*
	No	126

Chairperson Smith indicated the Election & Credentials Committee had certified John F Brown for the Cheboygan District, Christopher Nagel for the Montmorency District, and Allan Berg for the Presque Isle District as directors for Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op for a three-year term expiring in 2026. Chairperson Smith also indicated that the Article III, Section 3 amendment passed, changing "nomination of directors consisting of the names of at least two members from

each district” to “nomination of directors consisting of the names of members seeking to be elected from each district

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 Chairman Brown.

XII. 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 11:00 A.M.

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

XIII. 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 Brian J. from Hillman. Door prize winners were announced.

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Sally Knopf, Secretary