

Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
November 1, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

The 87th Annual Meeting of the members of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op was called to order by Chairman John Brown at 10:09 A.M. on November 1, 2024 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), Brentt Lucas (Alpena), Kurt Krajniak (Alpena), Daryl Peterson (Montmorency), Chris Nagel (Montmorency), Ray Wozniak (Presque Isle), Attorney Ryan, CFO Stempky, and CEO Berg. Chairman Brown 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 invited Attorney Ryan to conduct the business portion of the meeting.

III. NOTICE OF MEETING

Attorney Ryan announced the notice of the 2023 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 2023 Annual Meeting.

IV. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Attorney Ryan announced a copy of the 2023 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 2023 Annual Meeting.

It was moved, supported, and carried that there were no corrections to be made to the 2023 Annual Meeting minutes.

It was moved, supported, and carried to approve the minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting as presented.

V. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Attorney Ryan moved to the nominations for the directors of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op. In 2024 three terms expire – (1) in the Cheboygan District, (1) in the Montmorency District, and (1) in the At Large. There is also a vacancy in the Presque Isle District that will be a two year term.

Attorney Ryan 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 Ryan announced the Nominating Committee met on June 24, 2024. The Nominating Committee selected the following nominees:

Cheboygan District:	Sandra Borowicz, Dennis Ernst, Charles Kilanski
Montmorency District:	Lloyd Peltier, Daryl Peterson
Presque Isle District:	Scott Cordes, Dallas Hyde, Susan Radka, Elias Taratuta
At Large:	Sally Knopf, Angela Stempky, Mary Talaske

Attorney Ryan then announced the candidates by petition:

Montmorency District:	Wesley Repke
Presque Isle District:	Ruthanne Largent, Gerald Smigelski

Attorney Ryan 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 Charles Kilanski, Dallas Hyde, Angela Stempky, and Mary Talaske who were not in attendance.

VI. BYLAW AMENDMENT

Attorney Ryan 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 Ryan thanked the Election & Credentials Committee for all their efforts and thanked the candidates for their speeches.

VII. PRESENTATION & CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

Attorney Ryan announced the next item on the agenda is the financial report. CFO Stempky presented the 2023 Financials.

Audit Opinion: Attorney Ryan explained that Eide Bailly was hired to perform an independent audit of Presque Isle Electric & Gas and the Auditors Opinion was presented to the membership.

CEO Report: Mr. Allan Berg thanked the VFW, the Ladies Auxiliary, staff, and membership. Mr. Berg also explained the history in Posen and expressed how the co-op differs and goes where no one else will go.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Attorney Ryan announced the Election & Credentials Committee certified that 144 members were registered today. The quorum requirement as stated in the bylaws is 1% (or 322) of the total membership; therefore, no quorum was present.

Attorney Ryan 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 Ryan indicated new business could not officially be addressed but offered the membership the opportunity to address the board with their concerns.

CEO Berg presided over the Q&A portion of the meeting. Six members exercised this opportunity to ask questions or make comments concerning the following: director compensation, plans to remedy lost money, LIEAF charge, how to be a fiber member, praise to Wolverine, EV station status, and a thank you for the communications system for the schools.

X. VIDEO PRESENTATION

A brief video presentation was shown while votes were counted.

XI. ELECTION RESULTS

Attorney Ryan 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	912*
	Dennis Ernst	413
	Charles Kilanski	164
Montmorency District:	Lloyd Peltier	377
	Daryl Peterson	903*
	Wesley Repke	166
Presque Isle District:	Scott Cordes	321
	Dallas Hyde	320
	Ruthanne Largent	270
	Susan Radka	154
	Gerald Smigelski	362*
	Elias Taratuta	178
At Large:	Sally Knopf	694*
	Angela Stempky	519
	Mary Talaske	359

Article III, Section 3 Bylaw Amendment	Yes	1,309*
	No	112

Chairperson Smith indicated the Election & Credentials Committee had certified Sandra Borowicz for the Cheboygan District, Daryl Peterson for the Montmorency District, and Sally Knopf for At Large as directors for Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op for a three-year term expiring in 2027. Gerald Smigelski was certified for the Presque Isle District for a two-year term expiring in 2026. Chairperson Smith also indicated that the Article III, Section 3 amendment passed.

Attorney Ryan 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 Ryan then introduced the Elections and Credential Committee members and thanked them again. Attorney Ryan 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 11:45 A.M.

Chairman Brown turned the meeting over to Member Service Manager, Luke Ellenberger for the door prizes and raffle announcements.

XIII. RAFFLE & PRIZES

Luke Ellenberger 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 Adolph P. from Atlanta. Door prize winners were announced.

Sk/mv

Sally Knopf, Secretary