

Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
October 26, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

The 81st Annual Meeting of the members of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op was called to order by Chairman John Brown at 10:03 A.M. on October 26, 2018 at the Onaway High School gymnasium in Onaway, Michigan. Onaway VFW Post #5857 presented the Colors and PIE&G members joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain McCaslin, VFW Post #5857 of Onaway gave the invocation.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman introduced the Board of Directors (Berg, Borowicz, Knopf, Krajniak, Lucas, Peterson, Smith, and Wozniak), Attorney Ekdahl, and CEO Sobeck. CEO Sobeck acknowledged employees, who introduced themselves. Chairman Brown thanked all employees both working at the meeting and those who are working at the co-op today. Mr. Brown expressed what an honor it is to serve the membership by serving on the board and reminded the members they are able to attend the regular monthly board meeting. Chairman Brown appointed Attorney Ekdahl to conduct the business portion of the meeting.

III. NOTICE OF MEETING

It was moved, supported, and carried to dispense with the Reading of the Notice of Annual Meeting which was published in *Country Lines* magazine.

IV. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was moved, supported, and carried to dispense with the Reading of the Minutes which were available upon registering for the meeting.

It was moved, supported, and carried there were no corrections to be made to the 2017 Annual Meeting minutes.

It was moved, supported, and carried to approve the Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting as presented.

V. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

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

Nominating Committee Report: Mr. Elias Taratuta, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following nominees:

Cheboygan District:	Sandra Borowicz, Luanne Thomas
Montmorency District:	Donald Edwards, Daryl Peterson Curtis Render
Director-At Large:	Michael Grohowski, Sally Knopf Peter Redmond, David Wagner

Attorney Ekdahl announced the cooperative did not received 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 for Luanne Thomas who was not present.

The membership was given time to vote and the Election & Credentials Committee picked up 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

Audit Report: Mr. Ron Harris, Harris Group CPAs of Traverse City, presented the 2017 audit report. Mr. Harris indicated that the 2017 audit was performed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Overall, it was a clean audit without exceptions.

CEO Report: Mr. Thomas Sobeck presented highlights from 2017 and 2018. Mr. Sobeck also expressed his gratitude for the employees and directors.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Attorney Ekdahl called for Unfinished Business, and hearing none, moved on to the next item of business.

The Election & Credentials Committee certified that 203 members were registered today. The quorum requirement as stated in the bylaws is 1% (or 310) of the total membership; therefore, no quorum was present.

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.

Three members exercised this opportunity to ask questions or make comments concerning the following: appreciation regarding storm, diversification of board of directors, fiber study, fiber study results and summary publications.

Attorney Ekdahl asked the Elections & Credentials Committee if they had completed the certified count of the ballots. Elections & Credentials indicated they had not completed the count. Attorney Ekdahl recessed the meeting for a break at 11:02 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

IX. ELECTION RESULTS

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

Cheboygan District:	Sandra Borowicz	1,408*
	Luanne Thomas	374

Montmorency District:	Donald Edwards	574
	Daryl Peterson	948*
	Curtis Render	309
Director-At Large:	Michael Grohowski	465
	Sally Knopf	742*
	Peter Redmond	428
	David Wagner	281

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 2021.

X. 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 11:19 A.M.

XI. 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 James R. Stoddard of Hillman. Door prize winners were announced.

Sandra Borowicz
 Sandra Borowicz, Secretary

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