

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MENARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
PETERSBURG, ILLINOIS  
APRIL 25, 2023

The monthly Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of Menard Electric Cooperative was called to order at 6:00 P.M. at the Headquarters of the Cooperative, 14300 State Highway 97, Petersburg, County of Menard and State of Illinois.

On roll call the following Directors were present: President Warren D. Goetsch, Directors Gary Holloway, Gary L. Martin, Michael E. Patrick, Dennis Ryan and Jodine Tate. Directors D. Jay Frye, Donald E. McMillan and Steve L. Worner were absent. Also present were General Manager Alisha Anker and Attorney Charles K. Smith.

The Agenda of the meeting was read. There were no changes to the Agenda. Thereafter, with President Goetsch presiding and with these minutes being transcribed by or under the direction of Secretary Patrick, the following procedures were had (all action being first duly moved and seconded, and all action taken being upon the unanimous vote of the Board, or without dissenting vote or abstention, unless otherwise stated).

General Manager Anker discussed proposed revisions to the Net Billing of Excess Member-Generated Electric Energy Policy. She reviewed those proposed revisions. After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Cooperative adopt the Policy, as revised. Motion carried.

General Manager Anker discussed status of matters with regard to the various incident reports submitted to the Illinois Commerce Commission alleging violations of the Illinois Underground Utility Facility Damage Prevention Act. She advised the status of those various complaints.

General Manager Anker discussed the proposed amendment to the Consent and Crossing Agreement with Moraine Sands Wind Power, LLC. The Cooperative had been advised that an amendment to the Crossing Agreement was needed and the reason for the amendment. It was moved and seconded that the Amendment be approved. Motion carried.

Director Worner entered the Board room.

General Manager Anker presented the Manager's Report for March, 2023. She reviewed the Operating Statement, Balance Sheet and Budget. She reviewed a schedule which was a forecast of the maximum debt limit exposure for the Cooperative. The Board discussed the possible future need to increase the debt limit. General Manager Anker presented the Member Services Report, past due notices, generated cut-off tickets and write-offs for the month. She reviewed the Operations Report and Reliability Report for the month (including the first three days in April due to storms) and advised there were 81 incidents, the longest duration of an outage was 4,319 minutes, total member outage minutes were 1,119,946.93 and largest number of Members affected was 1,157. She presented the Safety Report and advised that the Safety

Meeting was held on April 18, 2023, and that there was no Guest Director for that Meeting. General Manager Anker reviewed the Injury and Illness Report. She reviewed the Education and Event Course Attendance Report. General Manager Anker reviewed the Irrigation Report and discussed the status of construction. She discussed the contents of the Connect Newsletter and reminded the Board that petitions were due on May 26, 2023 for the Director Election to be held at the Annual Meeting. She also reminded the Board that the Newsletter included a listing of uncashed Capital Credits checks and asked Board Members to review that list. She asked the Board Members to review a voice message from a Member in the Sherman area. She discussed the Electric Vehicle Registration Accounts by zip code within the service territory. She advised that there was a Governance Talk episode with regard to the NRECA Political Action Committee rebranding and reported that there was a new name and logo for the PAC. She discussed the Cooperative Family Fund and advised that the Fund was a 501(c)(3) that was started in December, 2022. She advised the purpose of the Fund was to have monies available to help Cooperative employee children after the death of the employee. It was the consensus of the Board to look into this matter further. It was moved and seconded to approve the Manager's Report. Motion carried.

President Goetsch reported on AIEC Activities. He advised that there was no monthly Board Meeting. The Board discussed the NRECA Director from Illinois Delegate Certification. He discussed the NRECA Director Election. He advised that the Cooperative would need a Voting Delegate and an Alternate Delegate for NRECA. It was moved and seconded that President Goetsch be the Voting Delegate with Director Worner the Alternate Delegate. Motion carried. President Goetsch reported on the Legislative Conference he attended. He also advised that the AIEC Lobby Day was May 2, 2023.

Director Martin reported on Prairie Power, Inc. He advised that there was no monthly Board Meeting.

General Manager Anker presented the Capital Credit Estate Refunds Report.

President Goetsch advised the next regular Board Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Under other business, President Goetsch advised that the NRECA BLC Cyber Security Course was scheduled for May 24, 2023, the Prairie Power, Inc. Annual Meeting was scheduled for June 14, 2023, the CoBank Energy Directors Conference was July 24-26, 2023, and the AIEC Annual Meeting was August 2-4, 2023.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved and seconded the Meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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President

**MENARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**MONTHLY OPERATING REPORT**

	Year to Date			March 2023		This Month		
	Last Year	This Year	Budget	Variance	Last Year	This Year	Budget	Variance
1. Operating Revenue	6,215,960	6,662,023	6,121,553	540,470	1,889,220	2,224,530	1,842,141	382,389
kWhr Sold	44,912,336	41,109,319	44,224,092	(3,114,773)	13,169,970	13,139,405	13,395,278	(255,873)
2. Cost of Power	2,138,371	3,005,377	3,473,132	467,755	1,180,877	1,380,173	1,445,931	65,758
kWhr Purchased	48,558,003	44,683,305	47,701,000	3,017,695	14,268,597	14,313,308	14,536,000	222,692
3. Operation Expense	556,789	385,648	455,937	70,289	175,184	98,385	152,919	54,534
4. Maintenance Expense	705,394	682,713	810,508	127,795	278,030	227,921	281,264	53,343
5. Consumer Accounts & Coll. Exp.	95,329	124,398	162,532	38,134	34,032	42,418	66,122	23,704
6. Member Service Expense	64,883	72,419	73,213	794	22,961	25,495	25,127	(368)
7. General Office Expense	218,237	118,088	149,354	31,266	45,871	41,343	54,325	12,982
8. Outside Professional Services	5,746	8,900	17,751	8,851	1,408	1,723	5,917	4,195
9. Insurance, Employee & Welfare	(2,320)	4,096	2,800	(1,296)	261	243	825	582
10. Director's Fee & Mileage	39,524	31,721	47,247	15,526	21,126	16,518	27,053	10,535
11. Dues - Assoc. Organizations	35,364	32,286	32,871	585	11,788	10,762	10,957	195
12. Other Misc. General Expense	103,790	98,103	101,842	3,739	28,534	24,043	49,129	25,086
13. Depreciation Expense	604,227	629,998	636,241	6,243	201,632	211,471	212,336	865
14. Tax Expense - Property	81,106	80,161	80,085	(76)	26,025	26,695	26,695	0
15. Tax Expense - Other	13,565	5,385	5,177	(208)	1,548	1,730	1,554	(176)
16. Interest Expense on L-T Debt	283,590	327,075	350,309	23,234	99,136	113,920	276,558	162,638
17. Total Expense less Power	2,805,223	2,600,991	2,925,867	324,876	947,536	842,666	1,190,781	348,115
17a. Total Operating Cost	4,943,594	5,606,368	6,398,999	792,631	2,128,413	2,222,839	2,636,712	413,873
<b>18. Operating Margins</b>	<b>1,272,366</b>	<b>1,055,656</b>	<b>(277,446)</b>	<b>1,333,102</b>	<b>(239,193)</b>	<b>1,691</b>	<b>(794,571)</b>	<b>796,262</b>
19. Non-Operating Margins	23,345	13,055	10,800	2,255	3,237	4,877	3,600	1,277
20. G & T Capital Credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21. Other Capital Credits	137,044	102,877	130,800	(27,923)	130,980	102,877	130,800	(27,923)
<b>22. Total Margins</b>	<b>1,432,755</b>	<b>1,171,587</b>	<b>(135,846)</b>	<b>1,307,433</b>	<b>(104,976)</b>	<b>109,445</b>	<b>(660,171)</b>	<b>769,616</b>

Balance Sheet Analysis

03/31/2022 - 3/31/2023

20-Apr-23

	Prior Yr Balance 03/31/2022	Current Yr Balance 3/31/2023	End of Yr Balance 12/31/2022	Change YTD
<b>ASSETS:</b>				
Utility Plant in Service	80,183,831	84,859,286	83,143,441	1,715,845
Construction Work in Process	864,494	698,987	888,872	(189,885)
Total Utility Plant in Service	81,048,325	85,558,273	84,032,313	1,525,960
Accumulated Depreciation	(24,677,042)	(25,299,715)	(25,129,442)	(170,273)
<b>Net Utility Plant</b>	<b>56,371,283</b>	<b>60,258,558</b>	<b>58,902,871</b>	<b>1,355,687</b>
Nonutility Property - Net				0
Inv.in Assoc.Org.-Pat.Cap.	13,324,012	14,444,380	14,405,851	38,529
Inv.in Assoc.Org.- General Funds				0
Inv.in Assoc.Org.-Non Gen Funds	681,132	680,032	680,032	0
Investments in Economic Dev. Projects				0
Other Investments	1,408,605	704,305	704,305	0
Special Funds	231,035	144,420	186,550	(42,130)
<b>Total Other Prop. &amp; Investments</b>	<b>15,644,784</b>	<b>15,973,137</b>	<b>15,976,738</b>	<b>(3,601)</b>
Cash-General Funds	862,464	536,572	824,353	(287,781)
Cash-Constr.Fund Trustee	454	454	454	0
Special Deposits	12,643	5,664	7,634	(1,970)
Temporary Investments	0	0	0	0
Notes Receivable - Net	0	0	0	0
Accounts Receivable-Net-Energy	1,739,966	2,313,637	2,732,388	(418,751)
Accounts Receivable-Net-Other	2,502	(2,214)	286	(2,500)
Materials & Supplies	938,749	1,688,047	1,473,956	214,091
Prepayments	142,835	123,059	192,105	(69,046)
Other Current & Accrued Assets	15,797	15,797	8,697	7,100
<b>Total Current &amp; Accrued Assets</b>	<b>3,715,410</b>	<b>4,681,016</b>	<b>5,239,873</b>	<b>(558,857)</b>
Regulatory Assets	0	0	0	0
<b>Deferred Debits</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS &amp; OTHER DEBITS</b>	<b>75,731,477</b>	<b>80,912,711</b>	<b>80,119,482</b>	<b>793,229</b>
<b>OWNER'S EQUITY:</b>				
Memberships	323,320	331,945	330,120	1,825
Patronage Capital	26,238,620	27,768,951	27,884,522	(115,571)
Operating Margins-Prior Years	2,782,379	1,968,911	0	1,968,911
Operating Margins-Current Year	1,432,756	1,171,587	1,968,911	(797,324)
Non-Operating Margins	0	0	0	0
Other Margins & Equities	3,081,512	3,095,276	2,988,750	106,526
<b>Total Margins &amp; Equities</b>	<b>33,858,587</b>	<b>34,336,670</b>	<b>33,172,303</b>	<b>1,164,367</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>				
Long Term Debt-RUS	777,211	706,211	724,061	(17,850)
Long Term Debt Other - RUS Guar.	25,677,937	31,289,704	29,808,066	1,481,638
Long Term Debt - Other	10,294,970	9,346,617	9,531,004	(184,387)
Long Term Debt Other - Adv Payments	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Long Term Debt</b>	<b>36,750,118</b>	<b>41,342,532</b>	<b>40,063,131</b>	<b>1,279,401</b>
Accumulated Operating Provisions	1,058,923	758,929	794,171	(35,242)
<b>Total Other Noncurrent Liabilities</b>	<b>1,058,923</b>	<b>758,929</b>	<b>794,171</b>	<b>(35,242)</b>
Notes Payable	1,300,000	1,200,000	1,300,000	(100,000)
Accounts Payable	1,854,205	1,886,774	3,147,089	(1,260,315)
Deposits	186,605	203,690	203,095	595
Other Current & Accrued Liabilities	558,240	484,600	509,949	(25,349)
<b>Total Current &amp; Accrued Liabilities</b>	<b>3,899,050</b>	<b>3,775,064</b>	<b>5,160,133</b>	<b>(1,385,069)</b>
<b>Deferred Credits</b>	<b>164,799</b>	<b>699,516</b>	<b>929,744</b>	<b>(230,228)</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Operating Reserves</b>				<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL LIAB.'S &amp; OTHER CREDITS</b>	<b>75,731,477</b>	<b>80,912,711</b>	<b>80,119,482</b>	<b>793,229</b>

## MENARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

	This Month				
	March19	March20	March21	March22	March23
1. Operating Revenue	2,093,429	1,885,050	1,849,610	1,889,220	2,224,530
kWhr Sold	15,268,686	13,062,856	12,582,645	13,169,970	13,139,405
2. Cost of Power	1,244,919	1,129,394	1,135,995	1,180,877	1,380,173
kWhr Purchased	16,486,445	14,197,104	13,687,467	14,268,597	14,313,308
3. Operation Expense	180,043	172,171	177,915	175,184	98,385
4. Maintenance Expense	145,653	236,065	260,158	278,030	227,921
5. Consumer Accounts & Coll. Exp.	40,196	33,241	33,430	34,032	42,418
6. Member Service Expense	14,988	23,556	26,311	22,961	25,495
7. General Office Expense	57,488	68,185	64,996	45,871	41,343
8. Outside Professional Services	2,860	9,006	2,326	1,408	1,723
9. Insurance, Employee & Welfare	0	0	0	261	243
10. Director's Fee & Mileage	23,212	16,052	5,445	21,126	16,518
11. Dues - Assoc. Organizations	11,516	11,526	11,772	11,788	10,762
12. Other Misc. General Expense	23,453	22,535	22,355	28,534	24,043
13. Depreciation Expense	185,431	191,074	196,369	201,632	211,471
14. Tax Expense - Property	23,400	24,025	24,925	26,025	26,695
15. Tax Expense - Other	1,698	1,534	1,797	1,548	1,730
16. Interest Expense	111,009	107,815	103,136	99,136	113,920
17. Total Expense less Power	820,947	916,785	930,935	947,536	842,667
17a. Total Operating Cost	2,065,866	2,046,179	2,066,930	2,128,413	2,222,840
<b>18. Operating Margins</b>	27,563	(161,129)	(217,320)	(239,193)	1,690
19. Non-Operating Margins	33,167	12,979	5,652	3,237	4,877
20. G & T Capital Credits	0	0	0	0	
21. Other Capital Credits	137,399	143,528	0	130,980	102,877
<b>22. Total Margins</b>	198,129	(4,622)	(211,668)	(104,976)	109,444