

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MENARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
PETERSBURG, ILLINOIS  
NOVEMBER 26, 2024

The monthly Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of Menard Electric Cooperative was called to order at 8:00 A. 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 in person: President Warren D. Goetsch, Directors D. Jay Frye, Gary Holloway, Gary L. Martin, Rex Muir, Jr., Michael E. Patrick, Dennis Ryan, Jodine Tate, and Steve L. Worner. Also present were Attorney Charles K. Smith and General Manager Alisha Anker.

The Agenda of the meeting was read. 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).

President Goetsch reviewed the Consensus Agenda. It was moved and seconded the Consensus Agenda be approved. Motion carried.

General Manager Anker discussed proposed revisions to the Net Billing Policy. After discussion by the Board, it was moved and seconded the proposed revisions to the Policy be adopted. Motion carried.

General Manager Anker discussed and reviewed the proposed Restatement of the Federated RE Insurance Exchange Subscriber's Agreement and POA. She advised that this was a request from Federated to re-affirm the subscription agreement. She advised that Attorney Smith had reviewed the provisions of the Agreement and the documents for appointment of the Exchange as Attorney in Fact. It was moved and seconded that the Cooperative re-affirm the Subscription Agreement. Motion carried.

General Manager Anker discussed the NRECA 401k Plan for Group 2 Resolution to increase the employer's match for non-union employees from 100% of an employee deferral between 0-4% of base salary to 100% of an employee's deferral between 0-5% of base salary. There was discussion about having a one time contribution for each eligible participant. It was moved and seconded that the Cooperative make the one time contribution for each employee of \$500.00. It was moved and seconded that said motion be withdrawn. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded the following Resolution be adopted.

See Exhibit A, which is a copy of the Resolution marked Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Motion carried.

General Manager Anker discussed the 2025 Budget and Rates. She reviewed the deferred revenue calculations for 2024. There was discussion about deferral of revenue for the 2024 year and changes in the anticipated margins for 2025. After discussion, it was moved and seconded the following rates changes be approved, effective with the February 2025 billing cycle: \$3.00 increase in basic Outdoor Light packages; \$5.00 increase on residential rate Facility Charges from \$44.00 to \$49.00 a month; removal of all third pricing tiers for energy use, and an increase in price per kWh of energy used in Tier 2. Motion carried.

General Manager Anker discussed the 2024 Prairie Power Revenue Deferral Plan and the Waiver Request Form, which is due November 29, 2024. She reviewed the possibility of deferring revenue earned during 2024. It was moved and seconded the Board elect to revise the 2024 deferral by eliminating the Cooperative's full waiver and electing 7 mills/kwh deferral. Motion carried. General Manager Anker discussed the 2025 Prairie Power Revenue Deferral Plan and Waiver Request form due January 8, 2025. She recommended the Cooperative accept the full waiver. It was moved and seconded the Board elect to waive in full the 2025 Revenue Deferral Plan. Motion carried.

Director of Accounting & Finance Julie Atwater entered the Board room. She discussed entering into a second Voluntary Contribution Acceleration Program Agreement with NRECA, as sponsor for the Retirement Security Plan. The "VCAP" is a pre-pay program which allows the Cooperative to take advantage of a lower billing rate for the chosen discount period. She reviewed the estimated reduction in the RS Plan billing rates for three discount rate options. It was moved and seconded that the Program be adopted for an 8% reduction factor across a 4-year term and the "VCAP" election form be executed. Motion carried. Julie Atwater left the Board room.

General Manager Anker presented the Manager's Report for October, 2024. She reviewed the Operating Statement, Balance Sheet and Budget. General Manager Anker presented the Member Services Report, past due notices, generated cut-off tickets and write-offs. She reviewed the Operations Report and Reliability Report for the Month and advised there were 83 incidents, the longest duration of an outage was 223 minutes, total customer minutes were 83,385.58 and largest number of Members affected by a single outage was 167. General Manager Anker advised that Director Martin attended the Safety Meeting and she discussed the various topics of the Meeting. General Manager Anker discussed the contents of the Connect Newsletter. General Manager Anker distributed a report that compared the ratio of meters per members for Illinois cooperatives. She discussed the Rockdale Solar Farm Project. She reviewed a Summary of Hurricane Helene mutual aid support. It was moved and seconded the Manager's Report be approved. Motion carried.

President Goetsch reported on AIEC Activities. He reviewed the NRECA Report and discussed the Directors Conference Sign-up.

Director Martin reported on Prairie Power, Inc. He reviewed the President's Report and the Energy Charge Summary.

General Manager Anker presented the Capital Credit Estates Refund Report.

It was moved and seconded that the Board enter into Executive Session. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Board reconvene the monthly Board Meeting.  
Motion carried.

President Goetsch advised the next regular Board Meeting was scheduled for Friday,  
December 20, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

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			October 2024		This Month		
	Last Year	This Year	Budget	Variance	Last Year	This Year	Budget	Variance
1. Operating Revenue	29,261,147	27,992,941	29,475,324	(1,482,383)	2,896,080	2,751,235	2,373,460	377,775
kWhr Sold	173,257,556	154,669,533	168,890,332	(14,220,799)	13,987,749	12,505,817	14,315,658	(1,809,841)
2. Cost of Power	16,271,600	13,396,086	15,555,634	2,159,548	1,503,952	1,253,518	1,478,006	224,488
kWhr Purchased	186,888,012	167,196,290	181,573,429	14,377,139	15,166,514	13,597,213	15,451,716	1,854,503
3. Operation Expense	1,081,753	2,139,423	2,044,072	(95,351)	134,488	126,444	203,107	76,663
4. Maintenance Expense	2,797,409	3,282,346	3,173,939	(108,407)	335,148	516,645	385,683	(130,962)
5. Consumer Accounts & Coll. Exp.	421,093	499,569	652,110	152,541	47,096	75,823	82,150	6,327
6. Member Service Expense	265,032	280,338	257,612	(22,726)	23,271	22,419	25,641	3,222
7. General Office Expense	505,059	494,315	466,621	(27,694)	77,153	44,217	47,737	3,520
8. Outside Professional Services	83,209	43,764	54,966	11,202	8,880	8,173	5,716	(2,457)
9. Insurance, Employee & Welfare	18,596	12,986	14,200	1,214	1,173	(688)	1,420	2,108
10. Director's Fee & Mileage	96,972	102,953	119,900	16,947	4,417	5,260	5,463	203
11. Dues - Assoc. Organizations	110,907	114,477	117,945	3,469	11,583	11,244	12,110	866
12. Other Misc. General Expense	352,089	298,417	347,059	48,642	16,177	16,556	22,788	6,232
13. Depreciation Expense	2,157,183	2,350,638	2,330,150	(20,488)	225,948	239,576	234,815	(4,761)
14. Tax Expense - Property	267,420	280,620	279,250	(1,370)	27,090	29,295	27,925	(1,370)
15. Tax Expense - Other	24,127	22,855	24,280	1,425	2,333	2,228	2,100	(128)
16. Interest Expense on L-T Debt	1,140,901	1,310,538	1,295,402	(15,136)	113,651	142,124	141,625	(499)
17. Total Expense less Power	9,321,750	11,233,238	11,177,506	(55,732)	1,028,407	1,239,315	1,198,280	(41,035)
17a. Total Operating Cost	25,593,349	24,629,324	26,733,140	2,103,816	2,532,359	2,492,832	2,676,286	183,454
<b>18. Operating Margins</b>	<b>3,667,798</b>	<b>3,363,617</b>	<b>2,742,184</b>	<b>621,433</b>	<b>363,721</b>	<b>258,403</b>	<b>(302,826)</b>	<b>561,229</b>
19. Non-Operating Margins	33,420	71,308	36,000	35,308	6,828	(20,119)	3,600	(23,719)
20. G & T Capital Credits	1,069,288	1,089,229	1,000,000	89,229	0	0	0	0
21. Other Capital Credits	198,663	172,618	162,725	9,893	0	0	0	0
<b>22. Total Margins</b>	<b>4,969,169</b>	<b>4,696,772</b>	<b>3,940,909</b>	<b>755,863</b>	<b>370,550</b>	<b>238,283</b>	<b>(299,226)</b>	<b>537,509</b>

**REA Form 7**  
**Balance Sheet Analysis**  
10/31/2023 - 10/31/2024

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	Prior Yr Balance 10/31/2023	Current Yr Balance 10/31/2024	End of Yr Balance 12/31/2023	Change YTD
<b>ASSETS:</b>				
Utility Plant in Service	87,221,684	91,224,707	88,570,600	2,654,107
Construction Work in Process	974,911	1,036,505	556,703	479,802
Total Utility Plant in Service	88,196,595	92,261,212	89,127,303	3,133,909
Accumulated Depreciation	(24,403,439)	(25,055,247)	(24,461,555)	(593,692)
<b>Net Utility Plant</b>	<b>63,793,156</b>	<b>67,205,965</b>	<b>64,665,748</b>	<b>2,540,217</b>
Nonutility Property - Net				0
Inv.in Assoc.Org.-Pat.Cap.	15,582,061	16,767,219	15,585,044	1,182,175
Inv.in Assoc.Org.- General Funds				0
Inv.in Assoc.Org.-Non Gen Funds	680,032	680,032	680,032	0
Investments in Economic Dev. Projects				0
Other Investments	0	0	0	0
Special Funds	167,390	196,242	221,564	(25,322)
<b>Total Other Prop. &amp; Investments</b>	<b>16,429,483</b>	<b>17,643,493</b>	<b>16,486,640</b>	<b>1,156,853</b>
Cash-General Funds	1,266,539	759,848	714,205	45,643
Cash-Constr.Fund Trustee	454	454	454	0
Special Deposits	3,314	3,300	3,355	(55)
Temporary Investments	0	0	0	0
Notes Receivable - Net	0	0	0	0
Accounts Receivable-Net-Energy	3,124,098	2,932,140	2,837,618	94,522
Accounts Receivable-Net-Other	(1,368)	(1,362)	(2,061)	699
Materials & Supplies	1,592,138	819,027	1,681,309	(862,282)
Prepayments	85,106	222,365	200,164	22,201
Other Current & Accrued Assets	2,691	2,691	9,163	(6,472)
<b>Total Current &amp; Accrued Assets</b>	<b>6,072,972</b>	<b>4,738,463</b>	<b>5,444,207</b>	<b>(705,744)</b>
Regulatory Assets	0	128,514	154,217	(25,703)
<b>Deferred Debits</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS &amp; OTHER DEBITS</b>	<b>86,295,611</b>	<b>89,716,435</b>	<b>86,750,812</b>	<b>2,965,623</b>
<b>OWNER'S EQUITY:</b>				
Memberships	336,765	343,945	337,870	6,075
Patronage Capital	28,667,934	30,132,988	28,635,881	1,497,107
Operating Margins-Prior Years	0	0	0	0
Operating Margins-Current Year	4,969,169	4,696,773	2,598,289	2,098,484
Non-Operating Margins	0	0	0	0
Other Margins & Equities	3,211,877	3,275,301	3,159,752	115,549
<b>Total Margins &amp; Equities</b>	<b>37,185,745</b>	<b>38,449,007</b>	<b>34,731,792</b>	<b>3,717,215</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>				
Long Term Debt-RUS	664,441	591,893	652,418	(60,525)
Long Term Debt Other - RUS Guar.	35,028,821	38,035,703	34,791,746	3,243,957
Long Term Debt - Other	9,156,632	8,277,898	9,014,640	(736,742)
Long Term Debt Other - Adv Payments	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Long Term Debt</b>	<b>44,849,894</b>	<b>46,905,494</b>	<b>44,458,804</b>	<b>2,446,690</b>
Accumulated Operating Provisions	800,080	922,839	911,816	11,023
<b>Total Other Noncurrent Liabilities</b>	<b>800,080</b>	<b>922,839</b>	<b>911,816</b>	<b>11,023</b>
Notes Payable	0	0	1,000,000	(1,000,000)
Accounts Payable	1,850,446	1,739,616	3,909,104	(2,169,488)
Deposits	231,867	231,498	231,292	206
Other Current & Accrued Liabilities	610,055	614,412	495,650	118,762
<b>Total Current &amp; Accrued Liabilities</b>	<b>2,692,368</b>	<b>2,585,526</b>	<b>5,636,046</b>	<b>(3,050,520)</b>
<b>Deferred Credits</b>	<b>767,524</b>	<b>853,569</b>	<b>1,012,354</b>	<b>(158,785)</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Operating Reserves</b>				<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL LIAB.'S &amp; OTHER CREDITS</b>	<b>86,295,611</b>	<b>89,716,435</b>	<b>86,750,812</b>	<b>2,965,623</b>

## MENARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

	This Month				
	October20	October21	October22	October23	October24
1. Operating Revenue	2,476,278	2,490,122	2,527,234	2,896,080	2,751,235
kWhr Sold	15,446,493	14,656,236	14,385,000	13,987,749	12,505,817
2. Cost of Power	1,266,660	1,274,537	1,386,797	1,503,952	1,253,518
kWhr Purchased	16,611,547	15,770,760	15,712,237	15,166,514	13,597,213
3. Operation Expense	169,650	190,646	167,617	134,488	126,444
4. Maintenance Expense	7,918	257,220	249,551	335,148	516,645
5. Consumer Accounts & Coll. Exp.	44,679	53,507	57,649	47,096	75,823
6. Member Service Expense	17,858	16,379	21,178	23,271	22,419
7. General Office Expense	51,361	90,163	65,223	77,153	44,217
8. Outside Professional Services	1,520	0	6,200	8,880	8,173
9. Insurance, Employee & Welfare	200	(3,692)	1,043	1,173	(688)
10. Director's Fee & Mileage	4,393	3,843	4,785	4,417	5,260
11. Dues - Assoc. Organizations	11,772	11,788	10,762	11,583	11,244
12. Other Misc. General Expense	14,052	46,096	27,943	16,177	16,556
13. Depreciation Expense	195,490	198,764	209,975	225,948	239,576
14. Tax Expense - Property	24,025	22,410	26,025	27,090	29,295
15. Tax Expense - Other	2,097	2,079	2,070	2,333	2,228
16. Interest Expense	105,333	98,468	105,272	113,651	142,124
17. Total Expense less Power	650,348	987,671	955,293	1,028,408	1,239,316
17a. Total Operating Cost	1,917,008	2,262,208	2,342,090	2,532,360	2,492,834
<b>18. Operating Margins</b>	559,270	227,914	185,144	363,720	258,401
19. Non-Operating Margins	3,901	4,266	4,108	6,828	(20,119)
20. G & T Capital Credits	0	0	0	0	0
21. Other Capital Credits	0	653	0	0	0
<b>22. Total Margins</b>	563,171	232,833	189,252	370,548	238,282