

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MENARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
PETERSBURG, ILLINOIS
DECEMBER 20, 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, Michael E. Patrick, Dennis Ryan, Jodine Tate, and Steve L. Worner. Director Rex Muir, Jr. was absent. 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 presented the proposed 2025 Budget and discussed proposed changes to the 2025 Budget. It was moved and seconded the 2025 Budget, with the proposed changes, be approved. Motion carried. The Board also reviewed changes to Rate Schedules and Riders. It was moved and seconded that the Rate Schedules and Riders, as amended, be adopted. Motion carried.

General Manager Anker presented the Manager's Report for November, 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 52 incidents, the longest duration of a single outage was 264 minutes, total customer minutes were 84,617.5 and largest number of Members affected by a single outage was 2,696. General Manager Anker discussed the Safety Meeting and various topics of the Meeting. General Manager Anker discussed the contents of the Connect Newsletter. She discussed the Annual Review of Fixed Expenses and proposed revision of the one-time contribution to a Retiree HRA for 2025. General Manager Anker reviewed the Block Heater Rate Compensation calculation for 2025. After discussion, it was moved and seconded that contribution amount be \$57.12 per month. Motion carried. General Manager Anker reviewed the current Cell Phone Plan Costs and discussed the various plans. It was moved and seconded the Cooperative revise the reimbursement amount to \$35.00 per month for 2025. Motion carried. General Manager Anker reviewed the Retiree HRA Contribution Cap. It was moved and seconded the Cooperative increase the contribution cap to \$13,000.00. Motion carried. The Board discussed selection of a Voting Delegate to the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) Meeting. It

was moved and seconded that Jodine Tate be the Delegate. Motion Carried. Board discussed selection of Delegate and Alternate to the Illinois Cooperative Workers Compensation Group and Rochdale Services Annual Meetings. It was moved and seconded that Jay Frye be the Voting Delegate and Gary Holloway be the Alternate Delegate. Motion carried. General Manager Anker advised that the Cooperative had been successful in getting its Facebook Page returned and updated. General Manager Anker discussed the CoBank Central Regional Meeting to be held in March. She also discussed the NRECA Power Exchange and advised that a Delegate and an Alternate Delegate were needed for the Meeting. It was moved and seconded that President Goetsch be the primary Voting Delegate with Director Martin as Alternate Delegate. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded the Manager's Report be approved. Motion carried.

President Goetsch reported on AIEC Activities and reviewed the NRECA Report.

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

Michael Carter, Juan Pablo Fabre and associates from XXL Studio, LLC and Cooperative employees Julie Atwater, Trish Michels, Brady Smith and Dustin Crosier entered the Board room. General Manager Anker introduced Mr. Carter and company as a bitcoin mining expert based in Illinois. Carter spoke to the Board about crypto-currency mining and the logistical requirements his organization is undertaking to bring this new load opportunity to cooperative territories. Following a presentation by Mr. Carter, he, the XXL Studio representatives, and Cooperative employees left the Board room. The Board discussed possible impacts and opportunities one or more bitcoin Production Centers could have on the Cooperative. The Board instructed General Manager Anker to proceed with further investigation and negotiations.

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 Thursday, January 23, 2025 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,

Secretary

President

MENARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
MONTHLY OPERATING REPORT

	Year to Date			November 2024		This Month		
	Last Year	This Year	Budget	Variance	Last Year	This Year	Budget	Variance
1. Operating Revenue	31,619,935	30,055,737	31,751,788	(1,696,051)	2,358,788	2,062,797	2,276,464	(213,667)
kWhr Sold	186,480,536	166,097,400	182,515,674	(16,418,274)	13,222,980	11,427,867	13,625,342	(2,197,475)
2. Cost of Power	17,675,596	15,196,565	16,976,711	1,780,146	1,403,997	1,800,479	1,421,077	(379,402)
kWhr Purchased	201,282,782	179,832,128	196,291,874	16,459,746	14,394,770	12,635,838	14,718,445	2,082,607
3. Operation Expense	1,254,354	2,354,574	2,239,650	(114,924)	172,601	215,151	195,578	(19,573)
4. Maintenance Expense	3,060,964	3,115,884	3,530,576	414,692	263,555	(166,462)	356,637	523,099
5. Consumer Accounts & Coll. Exp.	454,177	506,224	713,358	207,134	33,084	6,655	61,248	54,593
6. Member Service Expense	290,974	304,912	282,133	(22,779)	25,942	24,574	24,521	(53)
7. General Office Expense	543,019	556,215	512,543	(43,672)	37,959	61,900	45,922	(15,978)
8. Outside Professional Services	94,709	48,962	61,683	12,721	11,500	5,198	6,717	1,520
9. Insurance, Employee & Welfare	20,841	15,268	15,620	352	2,245	2,282	1,420	(862)
10. Director's Fee & Mileage	105,548	107,499	126,363	18,864	8,577	4,546	6,463	1,917
11. Dues - Assoc. Organizations	122,490	125,721	130,055	4,335	11,583	11,244	12,110	866
12. Other Misc. General Expense	367,484	317,992	368,911	50,919	15,395	19,574	21,852	2,278
13. Depreciation Expense	2,384,979	2,590,753	2,565,365	(25,388)	227,795	240,115	235,215	(4,900)
14. Tax Expense - Property	294,510	309,915	307,175	(2,740)	27,090	29,295	27,925	(1,370)
15. Tax Expense - Other	26,063	24,613	26,220	1,607	1,936	1,758	1,940	182
16. Interest Expense on L-T Debt	1,255,818	1,444,848	1,435,805	(9,043)	114,917	134,310	140,403	6,093
17. Total Expense less Power	10,275,927	11,823,379	12,315,457	492,078	954,178	590,140	1,137,951	547,811
17a. Total Operating Cost	27,951,524	27,019,944	29,292,168	2,272,224	2,358,174	2,390,620	2,559,028	168,408
18. Operating Margins	3,668,412	3,035,794	2,459,620	576,174	613	(327,823)	(282,564)	(45,259)
19. Non-Operating Margins	39,391	75,649	39,600	36,049	5,971	4,341	3,600	741
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
22. Total Margins	4,975,753	4,373,290	3,661,945	711,345	6,584	(323,482)	(278,964)	(44,518)

Balance Sheet Analysis

Menard Electric Coop

11/30/2023 - 11/30/2024

13-Dec-24

	Prior Yr Balance 11/30/2023	Current Yr Balance 11/30/2024	End of Yr Balance 12/31/2023	Change YTD
ASSETS:				
Utility Plant in Service	88,110,944	91,445,117	88,570,600	2,874,517
Construction Work in Process	495,917	1,039,802	556,703	483,099
Total Utility Plant in Service	88,606,861	92,484,919	89,127,303	3,357,616
Accumulated Depreciation	(24,381,943)	(25,194,421)	(24,461,555)	(732,866)
Net Utility Plant	64,224,918	67,290,498	64,665,748	2,624,750
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	0	0	0
Inv.in Assoc.Org.-Non Gen Funds	680,032	680,032	680,032	0
Investments in Economic Dev. Projects	0	0	0	0
Other Investments	0	0	0	0
Special Funds	171,980	199,812	221,564	(21,752)
Total Other Prop. & Investments	16,434,073	17,647,063	16,486,640	1,160,423
Cash-General Funds	1,372,614	1,324,686	714,205	610,481
Cash-Constr.Fund Trustee	454	454	454	0
Special Deposits	3,481	3,388	3,355	33
Temporary Investments	0	0	0	0
Notes Receivable - Net	0	0	0	0
Accounts Receivable-Net-Energy	2,511,574	2,545,800	2,837,618	(291,818)
Accounts Receivable-Net-Other	(992)	(808)	(2,061)	1,253
Materials & Supplies	1,791,777	873,951	1,681,309	(807,358)
Prepayments	57,039	187,884	200,164	(12,280)
Other Current & Accrued Assets	5,294	5,294	9,163	(3,869)
Total Current & Accrued Assets	5,741,241	4,940,649	5,444,207	(503,558)
Regulatory Assets	0	125,944	154,217	(28,273)
Deferred Debits	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS	86,400,232	90,004,154	86,750,812	3,253,342
OWNER'S EQUITY:				
Memberships	337,385	344,620	337,870	6,750
Patronage Capital	28,652,224	30,119,530	28,635,881	1,483,649
Operating Margins-Prior Years	0	0	0	0
Operating Margins-Current Year	4,975,753	4,373,291	2,598,289	1,775,002
Non-Operating Margins	0	0	0	0
Other Margins & Equities	3,216,462	3,283,623	3,159,752	123,871
Total Margins & Equities	37,181,824	38,121,064	34,731,792	3,389,272
LIABILITIES:				
Long Term Debt-RUS	658,420	585,787	652,418	(66,631)
Long Term Debt Other - RUS Guar.	35,028,821	38,035,703	34,791,746	3,243,957
Long Term Debt - Other	9,072,660	8,190,882	9,014,640	(823,758)
Long Term Debt Other - Adv Payments	0	0	0	0
Total Long Term Debt	44,759,901	46,812,372	44,458,804	2,353,568
Accumulated Operating Provisions	809,077	931,090	911,816	19,274
Total Other Noncurrent Liabilities	809,077	931,090	911,816	19,274
Notes Payable	0	0	1,000,000	(1,000,000)
Accounts Payable	1,961,797	2,299,460	3,909,104	(1,609,644)
Deposits	230,102	231,558	231,292	266
Other Current & Accrued Liabilities	682,035	755,041	495,650	259,391
Total Current & Accrued Liabilities	2,873,934	3,286,059	5,636,046	(2,349,987)
Deferred Credits	775,496	853,569	1,012,354	(158,785)
Miscellaneous Operating Reserves				0
TOTAL LIAB.'S & OTHER CREDITS	86,400,232	90,004,154	86,750,812	3,253,342

MENARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

	This Month				
	November20	November21	November22	November23	November24
1. Operating Revenue	1,981,618	2,084,864	2,168,881	2,358,788	2,062,797
kWhr Sold	13,298,897	14,025,135	13,974,803	13,222,980	11,427,867
2. Cost of Power	1,388,042	1,657,055	1,598,516	1,403,997	1,800,479
kWhr Purchased	13,844,251	15,196,050	15,163,277	14,394,770	12,635,838
3. Operation Expense	100,188	129,125	117,128	172,601	215,151
4. Maintenance Expense	264,316	255,588	287,431	263,555	(166,461)
5. Consumer Accounts & Coll. Exp.	31,795	33,540	38,645	33,084	6,655
6. Member Service Expense	17,211	25,158	19,922	25,942	24,574
7. General Office Expense	52,806	105,004	39,313	37,958	61,900
8. Outside Professional Services	9,308	13,750	0	11,500	5,198
9. Insurance, Employee & Welfare	422	2,291	1,616	2,245	2,282
10. Director's Fee & Mileage	3,529	5,045	5,145	8,577	4,546
11. Dues - Assoc. Organizations	11,772	11,788	10,762	11,583	11,244
12. Other Misc. General Expense	30,044	30,373	65	15,395	19,574
13. Depreciation Expense	196,484	199,757	211,052	227,795	240,115
14. Tax Expense - Property	21,318	22,410	26,025	27,090	29,295
15. Tax Expense - Other	1,660	1,685	1,807	1,936	1,758
16. Interest Expense	101,765	95,868	102,311	114,917	134,310
17. Total Expense less Power	842,618	931,382	861,222	954,178	590,141
17a. Total Operating Cost	2,230,660	2,588,437	2,459,738	2,358,175	2,390,620
18. Operating Margins	(249,042)	(503,573)	(290,857)	613	(327,823)
19. Non-Operating Margins	4,264	11,424	3,906	5,971	4,341
20. G & T Capital Credits	0	0	0	0	0
21. Other Capital Credits	0	0	0	0	0
22. Total Margins	(244,778)	(492,149)	(286,951)	6,584	(323,482)