

**DELAWARE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**May 17, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Delaware Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held at the Delaware Electric Cooperative headquarters in Greenwood, Delaware, on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Chair Patricia S. Dorey called the meeting to order. The following directors were present: William J. Wells, Michael K. Brown, Laura T. Phillips, William P. Haughey, Jr., Charles L. Towles, Jr., Bruce R. Walton, Bruce A. Henry, Blaine M. Daisey, Hunter Emory, and Thomas Brown.

Also present at the meeting were Rob Book, Jesse Spampinato, Dawn Smart, Dwayne Street, Troy Dickerson, Dave Shapley, Kevin Yingling, Bruce Campbell, Jamie Nutter, and Lauren Freese, who recorded the minutes of the meeting.

**INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation was given by Director Towles, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NEW EMPLOYEES**

Vice President of Human Resources, Dawn Smart, introduced System Dispatch Coordinator, Devon Stover.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the regular meeting of April 19, 2023, were approved.

**CORPORATE CALENDAR**

It was noted that the corporate calendar was part of this month's BoardEffect book and covered the period May through July 2023.

**OPERATIONS REPORT**

Vice President, Jesse Spampinato reported on four circuit outage events in April, construction statistics, system reliability, vegetation management, load control and Beat the Peak (load control) performance for the month.

## **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Vice President of Human Resources, Dawn Smart, reviewed board policies 100.2, 200.1, 300.3, 300.5, and 400.6. Board policy 100.2 will have further review. All other reviewed board policies were approved by the Board. She also reviewed potential changes to DEC's bylaws and charter which were approved by the Board.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Jamie Nutter updated the Board on current energy and environmental legislation.

## **ENGINEERING REPORT**

Vice President, Troy Dickerson reported on the performance of the engineering department relative to new services, jobs engineered and staked and un-staked work orders, and gave a transformer update.

He and Mr. Nutter discussed a territory boundary shift in the City of Lewes and asked for Board approval. The Board approved the boundary shift.

## **RECOGNITION**

Chair Dorey recognized Director Bruce Walton for completing his Director Gold recertification and presented him with his certificate.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**

Vice President of Human Resources, Dawn Smart, updated the Board on current open positions, litigation, union relations, grievances, training, and development.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Controller, Bruce Campbell, reviewed the financial performance of the cooperative for month-ending April 2023 and gave an update on accounting consultant Piedmont.

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS & INNOVATION REPORT**

Vice President of Innovation and Special Projects, Dave Shapley, gave updated information on the performance of DEC's existing renewable project portfolio and gave an update on the status of DEC's solar projects under development.

He also shared changes to Tariff Leaf #30 – 12.9 Member’s Deposits, Tariff Leaf #102 Electric Vehicle Rider, and Tariff Leaf #104 Primary Controlled Net Metered Load. All tariff leaf changes were approved by the Board.

### **TECHNOLOGY REPORT**

Vice President, Dwayne Street reported on DEC’s network and application reliability in April and ongoing DEC efforts to address phishing and cybersecurity risks. He also shared a scam experienced by one of our members.

### **MEMBER SERVICES REPORT**

Vice President, Kevin Yingling reported on internal and external communications, DEC’s new website, call center statistics for the month and how DEC residential rates compared with other peer electric utilities. He also mentioned the upcoming thermostat and Optiwatt launch, the June/July Beat the Peak Campaign and annual meeting.

### **ODEC REPORT**

Director Mike Brown gave a summary of ODEC’s performance and budget.

### **NRECA REPORT**

Director Hunter Emory shared the USDA rules release regarding a program to assist co-ops gain access to billions in energy innovation funds, permitting reform and the EPA’s announcement regarding greenhouse gas regulations.

### **VMD REPORT**

Chair Dorey reported on the eight \$1,000 scholarships the VMD will be presenting to students.

### **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President and CEO, Rob Book reported on the EPA proposal, gave a summary of the ALDC meeting, and updated the Board on the building project and off-shore wind project.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Pat Dorey called for an Executive Session. The Board exited the Executive Session meeting at 4:30 pm and adjourned the board meeting at that time.

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Secretary

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Chairperson