

**A&N Electric Cooperative**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**December 21, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of A & N Electric Cooperative was held Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 1:00 pm at ANEC in Tasley, VA.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nottingham, followed by the invocation by Director Duncan.

**Present:** Chairman Addison W. Nottingham, Directors: Chris D. Bott, S. Keith Colonna, Ralph W. Dodd, E. Garrison Drummond, Gregory L. Duncan, Penney P. Holland, and W.E. "Ted" Shockley. Also, present was Attorney Cody Murphey, CEO Butch Williamson, Roger Blizzard, Joe Cataldo, Jay Diem, Robie Marsh, Leo Radkowski and Bette Cornell. Shawn Hildebrand and Andrew Vehorn attended via Zoom.

Absent: Director Mark A. Hickman

Chairman Nottingham started off the meeting by presenting Director Program Certificates to Directors Ralph Dodd for his completion of the Director Gold credential, and Penney Holland for her completion of the Board Leadership credential.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on November 16, 2023, were presented.

***Motion was made by Director Bott to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Colonna. Upon the motion, the minutes were approved.***

**Resolution Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda, which included Memberships, November Safety Report, the November Income Statement and Balance Sheet, November Financial Report, Outages, Accounts Receivables/Arrears Update, Member Services Report, Investment & Funding Analysis, 2023 Workplan Update, Information Technology Report, and Engineering Workload for November were provided.

***Motion was made by Director Drummond to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Director Bott. Upon the motion, the Consent Agenda was approved. The motion was adopted after debate.***

**November Operating Reports**

The November 2023 Financials and Operating Reports were presented by Shawn Hildebrand.

Shawn Hildebrand presented the Write-off Bad Debts report through June 2023 for approval.

***Motion was made by Director Bott to approve the Write-off Bad Debts report, seconded by Director Duncan. The motion was adopted after debate.***

A recommendation of the Storm Reserve Annual Calculation was presented by Shawn Hildebrand for approval.

***Motion was made by Director Dodd to approve the Storm Reserve Annual Calculation, seconded by Director Bott. The motion was adopted after debate.***

There was no Engineering Report presented.

The Operations/Construction Report was presented by Joe Cataldo.

### **Human Resources Report**

There was no Human Resources report presented.

### **Administrative Updates**

The Donations Update report was presented by Mr. Williamson for approval. Mr. Williamson noted that we have not received any donation applications at this time.

***Motion was made by Director Shockley to approve the staff's recommendation to approve the report of the Donations Update, seconded by Director Duncan. The motion was adopted after debate.***

Andrew Vehorn, President of Member and Public Affairs, presented a Virginia 2024 Legislative update.

Leo Radkowski provided an update on grants and special projects. The installation of EV chargers has been completed. ANEC completed service to two A&N Innovative Solution sites in Chincoteague and Onancock. The Cape Charles site should be completed by mid-January 2024.

Leo Radkowski gave an update on battery energy storage system (BESS). He noted that ODEC intends to cancel the battery energy storage system due to unfavorable financials.

### **Committee Reports**

Chairman Nottingham reported information from the Members Helping Members Committee meeting that was held the morning of December 21, 2023.

### **Legal Report**

There was no Legal Report presented.

### **ODEC Report**

Director Drummond presented an ODEC Report.

### **VMDAEC Report**

Director Bott reported that the association is looking at the relation of social media and the Cooperative Living publication, possibly making it a digital version, and also changing name to "DELMARVA Living."

### **President's Report**

Mr. Williamson provided an update on the upcoming events and meetings. He reported that he and a couple of A&N staff members attended a graduation ceremony for linemen who attended the powerline school which Choptank, and the Association opened.

### **Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

### **New Business**

There was no New Business.

### **Other Business**

The 2024 certification for Delegate Selection was reviewed and finalized.

### **Executive Session**

The Board entered executive session at 2:25 pm.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:06 pm.

After coming out of executive session, Mr. Williamson announced the 2024 Credentials and Election Committee candidates for Board approval. Mr. Williamson reviewed the criteria of committee members, and their districts.

***Motion was made by Director Shockley to approve the 2024 C&E Committee candidates, seconded by Director Duncan. The motion was adopted after debate.***

***Motion was made by Director Bott to approve the terms of the Union Bargaining Agreement presented by Mr. Williamson in Executive Session, and seconded by Director Holland. The motion was adopted after debate.***

***Motion was then made by Direct Nottingham, and properly seconded, to adopt the updates to the Corporate Attorney fee arrangement with Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC for calendar year 2024. The motion was adopted after debate.***

There being no further business in the regular board meeting, the Board adjourned at 3:21 pm.

The next Board meeting/Strategic Staff meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2024, at 10:00 am.

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Assistant Secretary

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Addison W. Nottingham, Chairman

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Ralph W. Dodd, Secretary