

NEMMPA

Northeastern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency Board Meeting

Minutes of the Northeastern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (NEMMPA) Board Meeting held on November 17, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. via MS Teams.

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by President French at 11:02 a.m.

Attendees:

President Greg French, Virginia
Secretary Julie Kennedy, Grand Rapids
Board Member Dave Cluff, Aitkin
Board Member Harold Langowski, Ely
Alternate Member Representative Susan Thronson, Keewatin
Alternate Representative Charliene Jones
Member Representative Sam Lautiger, Gilbert
Member Representative Craig Wainio, Mountain Iron
Member Representative Matt Pantzke, Randall
Member Representative Ryan Pervenanze, Buhl
Alternate Member Representative Mayor Dave Fischer, Pierz
Consultant Dave Berg, DBE Consulting
Consultant Jeff Anderson, Costin Group Consulting

Members Absent:

Vice President Scott Magnuson, Brainerd
Board Representative Luke Peterson, Hibbing
Alternate Board Representative Blake Prince, Two Harbors
Member Representative Jeff Jacobson, Biwabik

2. Approve Agenda

Motion by H. Langowski, supported by D. Cluff, to approve the agendas written. MCU

3. Approve the Minutes from the September 15 Regular Board Meeting

Motion by H. Langowski, supported by D. Cluff, to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2021 Annual Member Meeting. MCU

4. 2022 Dues Update

President French reported 2022 dues invoices will be emailed to members in the next month for January payment. Also, attached is the NEMMPA financial sheet that was handed out at the October 20, 2021 annual member meeting.

5. Legislative Update

J. Anderson provided the attached legislative report.

6. Open Discussion

No additional discussion.

**7. MP Wholesale Power Supply Negotiations Update – Dave Berg
(only those members currently negotiating with MP were present)**

D. Berg reported that all communities have now received their 2022-2029 ESA contracts to be brought to their respective boards before the end of the year.

8. Adjourn

Motion by D. Cluff, supported by H. Langowski, to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m. MCU

The November NEMMPA Board member meeting is scheduled for 11 am on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 via MS Teams.

Date Approved: _____

Greg French, President

Julie Kennedy, Secretary

6:55 AM

10/20/21

Accrual Basis

Northeastern MN Municipal Power Agency
Profit & Loss
All Transactions

	<u>Oct 11, 21</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Membership Dues	64,000.00
Total Income	<u>64,000.00</u>
Gross Profit	64,000.00
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	106.48
Consulting & Legal	51,781.44
Office Supplies	438.89
Total Expense	<u>52,326.81</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>11,673.19</u>
Net Income	<u><u>11,673.19</u></u>

COSTIN GROUP LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Good morning:

I want to begin today at the federal level...

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal:

- Makes the largest federal investment in public transit ever
- Makes the largest federal investment in passenger rail since the creation of Amtrak
- Makes the single largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the interstate highway system
- Makes the largest investment in clean drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in American history, delivering clean water to millions of families
- Ensures every American has access to reliable high-speed internet
- Helps us tackle the climate crisis by making the largest investment in clean energy transmission and EV infrastructure in history; electrifying thousands of school and transit buses across the country; and creating a new Grid Deployment Authority to build a clean, 21st century electric grid

EV Infrastructure

U.S. market share of plug-in electric vehicle (EV) sales is only one-third the size of the Chinese EV market. The President believes that must change. The bill invests \$7.5 billion to build out a national network of EV chargers. This is the first-ever national investment in EV charging infrastructure in the United States and is a critical element in the Biden-Harris Administration's plan to accelerate the adoption of EVs to address the climate crisis and support domestic manufacturing jobs. The bill will provide funding for deployment of EV chargers along highway corridors to facilitate long-distance travel and within communities to provide convenient charging where people live, work, and shop. Federal funding will have a particular focus on rural, disadvantaged, and hard-to-reach communities.

Clean Drinking Water

Currently, up to 10 million American households and 400,000 schools and child care centers lack safe drinking water. The deal's \$55 billion investment represents the largest investment in clean drinking water in American history, including dedicated funding to replace lead service lines and the dangerous chemical PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl). It will replace all of the nation's lead pipes and service lines. From rural towns to struggling cities, the deal invests in water infrastructure across America, including in Tribal Nations and disadvantaged communities that need it most.

High-Speed Internet

Broadband internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, to participate equally in school learning, health care, and to stay connected. Yet, by one definition, more than 30 million Americans live in areas where there is no broadband infrastructure that provides minimally acceptable speeds – a particular problem in rural communities throughout the country. The deal's \$65 billion investment ensures every American has access to reliable high-speed internet with an historic investment in broadband infrastructure deployment, just as the federal government made a historic effort to provide electricity to every American nearly one hundred years ago.

The bill will also help lower prices for internet service by requiring funding recipients to offer a low-cost affordable plan, by creating price transparency and helping families comparison shop, and by boosting competition in areas where existing providers aren't providing adequate service. It will also help close the digital divide by passing the Digital Equity Act, ending digital redlining, and creating a permanent program to help more low-income households access the internet.

Power Infrastructure

As the recent Texas power outages demonstrated, our aging electric grid needs urgent modernization. A Department of Energy study found that power outages cost the U.S. economy up to \$70 billion annually. The deal's \$73 billion investment is the single largest investment in clean energy transmission in American history. It upgrades our power infrastructure, including by building thousands of miles of new, resilient transmission lines to facilitate the expansion of renewable energy. It creates a new Grid Deployment Authority, invests in research and development for advanced transmission and electricity distribution technologies, and promotes smart grid technologies that deliver flexibility and resilience. It invests in demonstration projects and research hubs for next generation technologies like advanced nuclear reactors, carbon capture, and clean hydrogen.