

# MINUTES



June 13, 2024 | 6:30 PM

Vanguard Shop – 714 Blue Mounds St, Black Earth, WI 53515

- 1. Call to order** Vanguard Electric Commission President Peter Huebner called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- 2. Roll call** Those in attendance upon roll call were Scott Patchin, Kyle Kepler, Peter Huebner and Mike Krawczyk. Terry Moyer, Rod Howard and Gary Harrop were not present. There was a quorum.
- 3. Proof of posting** Notice was posted at the Mazomanie and Black Earth village offices, and transmitted to Star News, on June 5, 2024.
- 4. Approval of minutes** *Motion by Patchin/Kepler to approve minutes from 03/19/24. 4- Aye, 0- Nay. Motion passed to approve minutes.*
- 5. Public Comment (3 minutes per person)** None
- 6. Financial report-** The financial review was completed and now the catch-up begins. To this point in time, January, February and March are completed. The town of Black Earth was billed 35,757.11 for January, 38,826.65 for February and 36,876.90 for March. Mazo was billed 33,161.01 for January, 27,064.57 for February and 43,740.04 for March. For the Income Balance There were no major issues to report while completing month end. To get caught up, it could take until the middle of July. It's better to complete the month end correctly and not quickly. The financial auditor, Jeff Stanek CPA of Sun Prairie, was instructed to send over a report of what Vanguard Electric did well and what could be improved. In conclusion, everything is looking well, no major issues or problems to report.
- 7. Superintendent's report** Vanguard did hire a new apprentice after reviewing all applications. His name is Gage Hill, he's originally from Baraboo. He is currently signed up for the second-year apprenticeship schooling. Taylor Robinson has completed his fourth year and passed his Journeyman test. The new bucket truck was picked up on Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup> and still needs to swap tools from the old truck to the new truck. The old truck was planned to be going to Surplus auction and was discussed to be worth about \$30,000 to \$40,000 dollars. We will start the bidding at \$30,000 and if it doesn't sell, we will re-auction it until it sells. The new truck was supposed to be completed last fall, but due to a stability test restructure, it was delayed. It is better to wait to have the stability test pass rather than fail. The bucket can hold 2,000 lbs. The Mazo projects are going well. The PI project is almost all done, and the only thing left is the billing. All pipes are completed on John Street and wall court. There is some old three phase that is 1970's era cable that is well beyond its useful life, if it fails it would take out ETC and everything south of Highways 14. Next week J&R will be working on directional drilling for Emily Road where we are burying an overhead line. There is telephone and cable on the overhead. Trying to contact the telephone company and have them ensure everything is ok can be very frustrating. Vanguard is doing their part, and the out-of-state telephone company is hard to contact to ensure everything is correct for the telephone switch. Black Earth projects are going well too. Taking down the Platteville substation went very well, as it only took one day when the Alliant team was figuring that it would take about a week. During the day while the Vanguard crew was gone, it was arranged with Mount Horeb to cover Vanguard while we were gone. Outages had been quiet up until the 5/21/24 storm. The calls started coming in around quarter to 8 PM and the system was already down 25 to 30 % with the first wave of the storm and then the second wave came through and knocked out another 20 to 25 % of the system. We couldn't call other companies to help since everyone was in the same situation as we were. Valerie came in to answer the phones, which was appreciated to talk to a human versus not answering the phone since the Vanguard boys were busy. All the Black Earth community was restored at around 5AM except for the outages that were called in Wednesday morning. Mazo had 1 customer who was without power. Jodi from Dane county reached out to have Vanguard present during the National Night out event at the Lions Park in

Mazomanie. We will bring our equipment down to the show to the public different demonstrations like pole top climbs and changing out of a fuse. That way we can show the public who we are. We are looking to investigate prices for one of our two pick-up trucks. We plan to trade trucks in every 4 to 5 years and depreciate the amount and potentially get a municipal discount we can basically sell them for what we paid for them. Ford did stop municipal pricing, but we will investigate other brands.

**8. Items for discussion at next meeting** Create a policy for bringing home Vanguard trucks to employee's house.

**9. Set next meeting date** July 16th, 2024 @ 6:30 PM

**10. Adjourn** *Motion by Patchin/Krawczyk to adjourn from meeting. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.*