

August 2021 Board Meeting Highlights

The August board meeting was held on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 8 AM. Absent: None.

Staff members present were General Manager, Joel Janorschke, Dale Schwagel, and Karen Lupkes.

President Diekmann called the meeting to order.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the July board meeting were approved.

The July check register was approved.

Armstrong and Frisch reported on the MREA Energy Issues Summit.

Discussed the East River & Basin video reports.

Homan gave an East River Board Report.

Janorschke presented the Manager's Report, which included:

- Provided a Basin Electric update.
- Provided an East River update.
- REED Fund review.
- NRECA update.
- MREA and MN legislative update.
- SDREA and SD legislative update.
- Digesters discussed.
- In 2022, our monthly newsletter will be inserted with electric bills.

Lupkes gave the Office Manager's Report, which included:

- June 31, 2021 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
- A list of new members was reviewed.
- Discussed the SD Generation Tax.
- Update on Electrical Dept. and Generator Program.
- East River power bill and Basin's financial reports reviewed.

Reviewed and approved the July Financial Report.

Schwagel gave the Operations Report. Items discussed included:

- Reviewed new services and completed projects.
- Crews have been working on pole changes, bin and house moves, and new services.
- Update on a new hog facility by Charlesville.
- Carr's Tree Service continues tree trimming.
- Meter update.
- Reviewed our Safety Program.
- Outages were reviewed.

Provided a facility planning update. Results of Geo. Technical review indicated no issues. Approved moving to the next step to get schematic designs.

Approved and adopted resolution for the 2022 Basin Load Forecast.

Discussed the Basin Annual Meeting.

Reviewed and approved Policies 113, 308, 523, and 524.

Marks and Armstrong appointed to MN Cold Weather Rule Appeal Committee.

Approved amendment to 125 Plan.

Conducted annual General Manager Performance Review.

Presented a plaque to Homan for his years of service on the board.

A list of upcoming meetings and attendees was reviewed.

Meeting adjourned.