

November Board Meeting Highlights

- The November regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 8 AM.
- Absent: None.
- Staff members present were General Manager, Jeremy Huhnstock, Dale Schwagel, and Karen Lupkes.
- President Diekmann called the meeting to order.
- The agenda was approved.
- The minutes of the October regular board meeting were approved.
- The October check register was approved.
- Discussed the East River and Basin Electric video reports, and the NRECA training video: *The Use of Executive Session*.
- Diekmann gave an East River Board Report.
- Thoennes reported on the East River New Director Orientation.
- Monson reported on the South Dakota Legislative Dinner.
- Huhnstock presented the General 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.
 - Other matters of interest.
- Lupkes gave the Office Manager's Report, which included:
 - October 31, 2025 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
 - A list of new members was reviewed.
 - No energy assistance funds have been released in MN due to the government shutdown.
 - Reported on enrollment in auto pay and SmartHub.
 - Ellie Whaley was selected as a Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Week.
 - Update on Electrical Dept. and Generator Program.
 - East River power bill and Basin's financial reports reviewed.
- Reviewed and approved the October 2025 Financial Report.
- The Operations Report was presented per written report. Items included:
 - Provided a crew update.
 - Reviewed upcoming projects for this Fall and for 2026, and completed projects.
 - Crews continue to work on plowing projects.
 - We will be going through RESAP certification in 2026 with an unannounced inspection.
 - Reported that he would like Traverse Electric to go through NRECA's Commitment to Zero program.
 - Carr's completed tree trimming for this year.
 - Provide an update on the digester services.
 - Reviewed projects our contractors are working on.
 - Our plow's backhoe needs repairs.
 - Reviewed our Safety Program.
 - Outages were reviewed.
- Reviewed and approved the 2026 Basin Load Forecast.
- Reviewed and approved the 2026 Budget and Capital Budget.
- Approved a Revenue Deferral Resolution.

- Approved 2026 Rate Schedules.
- Approved a total capital credit retirement of \$638,109.11 for general retirement of \$588,676.38 from 2009 and \$49,432.73 to Estates.
- Approved applying capital credits to bad debt and writing off bad debt.
- Adopted Board Policy 505.1 and approved revisions to Policy 505.
- Selected SDREA voting delegates.
- Reviewed the 2026 district meetings schedule and the March 19, 2026 annual meeting.
- Committed to send 1 Youth to the 2026 Youth Tour.
- Approved offering one \$1,500 and one \$1,000 Basin Scholarship in 2026.
- Reviewed upcoming meetings and attendees.
- Meeting adjourned.