

January 2023 Board Meeting Highlights

- The January regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 9 AM. Absent: None.
- Staff members present were Interim General Manager Dale Schwagel and Karen Lupkes.
- President Diekmann called the meeting to order.
- The agenda was approved.
- The minutes of the December regular board meeting were approved.
- The December check register was approved.
- Glynn, Monson, and Pearson reported on the SDREA Annual Meeting.
- Discussed the East River and Basin video reports.
- Diekmann gave an East River Board Report.
- Schwagel 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.
- Lupkes gave the Office Manager's Report, which included:
 - December 31, 2022 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
 - A list of new members was reviewed.
 - Update on Electrical Dept. and Generator Program.
 - Discussed Basin and East River capital credit allocations for 2022.
 - Reported on the sale of RECs in the Basin Marketing Pool.
 - Reviewed December heating kwhs sales and 2022 kwhs sales and revenue.
 - East River power bill and Basin's financial reports reviewed.
- Reviewed and approved the December 2022 Financial Report.
- Schwagel gave the Operations Report. Items discussed included:
 - Provided a crew update.
 - Reviewed upcoming and completed projects.
 - Crews have been moving snow, doing pole changes, OCR maintenance, and line patrol.
 - Discussed a requested load and transformer size request for a digester service.
 - Discussed needs to bury cable to digester services.
 - Reported that the EZ Spotter and F-350 have been ordered.
 - Tree trimming and pole inspection contracts for 2023 have been signed.
 - Reviewed our Safety Program.
 - Outages were reviewed.
- Received an update on the new facility and construction progress.
- Discussed status of our RUS loan and interest rates.
- Selected Monson to be our NRECA voting delegate.
- Discussed our annual meeting on March 23, 2023 at the Wheaton High School with registration at 6 PM and business meeting at 6:30 PM.
- Discussed recent district meetings held and District 7 director nominations.
- Approved offering the General Manager position to Jeremy Huhnstock.
- Reviewed upcoming meetings and attendees.
- Meeting adjourned.