

January Board Meeting Highlights

- The January regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 9 AM.
- Absent: Diekmann.
- Staff members present were General Manager, Jeremy Huhnstock, Dale Schwagel, and Karen Lupkes.
- Vice President Monson 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.
- Discussed the East River and Basin Electric video reports, and the NRECA training video: *Engaging Young Adult Members*.
- Diekmann gave an East River Board Report.
- Glynn and Monson reported on the SDREA Annual Meeting.
- 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:
 - December 31, 2025 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
 - A list of new members was reviewed.
 - New rates take effect with the January 31 billing statements.
 - Reported on 2025 Basin and East River capital credit allocations.
 - Youth Tour essay deadline is Feb 9 and Scholarship app. deadline is Feb 17.
 - RUS approved our \$600,000 revenue deferral plan.
 - Update on Electrical Dept. and Generator Program.
 - East River power bill and Basin's financial reports reviewed.
- Reviewed and approved the December 2025 Financial Report.
- The Operations Report was presented per written report. Items included:
 - Provided a crew update.
 - Reported on projects held over from 2025 and 2026 projects.
 - Reported that contracts are in place for 2026 tree trimming, cabinet inspections, and pole inspections.
 - Quotes for material were requested from vendors to secure best pricing.
 - Reviewed our Safety Program.
 - Outages were reviewed.
- Annual Meeting will be held March 19, 2026 beginning at 6:30 PM at the Wheaton High School.
- District Meetings begin today.
- Reviewed upcoming meetings and attendees.
- Meeting adjourned.