

July Board Meeting Highlights

- The July regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 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.
- MREA District 3 Director candidate, Mike Cramer, spoke about his candidacy.
- The agenda was approved.
- The minutes of the June regular board meeting were approved.
- The June check register was approved.
- Discussed the East River and Basin Electric video reports, and the NRECA training video: *Maintaining Your Co-op's Bylaws*.
- Chris Pederson from RESCO presented on RESCO's history, business model, & their Alliance Membership.
- Diekmann gave an East River Board Report.
- 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:
 - June 30, 2026 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
 - A list of new members was reviewed.
 - Update on Electrical Dept. and Generator Program.
 - Reported on renewable energy tags sold in the Basin Marketing Pool.
 - East River power bill and Basin's financial reports reviewed.
- Reviewed and approved the June 2026 Financial Report.
- The Operations Report was presented per written report. Items included:
 - Provided a crew update.
 - Reviewed projects.
 - Reported on recent storms and lightning damage to a few poles.
 - Provided an update on the Long Hollow housing project.
 - Planning for 2027 projects is underway.
 - RUS will not be going away from 1600 code minor construction projects, but will require preapproval before submitting to RUS.
 - Reviewed our Safety Program.
 - Outages were reviewed.
- Revised Policy 309.
- Discussed the \$1.5 million RUS loan advance.
- Reviewed upcoming meetings and attendees.
- Meeting adjourned.