October Board Meeting Highlights

- The October regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, October 27, 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.
- The agenda was approved.
- The minutes of the September regular board meeting were approved.
- The September check register was approved.
- Discussed the East River & Basin Electric video reports and the NRECA training video: *Approaching a Director with Diminished Ability.*
- 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.
    - WAPA update.
    - MREA and MN legislative update.
    - SDREA and SD legislative update.
    - Grant update.
    - Other matters of interest.
- Lupkes gave the Office Manager's Report, which included:
    - September 30, 2026 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
    - A list of new members was reviewed.
    - Update on Electrical Dept. and Generator Program.
    - Reported on an RUS loan advance.
    - East River power bill and Basin's financial reports reviewed.
- Reviewed and approved the September 2026 Financial Report.
- The Operations Report was presented per written report. Items included:
    - Provided a crew update.
    - Reviewed projects.
    - Several poles have been hit by farm equipment.
    - Crews assisted with 2 oversized tank moves.
    - Reviewed Work Plan projects & amendments.
    - We received 1 bid for the 40101D Grant project so far.
    - Reviewed our Safety Program.
    - Outages were reviewed.
- We received the final AK47 RUS loan advance for $738,000 on Oct. 5.
- Selected CRC voting delegates.
- Discussed January 2027 district meetings.
- Reviewed 2027 power costs and approved 2027 rates.
- Reviewed the 2027 budget draft.
- Reviewed upcoming meetings and attendees.
- Meeting adjourned.