

September 2022 Board Meeting Highlights

- The September regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 8 AM. Absent: Glynn.
- Staff members present were General Manager, Joel Janorschke, Dale Schwagel, and Karen Lupkes.
- President Diekmann called the meeting to order.
- The agenda was approved.
- The minutes of the August regular board meeting were approved.
- The August check register was approved.
- Diekmann, Marks, Pearson, & Rudolph reported on the East River Annual Meeting.
- Discussed the Basin video report.
- Diekmann gave an East River Board Report.
- Janorschke presented the 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:
 - August 31, 2022 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
 - A list of new members was reviewed.
 - Update on Electrical Dept. and Generator Program.
 - Office hours returning to 8:00 AM-4:30 PM on October 1.
 - East River power bill and Basin's financial reports reviewed.
- Reviewed and approved the August 2022 Financial Report.
- Schwagel gave the Operations Report. Items discussed included:
 - We have plowing projects to do this Fall after crops come out.
 - Crews are working on pole changes.
 - Material has been ordered for Digester services.
 - Bois De Sioux Watershed has projects planned that require us to move line in 2023.
 - Primary metering will be installed at the Veblen Substation for the Marshall Dairy.
 - Big Stone County has projects this Fall that require us to bury line.
 - Line Supt.'s conference focused on safety.
 - Reviewed projects completed and in progress.
 - Reviewed our Safety Program.
 - Outages were reviewed.
- Received an update on the new facility and construction progress. They will be starting the office steel structure and continue to pour footings. Buried debris was hauled off site.
- Discussed long-term financing options and interest rates.
- Reviewed and accepted the prepared 2021 990.
- Signed commitment letter for new RUS loan.
- Reviewed and approved labor contract with I.B.E.W LU 524.
- Approved dollars allocated for nonunion employee salaries.
- Approved revisions to Policies 503, 505, & 518.
- Selected voting delegates for Basin's Annual Meeting.

- Accepted the resignation of Joel Janorschke as General Manager
- Selected Dale Schwagel to be the interim General Manager until a formal executive search is completed.
- Moved the start time of October's board meeting to 8 AM.
- Reviewed upcoming meetings and attendees.
- Meeting adjourned.