

December 2020 Board Meeting Highlights

The December board meeting was held on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 9AM. Absent: None.

Staff members present were General Manager, Joel Janorschke and Karen Lupkes.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the November board meeting were approved.

The November check register was approved.

Discussed the East River & Basin video reports.

Homan reported on the East River board meeting.

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.
- Discussed matter involving ditching near poles.
- Discussed current and future facility needs, options, and preliminary cost estimates.
- Reported on the Mid-West Annual Meeting and Livestock Seminar he attended virtually.

Lupkes gave the Office Manager's Report, which included:

- November 30, 2020 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
- A list of new members was reviewed.
- COVID-19 update. Office remains closed to the public.
- Capital credit retirement from 2003-2004 was applied to active members accounts and checks were mailed to inactive members in December.
- Scholarship applications are available for the \$1000 Basin and \$500 Traverse Electric scholarships. Deadline to apply is Feb 17, 2021.

Reviewed and approved the November Financial Report.

Janorschke gave the Operations Report. Items discussed included:

- Outages were reviewed.
- Reviewed completed projects and new services.
- Crews have been working on pole changes.
- Carr's Tree Service will focus on the SD side of Lake Traverse in 2021.
- OCR maintenance will begin in January.
- Annual inventory physical count will start this week.
- Reviewed our Safety Program.

District meetings are canceled in January due to COVID restrictions. Approved that members interested in serving as a director from Districts 2, 5, & 8 should contact Janorschke to be put on the ballot to be voted on at the annual meeting.

Discussed and approved the annual meeting format. The annual meeting will be held as a drive-thru meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at Traverse Electric Cooperative. A registration gift and food vouchers will be given to each registering member.

Approved Board Policy 522 Employee Volunteering/Community Service.

A list of upcoming meetings and attendees was reviewed.

Meeting adjourned.