

February Board Meeting Highlights

The February board meeting was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 9 AM. Absent was Doug Diekmann.

Staff members present were General Manager, Joel Janorschke, Dale Schwagel, Jerrel Olson, and Karen Lupkes.

The minutes of the January board meeting were approved.

The January check register was approved.

The board discussed a board vacancy in District 1 and reviewed the Bylaws related to board vacancies. A special meeting of District 1 was held for District 1 members interested in the position.

Janorschke reviewed with the board the MN Co-op Group Retention Plan Agreement.

The board viewed the East River and Basin Electric Board Reports

Homan reported on East River Board and Basin Electric business.

Monson, Marks, and Homan reported on the East River Energize Forum.

Armstrong, Marks, and Homan reported on the MREA Annual Meeting.

Schwagel gave the Operations Report. Items discussed included:

- January outages were reviewed.
- Crews are doing overhead line patrol and plan to complete half of our system this year.
- Two urd faults need to be repaired in the Spring.
- OCR maintenance and inspection will start in March. Crews are switching out OCR's now.
- Recent safety meeting covered at risk behaviors and concluded with truck and facilities inspections.
- Reviewed and gave an update on the new AMI metering system.
- We are in the process of obtaining easements for the new dairy facility.
- Work for a ditch move will begin this summer and we are currently working on the easements and permits.

Janorschke informed the board about the possibility of a new large facility in our service territory.

The board reviewed and approved revisions to Board Policies 101 Statements and Viewpoints and 104 Board Organization.

Olson reviewed the new MN CMIP for a uniform distributed resources generation interconnection process, applications, and contracts. The board reviewed and adopted Board Policy 313 Cogeneration/Distributed Energy Resources Policy, the 2019 Cogeneration Report, and revisions to Rate Schedule Q Cogeneration and Small Power Production.

The board selected James Conroy for the \$1,000 Basin Electric Scholarship and Isaac Deal for the \$500 Traverse Electric Scholarship.

Janorschke presented the Manager's Report, which included:

- Recapped the East River Manager's Meeting topics.
- Reported on the January East River power bill credit.
- Updated the board on MN and SD legislative issues.

Reviewed and approved the January Financial Report.

Discussed providing Ipads and company email addresses to board members.

The deadline for submitting an essay for the Washington DC Youth tour is March 20. Board members were encouraged to contact high school students and promote it.

A list of upcoming meetings and attendees was reviewed.