

July 2020 Board Meeting Highlights

The July board meeting was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 8 AM. Absent: Kath.

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

The board reorganized and elected board officers. President-Alan Veflin, Vice-President-Pat Homan, Secretary-Mark Pearson, Treasurer-Karen Kath.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the June board meeting were approved.

The June check register was approved.

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 circumstances surrounding poles that went down during a storm.
- Potential new dairy discussed.
- Reviewed current and future facility needs and improvements.
- One member solar inquiry.
- Voltage recorder placed at irrigation service.

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

- June 30, 2020 accounts receivable balances were reviewed. Working with past due members with payment arrangements.
- A list of new members was reviewed.
- COVID-19 update. Lobby reopened on June 22 and we are following state guidelines.
- MN unclaimed credits were donated to area MN non-profit ambulance services.
- New statement design delayed until October 31.

Reviewed and approved the June Financial Report.

Reviewed the 2nd Quarter Budget, Capital Budget, and Sales Budget.

Janorschke gave the Operations Report. Items discussed included:

- Outages were reviewed.
- Crews are working on pole changes and service upgrades.
- Carr's Tree Service crews are working on the MN side of Lake Traverse.
- Hwy 75 ditch project reviewed.
- Star Energy started padmount transformer and cabinet inspections.

- Our OMS mobile version is now on the Ipads.
- Our safety program was reviewed.

Discussed our annual meeting drive-thru. It was well attended.

East River's annual meeting will format reviewed.

Approved an ERC loan for a heat pump.

Went into executive session for the annual general manager review.

A list of upcoming meetings and attendees was reviewed.

Meeting adjourned.