

July 2021 Board Meeting Highlights

The July board meeting was held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 8AM. Absent: None.

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 June board meeting were approved.

The June check register was approved.

Armstrong, Gaulrapp, and Marks reported on the MREA District 3 meeting.

Discussed the East River & Basin video reports.

Homan 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.
- Comparison of MN cooperatives' residential rates.

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

- June 30, 2021 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
- A list of new members was reviewed.
- Discussed the SD Generation Tax.
- MN Cold Weather Rule changes.
- Update on Electrical Dept. and Generator Program.
- East River power bill and Basin's financial reports reviewed.
- Quarter 2 2021 budget analyses reviewed.

Reviewed and approved the June Financial Report.

Schwagel gave the Operations Report. Items discussed included:

- Reviewed new services and completed projects.
- Crews have been working on pole changes.
- Reported on a new hog facility by Charlesville.
- Carr's Tree Service is trimming trees on the SD side of Lake Traverse.
- Meter update.
- Reviewed our Safety Program.
- Outages were reviewed.

Provided a facility planning update. Reviewed results of Phase 1 Site Assessment.

Selected Diekmann to replace Homan as our East River Director.

Discussed process to fill District 5 board seat. A letter will be sent to District 5 members.

Reviewed and approved revisions to Board Policy 115.

Selected Basin Electric District 1 Caucus voting delegates.

Authorized Janorschke to cast ballot for CoBank's Central Region Modified Equity Director.

Authorized the donation of MN Unclaimed Capital Credits to MN area county food shelves and 4-H programs.

A list of upcoming meetings and attendees was reviewed.

Meeting adjourned.