

October Board Meeting Highlights

The October board meeting was held on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 8 AM. Absent was Duane Wilts.

Staff members present were General Manger, Joel Janorschke, Dale Schwagel, and Karen Lupkes.

The minutes of the September board meeting were approved.

The September check register was approved.

Homan reported on East River Board and Basin Electric business.

Approved changes to Board Policy 109.

Discussed a landowner's request for disconnection of service.

Schwagel gave the Operations Report. Items discussed included:

- September outages were reviewed.
- Blinks on Wendell substation were caused by Otter Tail Power issues.
- The reactors in South Dakota are installed, but offline until power issues with WAPA and East River are resolved.
- Crews are plowing in cable as much as possible before winter.
- Crews are working on pole changes, service upgrades, idle service retirements, and new services .
- Reviewed projects completed.
- Contractors finished work on the urd project west of Sisseton and are now working on urd projects for the East River transmission substation after that.
- Safety meetings were reviewed. Recent safety meeting held was on overhead hot work. Schwagel also completed a couple of crew observations.
- We will provide service to the new dairy in North Ottawa Township. We will need to construct about 5.5 miles of 3 phase to serve it.
- Schwagel met with Landis &Gyr regarding the new meters. Meters will come preprogrammed and ready to install.

The board discussed rates and the Cost of Service Study. Discussion was held on developing a Small Commercial Rate and combining the Seasonal Town Hall rate with the General Service Residential Rate.

Line extension aid to contribution rates for single phase overhead and underground were discussed as a result of the Cost of Service Study.

Janorschke presented the Manager's Report, which included:

- Discussion on topics discussed at the East River MAC meeting.
- Recapped his meeting with the Riverview Dairy about the North Ottawa Dairy.
- Discussed East River's new incentive rate for new large loads.

Reviewed and approved the September Financial Report.

The board discussed the generator program.

Approved sending one area youth to the Washington DC Youth Tour in June 2019.

Approved the Cogeneration and Small Power Production Rate Schedule Q.

Approved an amendment to the Flexible Health Spending Account to allow employees to contribute up to the IRS maximum for 2019.

List of upcoming meetings and attendees was reviewed.