

April Board Meeting Highlights

- The April regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 8 AM.
- Absent: None.
- Staff members present were General Manager, Jeremy Huhnstock, Dale Schwagel, and Karen Lupkes.
- President Diekmann called the meeting to order.
- The agenda was approved.
- The minutes of the March regular board meeting and March 19, 2026 Annual Meeting were approved.
- The March check register was approved.
- Discussed the East River and Basin Electric video reports, and the NRECA training video: *Filling Board Vacancies*.
- Diekmann gave an East River Board Report.
- Huhnstock presented the General 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.
 - Other matters of interest.
- Lupkes gave the Office Manager's Report, which included:
 - March 31, 2026 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
 - A list of new members was reviewed.
 - Audit will be held the week of May 11.
 - A new electrician starts on May 20.
 - Update on Electrical Dept. and Generator Program.
 - East River power bill and Basin's financial reports reviewed.
- Reviewed and approved the March 2026 Financial Report.
- The Operations Report was presented per written report. Items included:
 - Provided a crew update.
 - Reported that our contractors began working on underground projects the beginning of April.
 - Contractors started doing pole inspections and will inspect about 2,000 poles this year.
 - East River had equipment failure at the Victor Substation that resulted in two short outages.
 - One new apprentice lineman is starting on May 11.
 - Reported that linemen recently attended Hot Line training and Leadership training.
 - We participated in Big Stone Colony's Youth Safety Day Event on April 22.
 - Reviewed our Safety Program.
 - Outages were reviewed.
- Reviewed upcoming meetings and attendees.
- Meeting adjourned.