

October Board Meeting Highlights

- The October regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 8 AM.
- Absent: Ehlers.
- Staff members present were General Manager, Jeremy Huhnstock, Dale Schwagel, and Karen Lupkes.
- President Diekmann called the meeting to order.
- The agenda was approved.
- 2026 Rates Presentation review and discussion facilitated by Kristi Robinson, Engineer.
- The minutes of the September regular board meeting were approved.
- The September check register was approved.
- Discussed the East River and Basin Electric video reports, and the NRECA training video: *The Risks of Micromanagement by the Board*.
- 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:
 - September 30, 2025 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
 - A list of new members was reviewed.
 - The government shutdown postponed funding to energy assistance programs.
 - Update on Electrical Dept. and Generator Program.
 - East River power bill and Basin's financial reports reviewed.
- Reviewed and approved the September 2025 Financial Report.
- The Operations Report was presented per written report. Items included:
 - Provided a crew update.
 - Reviewed upcoming projects for this Fall and for 2026, and completed projects.
 - Electronics were installed at the Wendell Substation.
 - Carr's is done with tree trimming for the year and the bid for 2026 tree trimming is in progress.
 - Reported that a contractor dug into our cable twice with an invalid locate ticket.
 - Our new linemen completed new employee safety orientation training.
 - Recently attended the Operations Conference and helped with RESAP inspections recently.
 - Reviewed our Safety Program.
 - Outages were reviewed.
- Discussed upcoming January/February District Meeting locations and dates.
- Approved the 2024 990 as prepared by CliftonLarsonAllen.
- Reviewed the 2026 Preliminary Budget, Capital Budget, and Work Plan Summary.
- Reviewed upcoming meetings and attendees.
- Meeting adjourned.