

September Board Meeting Highlights

- The September regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, September 29, 2026 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.
- Completed the annual general manager review.
- The minutes of the August regular board meeting were approved.
- The August check register was approved.
- Discussed the Basin Electric video report and the NRECA training video: *Risk Management*.
- Diekmann gave an East River Board Report.
- Gaulrapp, Marks, and Thoennes reported on the East River Annual Meeting.
- 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:
 - August 31, 2026 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
 - A list of new members was reviewed.
 - Update on Electrical Dept. and Generator Program.
 - Reported on an RUS loan advance.
 - East River power bill and Basin's financial reports reviewed.
- Reviewed and approved the August 2026 Financial Report.
- The Operations Report was presented per written report. Items included:
 - Provided a crew update.
 - Reviewed projects.
 - A few tile pump services need to be done this Fall yet.
 - 2027 safety meeting planning is done.
 - Carr's Tree Service is finishing up in Long Hollow Township and will then move to MN.
 - Provided an update on the Long Hollow housing project.
 - We received one bid for the 40101D Grant project so far.
 - Reviewed our Safety Program.
 - Outages were reviewed.
- Reviewed and approved the Union Contract.
- Approved non-union employee salary increases.
- Reviewed and approved the 2025 990.
- Approved a resolution to adopt an amendment and the restatement of the 125 Plan.
- Approved increasing limits for FSA and DCAP limits to IRS limits.
- Approved resolution to amend the 401K and Retirement Security Plans.
- Reviewed upcoming meetings and attendees.
- Meeting adjourned.