

## February 2023 Board Meeting Highlights

- The February regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 9 AM. Absent: None.
- Staff members present were Interim General Manager Dale Schwagel and Karen Lupkes. Also present was Jeremy Huhnstock.
- President Diekmann called the meeting to order.
- The agenda was approved.
- The minutes of the January regular board meeting were approved.
- The January check register was approved.
- Gaulrapp, Monson, and Marks reported on the East River Energize Forum.
- Frisch and Marks reported on the MREA Annual Meeting.
- Discussed the East River and Basin video reports.
- Diekmann gave an East River Board Report.
- Schwagel 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.
- Lupkes gave the Office Manager's Report, which included:
  - January 31, 2023 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
  - A list of new members was reviewed.
  - Update on Electrical Dept. and Generator Program.
  - Provided an RUS financing update.
  - Stacie Johannsen began on Feb 23 as our new billing clerk to replace Sue Wilts who will retire later this year.
  - Reported that we received a Margin Stabilization Return on our January power bills.
  - East River power bill and Basin's financial reports reviewed.
- Reviewed and approved the January 2023 Financial Report.
- Schwagel gave the Operations Report. Items discussed included:
  - Provided a crew update.
  - Reviewed upcoming and completed projects.
  - Crews have been doing pole changes.
  - Reported on a planned new hog facility east of Wheaton.
  - Reviewed a project for the Bois Des Sioux Watershed District.
  - Gave a GRIP Grant application update.
  - Reviewed our Safety Program.
  - Outages were reviewed.
- Received an update on the new facility and construction progress.
- Discussed the status of our RUS loan, interest rates, and process to advance funds.
- Discussed the District 7 vacancy on the board.
- Our annual meeting will be held on March 23, 2023 at the Wheaton High School with registration at 6 PM and business meeting at 6:30 PM.
- Selected scholarship recipients.
- Selected our 2023 Washington DC Youth Tour Delegate.

- Approved a revision to Policy 300.
- Reviewed upcoming meetings and attendees.
- Meeting adjourned.