

February Board Meeting Highlights

- The February regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 9 AM.
- Absent: Glynn and Gaulrapp.
- 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 January regular board meeting were approved.
- The January check register was approved.
- Discussed the East River and Basin Electric video reports, and the NRECA training video: *Cybersecurity: Communicating During a Crisis*.
- Diekmann gave an East River Board Report.
- Gaulrapp, Marks, and Monson reported on the East River Energize Forum.
- 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:
 - January 31, 2026 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
 - A list of new members was reviewed.
 - Update on Electrical Dept. and Generator Program.
 - East River power bill and Basin's financial reports reviewed.
- Reviewed and approved the January 2026 Financial Report.
- The Operations Report was presented per written report. Items included:
 - Provided a crew update.
 - Material has been ordered for upcoming projects and working on material for grants.
 - Reported on new services planned in 2026.
 - Reviewed our Safety Program.
 - Outages were reviewed.
- Approved renting the 93 acres of farmland to Adam Lichtsinn for 2026.
- Annual Meeting will be held March 19, 2026 beginning at 6:30 PM at the Wheaton High School.
- District Meetings recently held were reviewed.
- Accepted the 2026 Cogeneration and DER Report.
- Approved revisions to Rate Q.
- Selected the 2026 Washington DC Youth Tour winner.
- Selected 2026 Scholarship recipients.
- Approved revisions to Policy 505.
- Reviewed upcoming meetings and attendees.
- Meeting adjourned.