

March Board Meeting Highlights

- The March regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 9 AM.
- Absent: None.
- Staff members present were General Manager, Jeremy Huhnstock, Dale Schwagel, and Karen Lupkes.
- General Manager Huhnstock called the meeting to order.
- Reorganization of the board: President-Diekmann, Vice President-Monson, Secretary-Glynn, Treasurer-Marks.
- The agenda was approved.
- The minutes of the February regular board meeting were approved.
- The February check register was approved.
- Discussed the East River and Basin Electric video reports, and the NRECA training video: *Welcome to Our Member Resolution Process*.
- Diekmann gave an East River Board Report.
- Gaulrapp, Diekmann, Ehlers, and Hamling reported on the NRECA PowerXchange.
- Diekmann reported on the MREA 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:
 - February 28, 2026 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
 - A list of new members was reviewed.
 - NISC Call to Order discussed.
 - Audit will be held the week of May 11.
 - Update on Electrical Dept. and Generator Program.
 - East River power bill and Basin's financial reports reviewed.
- Reviewed and approved the February 2026 Financial Report.
- The Operations Report was presented per written report. Items included:
 - Provided a crew update.
 - Reported that East River will need to shut down the Victor Substation in July for 4-6 weeks. A portable sub will be utilized during this time.
 - Will plan to upgrade switch gear in the Victor Substation.
 - Contractor will begin boring soon.
 - Reviewed our Safety Program.
 - Outages were reviewed.
 - A lineman is leaving. The job opening is posted and we hope to have a new lineman start soon.
- Reviewed the Traverse Electric Annual Meeting held on March 19.
- Approved paying for the chassis for the new line truck to save on the cost of the motor.
- Approved advertising for an Operations Assistant.
- Discussed the slow mail delivery of the monthly electric bills to our members.
- Reviewed upcoming meetings and attendees.

- Meeting adjourned.