

May Board Meeting Highlights

- The May regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 8 AM.
- Absent: None.
- 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 April regular board meeting were approved.
- The April check register was approved.
- Discussed the East River and Basin Electric video reports, and the NRECA training video: *Creating a Healthy Culture in the Boardroom*.
- 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.
- Chris Studer from East River presented on the SD generation, solar/wind generation, and kwh sales taxes, and provided an East River update.
- Lupkes gave the Office Manager's Report, which included:
 - April 30, 2026 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
 - A list of new members was reviewed.
 - Audit was held the week of May 11.
 - Provided an update on financing needs for equipment and project materials.
 - Reported that we received a capital credit retirement from East River.
 - Update on Electrical Dept. and Generator Program.
 - East River power bill and Basin's financial reports reviewed.
- Reviewed and approved the April 2026 Financial Report.
- The Operations Report was presented per written report. Items included:
 - Provided a crew update.
 - Reported that 2 poles were hit by equipment and 2 poles burned due to ditch burning.
 - Our contractor will start on a 6 mile urd project out of the Doran Sub in June.
 - Pole inspections are complete with 1,971 poles tested resulting in 91 rejects.
 - Cabinet inspections are complete with 236 units inspected resulting in a few minor maintenances and 7 arrestors to replace.
 - The new bucket truck will be delivered today.
 - Reviewed our Safety Program.
 - Outages were reviewed.
- Reviewed Policy 109.
- Approved the 2025 Service Reliability Report.
- Reviewed upcoming meetings and attendees.
- Meeting adjourned.