

March 2021 Board Meeting Highlights

The March board meeting was held on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 9AM. Absent: Monson.

Staff members present were General Manager, Joel Janorschke, Dale Schwagel, and Karen Lupkes.

The board reorganized and elected Diekmann, President; Armstrong, Vice President; Pearson, Secretary; and Marks, Treasurer.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the February board meeting were approved.

The February check register was approved.

Discussed the East River & Basin video reports.

Homan reported on the East River board meeting.

Armstrong reported on a webinar he attended on geothermal energy.

Janorschke presented the 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.
- Reported on the Bois Des Sioux Watershed.
- Discussed serving the new Dollar General in Browns Valley.
- Reported on solar inquiries.

Lupkes gave the Office Manager's Report, which included:

- February 28, 2021 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
- A list of new members was reviewed.
- COVID-19 update. Office will reopen to the public on April 1.
- Reported that a new employee started as our apprentice electrician.
- Discussed the drawdown and investment of funds from our RUS FFB loan.

Reviewed and approved the February Financial Report.

Schwagel gave the Operations Report. Items discussed included:

- Annual OCR maintenance and testing is complete.
- Crews have been doing pole changes, tree trimming, service upgrades, and line maintenance.
- There have been numerous requests for new services and service upgrades this year.
- Urd cabinet inspections are done.
- Pole testing will begin after Easter with 1200-1400 pole to test.
- Reviewed our Safety Program.

- Outages were reviewed.

Reviewed and discussed facility planning.

Reviewed the Drive-thru annual meeting on March 25, 2021.

Reviewed and approved revisions to Board Policy 120.

Reviewed and approved an update to the 2021 Budget.

A list of upcoming meetings and attendees was reviewed.

Meeting adjourned.