

May 2021 Board Meeting Highlights

The May board meeting was held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 8AM. Absent: None.

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

President Diekmann called the meeting to order.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the April board meeting were approved.

The April check register was approved.

Discussed the East River & Basin video reports.

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.
- Provided an update on the facility planning process.
- Reported that a new hog facility is planned near the Wendell Substation.

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

- April 30, 2021 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
- A list of new members was reviewed.
- Summer office hours 7:00 AM – 3:30 PM began May 1. Mask mandate in MN was lifted.
- Our annual audit took place last week and will be presented at the June board meeting.
- Provided an electrical department update.
- East River capital credit retirement received.

Reviewed and approved the April Financial Report.

Schwagel gave the Operations Report. Items discussed included:

- Review new services and completed projects.
- Annual pole testing is complete with 300 poles rejected.
- Meter programming issues discussed.
- Carr's Tree Service will begin trimming trees the first week of June on the SD side of Lake Traverse.
- Reviewed our Safety Program.
- Colden Helberg recently completed all requirements to become a journeyman.
- Reported on a planned outage for June 8 that will affect accounts off of the Sisseton Substation for up to eight hours so that East River can replace poles and conductor going into the substation.
- Reported that East River plans to cover up everything in the Beardsley Substation and change transformers in the Victor Substation later this year.

- Reported that we have received material needed for scheduled projects.
- A few poles have been hit by farm equipment this year.
- Outages were reviewed.

Reviewed and approved revisions to Board Policy 205.

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Selected Janorschke as our CFC voting delegate.

Discussed the District 5 Director board seat.

A list of upcoming meetings and attendees was reviewed.

Meeting adjourned.