

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SIOUX VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
June 20th, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (dba. Sioux Valley Energy) was held on June 20th, 2017 commencing at 8:30 a.m. at Sioux Valley Energy headquarters, Colman, SD.

The meeting was called to order by President Rodney DeMent who presided and Allan Kooima, Secretary, acted as Secretary.

Roll call showed the following members present:

Rodney DeMent	Gary Drost	Dave Daniel
Henning Hansen	Arlyn Zylstra	Allan Kooima
Bruce Martinson	Mark Rogen	Allan Weinacht
Gary Fish	Gregg Johnson	

All directors were present. Also present were Attorney Alan Peterson, General Manager Tim McCarthy, management staff members Betty VanDerWerff, Ted Smith, Debra Bieber, and Carrie Law, along with Staff Assistant and Communications Specialist Amy Voelker.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was presented for consideration. An agenda item of discussion of annual meeting was added. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Mr. Rogen, seconded by Mr. Hansen. The motion carried.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of May 30th, 2017 was made by Mr. Zylstra, seconded by Mr. Martinson. The motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE

Chinelle Christensen introduced Jason Langford, our new metering technician.

ANNUAL BOARD REORGANIZATION/ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual board reorganization/election of officers was discussed. Mr. Drost made a motion to suspend the election process and keep the same officers for the upcoming year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daniel and passed unanimously. Therefore, the officers remain as Rodney Dement, President; Allan Weinacht, Vice President; Allan Kooima, Secretary; and Arlyn Zylstra, Treasurer.

ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSION

Manager McCarthy called upon Carrie Law to discuss how the annual meeting went this year. The feedback was great and the board of directors liked the community/town hall feel of the theme.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MUNICIPALE STREET LIGHT RATES

Manager McCarthy called upon Debra Bieber to present the municipal street lighting rates. These rates were recently updated to consolidate and streamline the way we are billing our municipals for their street lighting. We will review the rates in detail at the board meeting for board consideration. Mr. Hansen made a motion to approve this rate seconded by Mr. Drost. The motion carried.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF RATE TARIFFS

Manager McCarthy called upon Debra Bieber to present rate tariffs. Debra presented the proposed rate plan over the next three years for Municipal Street Lighting and specific rates tied to contractual commercial accounts. After review and discussion, Mr. Martinson made a motion to approve the proposed rate plan over the next three years, seconded by Mr. Kooima. The motion carried.

STRATEGIC ISSUE DISCUSSION

Manager McCarthy reviewed the list of items from last year's strategic planning session. He gave an update to the board on the survey that will be coming out for our upcoming strategic planning session that will be held at East River on August 18th, 2017.

BENEFITS

Manager McCarthy called upon Debra Biever to update the board on health insurance and pension plans.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MEMBER ADVISORY COUCIL (MAC) MEETING DATE FOR MAC MEETING

Dates for consideration were offered for the next Member Advisory Council meeting date. Mr. Rogen made a motion to schedule the next MAC meeting date for August 24, 2017, at the Colman Community Room, seconded by Mr. Weinacht. The motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager McCarthy reviewed key highlights of his written report including wholesale power purchases, sales, and revenue. He also reported on the East River MAC meeting.

Manager McCarthy reported on a few updates from the Basin MAC meeting.

Manager McCarthy reported that Ted Smith attended the SDREA meeting in Rapid City, SD. Ted gave updates from the meeting.

Manager McCarthy reported that we found out we do not need a petition to be released from Minnesota CIP requirements. We are automatically out of the obligation to report.

Manager McCarthy reported that he was a nominee for CFC board from Region VI.

ACCEPT MANAGER'S REPORT

A motion to accept the manager's report was made by Mr. Rogen, seconded by Mr. Drost. The motion carried.

REPORTS ON POWER SUPPLY MEETINGS

East River Board Meeting – Mr. Rogen reported on his attendance at the East River board meeting.

Basin Electric Board Meeting – Mr. Drost reported on his attendance at the Basin Electric board meeting.

REPORTS ON MEETING ATTENDED

CFC Forum – Director Rogen reported on his attendance at the CFC Forum held on June 11th – 14th.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS, SELECTION OF DELEGATES/ATTENDANCE AUTHORIZATION

MREA ENERGY ISSUES SUMMIT – The MREA Energy Issues Summit will be held in St. Cloud, MN August 9-10. Mr. Martinson made a motion to authorize all Directors to attend, seconded by Mr. Kooima. The motion carried.

EAST RIVER ANNUAL MEETING – The East River Annual meeting will be held in Sioux Falls, SD at the Best Western Ramkota on September 6th, 2017. Mr. Rogen made a motion to authorize all Directors to attend, seconded by Mr. Hansen. The motion carried.

SDRE LEGAL SEMINAR – The SDRE legal seminar will be held in Oacoma, SD on July 11-12th. Mr. Weinacht made a motion to authorize Attorney Peterson to attend, seconded by Mr. Martinson. The motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting will be held on July 25th, 2017 at the Colman headquarters.

Allan Kooima, Secretary

Approved: _____