

**WHETSTONE VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Monday, November 20, 2017**

President, Tostenson called the regular meeting to order at 8:03 AM at the Cooperative Headquarters.

**Directors Present:** Tostenson, Strasser, Atyeo-Gortmaker, Jensen, Berens, Hook, Nelson, Niedert and Adler

**Directors Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Page, Barlund, Weber, Christensen

**Others Present:**

**Agenda:**

- A motion to approve the agenda was seconded and carried.

**Minutes:**

- A motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2017 regular meeting was seconded and carried.

**The Consent Agenda included:**

Loss Control Report, Estate & Special Capital Credit Retirements, New Members, Tenant Changes, Cash flow statement, Check Listing, Credit Card statement.

- A motion to approve the consent agenda was seconded and carried.

**Management Reports:**

**Operations Manager, Christensen** reported on power outages, safety training and construction and maintenance activities. He also discussed voltage issues a member is experiencing and solutions being examined.

**Member Services Manager, Mark Weber**, reported on wiring and heating job activity as well as life safety monitor installations and power quality inspections he's conducting.

**Office Manager, Gail Barlund** submitted a written report and discussed financial reports, the Form-7 and office activities. She also discussed the presentations and discussions held at the recent Basin Annual Meeting.

- A motion to approve the Management Staff reports was seconded and carried.

**The General Manager** submitted a written report and discussed the year-to-date energy sales and purchases. He also presented a summary of the Basin annual meeting and other current items.

- A motion to approve the General Manager's report was seconded and carried.

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**Meeting Reports:**

Tostenson, Hook and Strasser reported on the Basin annual meeting and Basin members-only meeting.

**Reports:**

**East River**      Strasser reported on the activities of East River.

**SDREA**            Tostenson reported on recent activities of SDREA

**Upcoming Events**

- Dec 7-8            SDREA / NRECA Board Leadership Training, Pierre
- Dec 12-14        Midwest Electric Consumers Assn. Annual Meeting, Denver
- Dec 20            NE SD Legislative Forum Dinner, Watertown
- Jan 11-12        SDREA Annual Meeting, Pierre
- Jan 31-Feb 1     East River Energize Forum, Sioux Falls
- Feb 20            Co-op At The Capital, Pierre
- Feb 25-28        NRECA Annual Meeting, Nashville

**Other Business:**

Delegates were selected for the Mid-West Electric Consumers Association and SDREA annual meetings.

The Board reviewed the preliminary budget for 2018 and discussed several items with management staff.

A motion to approve a resolution reaffirming the USDA pass-through loan and grant to Northeast South Dakota Health Plan for medical equipment was seconded and carried.

A motion to approve the purchase of the Small Utility Productivity Pack from NISC as recommended by management was seconded and carried.

**Executive Session:**

**Adjournment:**

- A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried."

**Next Regular Board Meeting:**            Thursday, December 21, 2017 8:00 AM            Coop Board Room