

WHETSTONE VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, November 19, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Thursday, November, 19, 2020 commencing at 8:05 AM - Virtual Meeting due to Pandemic Issues.

The meeting was called to order by President, Bill Tostenson who presided and Secretary, Darren Strasser, acted as Secretary.

Directors Present: Bill Tostenson, Darren Strasser, Dale Jensen, Krista Atyeo-Gortmaker, Joel Adler, Tom Berens, Paul Nelson, Scott Niedert, Dave Behrns,

Directors Absent:

Staff Present: Page, Barlund, Weber, Christensen

Others Present:

Review and Consideration of Agenda

- The agenda was presented for consideration. A motion to approve the agenda was seconded and carried.

Review and Consideration of Minutes

- A motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 22, 2020 was seconded and carried.

Review and Consideration of the Consent Agenda including:

Loss Control Report, Estate & Special Capital Credit Retirements, New Members, Tenant Changes, Check Listing, Credit Card statement and Cash Flow. Also included was the inventory of capitalized work orders totaling \$ 88,089.17

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

Management Reports

Operations Manager, Jon Christensen submitted a written report of activities of the line department. He also discussed a primary voltage issue during a substation bypass and engineering resolution.

Member Services Manager, Mark Weber submitted a written report of current activities of the service department. He also discussed staffing issues due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Office Manager, Gail Barlund submitted a written report of current activities of the office department. She presented and discussed the past ten year ratio of Inventory to Utility Plant. Gail also reported on the 2021 capital and operating budget.

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

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Review and Consideration of the General Manager's Report

General Manager, Page submitted a written report. He discussed power quality concerns, a past line extension contract and litigation brought forward by Dakota Energy Cooperative against East River Electric. He also discussed Whetstone members Blake and Rachel Schmieg, the 3rd place winners of the Touchstone Energy "Who Powers You" contest for 2020.

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

Power Supply and Association Meeting Reports:

Several Directors reported on the On-Line Basin Annual Meeting.

East River Strasser provided a report on activities of East River.

SDREA Tostenson reported on the activities of the SDREA including the upcoming annual meeting.

Executive Session:

No executive session was held.

Other Business:

- Discussed options for WVEC 2021 annual meeting and will continue next month.
- A motion to ratify the approval of the 2021 employee wage and benefit package was seconded and carried with Berens and Behrns casting dissenting votes.
- Nelson and Adler were selected as SDREA delegate and alternate respectively.
- The preliminary operating budget was reviewed and discussed with consideration set for next month.
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- A motion to approve Policy 40-18, Prepaid Metering, as attached to allow members to prepay for electric service was seconded and carried.
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Adjournment:

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

Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, December 17, 2020 8:00 AM Coop Board Room

President

Secretary