

**WHETSTONE VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Thursday, December 17, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Thursday, December, 17, 2020 commencing at 8:00 AM - Virtual Meeting due to Pandemic.

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 November 19, 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.

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

**Management Reports**

**Operations Manager, Jon Christensen** submitted a written reported of activities of the line department. He also discussed the successful integration and use of One-Call Locate tickets within the NISC software system.

**Member Services Manager, Mark Weber** submitted a written report of current activities of the service department. He also discussed a loss of personal monitoring clients due to a change in state agency policy. Other marketing opportunities are being explored.

**Office Manager, Gail Barlund** submitted a written report of current activities of the office department. Gail also reported that the final financials will be delayed due to software and payroll processing errors.

- 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 lower sales in November and the possible need to return deferred revenue. He also discussed the deferral of expenditures for the collection of GIS and mapping data, amortizing it over 10 years. Page also talked about the impact of the pandemic to the employee group and their families.

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

**Power Supply and Association Meeting Reports:**

Adler reported on the Mid-West Electric Consumers Association annual meeting held virtually.

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

**SDREA** Tostenson provided an update on the SDREA executive search and new hires.

**Executive Session:**

At 9:54 am a motion to enter executive session was seconded and carried.

At 10:44 am a motion to exit executive session was seconded and carried.

**Other Business:**

- A motion to approve the 2021 capital and operating budget was seconded and carried.
  
- A motion to approve a resolution authorizing the expenditure deferral for collection of GIS and mapping data was seconded and carried.
- A motion to table the discussion of a resolution requesting monthly updates of Basin's strategic plan was seconded and carried.
- A motion to approve a one-year contract with Dalager Engineering for a flat rate with no guarantee of hours was seconded and carried.
  
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**Adjournment:**

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

**Next Regular Board Meeting:** Thursday, January 21, 2021 8:00 AM Coop Board Room

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President

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Secretary