

**WHETSTONE VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Thursday, February 18, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Thursday, February, 18, 2021 commencing at 8:00 AM - Milbank City Community Room. \*Some participants joined via teleconference due to the COVID 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:** 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 January 21, 2021 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 \$ 97,148.32

- 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 reported on the emergency response plan and spill mitigation in response to the RUS review and the long range work plan.

**Member Services Manager, Mark Weber** submitted a written report of current activities of the service department. He also discussed the process of changing out personal monitors and ideas to expand the personal monitor market.

- 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** was not present and submitted a written report that presented energy sales and financials for the month of January. The report noted proposed adjustments to the 2020 operating budgeted power cost and revenue. Also included in the report was a recap of the SPP Energy Emergency Alert events timeline and generation supply mix.

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

**Power Supply and Association Meeting Reports:**

Several directors discussed the presentation at the East River Energize Forum.

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

**SDREA** Tostenson reported on the activities of the SDREA.

**Executive Session:**

At 9:23 am a motion to enter executive session was seconded and carried.

At 9:41 am a motion to exit executive session was seconded and carried.

**Other Business:**

- The board discussed the annual membership meeting and recommended an outdoor meeting with contingency of using the gymnasium.
- Paul Nelson was selected as voting Delegate for the NRECA annual meeting.
  
- A motion to approve the write off of uncollectable amounts from 2020 totaling \$1,098.45 was seconded and carried.
- A motion to approve the ammended 2020 operating budget as presented was seconded and carried.
  
- A motion to approve the purchase of an equipment trailer for up to \$7,500 was seconded and carried.
  
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**Adjournment:**

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

**Next Regular Board Meeting:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 8:00 AM Coop Board Room

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President

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Secretary