

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SIOUX VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
May 24, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (DBA Sioux Valley Energy) was held on May 24, 2022 commencing at 8:30 a.m. in the Colman boardroom.

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Fish who presided and Don DeGreef, Secretary, acted as Secretary.

Roll call showed the following members present:

Rodney DeMent	Dan Leuthold	Allan Weinacht
Ann Vostad	Dave Daniel	Gary Fish
Dr. Leslie Heinemann	Lucas Roskamp	Mark Rogen
Gregg Johnson	Don DeGreef	

Also present were Attorney Alan Peterson, General Manager Tim McCarthy, Strategic Leadership Team members Debra Biever, Carrie Vugteveen, Ted Smith, and Jason Maxwell. Guests in attendance were Jim McGuire and Mike Nadolski.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

President Fish introduced District 3 Member Advisory Committee (MAC) member Jim McGuire.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was presented for consideration. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Leuthold, seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion carried.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2022 regular board meeting was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Daniel. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Weinacht made a motion to move into executive session to discuss internal cooperative business, seconded by Mr. Roskamp at 8:40 a.m. The motion carried. All directors were in attendance and no action was taken. The executive session adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

LETTER OF GRATITUDE FOR ATTORNEY PETERSON

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson to present a letter of gratitude and appreciation to Attorney Peterson at the June Board Meeting, seconded by Mr. Weinacht. The motion carried.

REVIEW OF MAY 2022 DERECHO STORM

Manager McCarthy called upon Ted Smith to review the overall impact of the Derecho storm that impacted SVE's electric system on May 12, 2022 and the resulting outage

restoration efforts. At one point just after the storm hit, SVE had over 10,000 members and 22 substations without power. Over the course of the storm, 23,033 members' services were impacted at some point. During restoration, there were 47 internal employees working out in the field. In addition, every other department helped in the office or warehouse. Ted also provided a list of all the additional outside resources that were needed. These outside resources included 46 additional lineworkers from other South Dakota Cooperatives and outside contractors. In addition to the outside line crews, there were 22 employees from Friest Tree Experts clearing trees and debris from the electric lines. The longest outage occurred off the Orland substation and lasted four days and 16 hours. Ted showed images of the outage map throughout the four days in addition to several pictures of line and equipment damage. Ted also pointed out that even though there were over 20,000 members impacted, SVE only received 4,455 total calls from the membership over the four-day period. The decrease in call volume is attributed to the use of SmartHub by members and also the following of social media posts.

DAKOTA ETHANOL TRANSMISSION

Ted Smith presented a review of East River Electric's transmission system upgrade that was recently completed in the Wentworth area that supplies power to Dakota Ethanol. Ted also gave an overview of other transmission projects that East River has completed in the past five years.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF DECEMBER DATES FOR BOARD AND BUDGET MEETINGS

Due to a conflict with several directors' personal schedules, the December board and budget meeting dates were changed to December 15 - 16, 2022 by a motion made by Mr. Weinacht, seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion carried.

REVIEW BOARD OPERATING GUIDE 8-1

Manager McCarthy reviewed Board Operating Guide 8-1, Functions of the Board of Directors and Delegations to the General Manager. Discussion was had on a potential change to the policy, but no action was taken. Manager McCarthy plans to bring back a new recommendation of BOG 8-1 to the June board meeting.

BYLAW AND POLICY REVIEW

Manager McCarthy called upon Attorney Peterson to review Bylaw Articles 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

Manager McCarthy reviewed Board Policy 5, Board Operating Guides 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, and 5-4. Mr. Leuthold made a motion, seconded by Mr. Roskamp to approve all the updates and changes to the board policies and guides. The motion carried.

BOARD REDISTRICTING

An update was given by the Board subcommittee on board redistricting, but no action was taken.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Manager McCarthy discussed the August 22-23, 2022 Strategic Planning session that will be facilitated by CoBank. Preparation work has begun by the Leadership Team.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager McCarthy reviewed wholesale power purchases, sales, and revenue. Manager McCarthy highlighted areas of the April 2022 revenue and expense statement. He also noted that the Annual meeting will be held Tuesday, June 7 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center.

Manager McCarthy discussed key highlights from the East River General Manager's report including commodity pricing, market update, and the WAPA load shed practice test.

ACCEPT MANAGER'S REPORT

A motion to accept the Manager's Report was made by Mr. Weinacht, seconded by Mr. Leuthold. The motion carried.

REPORTS ON POWER SUPPLY MEETINGS

East River – Mr. DeMent reported on his attendance of the East River board meeting.

L&O Power – Mr. Leuthold reported on his attendance of the L&O Power board meeting.

REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

NRECA Legislative Conference – Director Johnson reported on his attendance of the NRECA Legislative Conference that was held in Washington, DC.

Home Builders Association Bus Tour – Director Rogen reported on his participation in the Home Builders Association Bus Tour of new development areas in Minnehaha County.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS, SELECTION OF DELEGATES, AND ATTENDANCE AUTHORIZATION

A motion was made by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Mr. Johnson to authorize Mr. Rogen to attend the Home Builders Association Bus Tour, May 19, 2022, authorize Mrs. Vostad to attend CCD 2610 Understanding the Electric Business May 25-26, 2022 Virtual, authorize all directors to attend Lyon-Lincoln Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting, June 1, 2022 Tyler, MN, and authorize Mrs. Vostad to attend CCD 2620 Board Operations and Process, June 14-15, 2022 Virtual. The motion carried.

MREA District 5 Meeting, July 21, 2022 Sleepy Eye, MN – All directors were authorized to attend by a motion made by Mr. Roskamp, seconded by Mr. Weinacht. The motion carried.

SDREA Board Leadership Summit, July 21-22, 2022 Pierre, SD – Directors Weinacht and Fish were authorized to attend by a motion made by Mr. Rogen, seconded by Mr. Leuthold. The motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, June 20, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. in the Colman boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Weinacht made a motion, seconded by Mr. Roskamp to adjourn the Sioux Valley Energy board meeting at 2:15 p.m. The motion carried.

Don DeGreef, Secretary

Date Approved: _____