

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SIOUX VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
March 22, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (DBA Sioux Valley Energy) was held on March 22, 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 along with Executive Assistant, Brenda Schelhaas. Guests in attendance were John Kleinjan and Henning Hansen.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was presented for consideration. President Fish asked that a potential date change for the June board meeting be added to the agenda as item #8A. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Mr. Weinacht, seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. DeGreef introduced Member Advisory Committee (MAC) members from District 1 - John Kleinjan and Henning Hansen.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE

Jason Maxwell introduced Kendra Wire, accountant. Kendra joined the team on February 16.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2022 regular board meeting was made by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Mr. Rogen. The motion carried.

COOPERATIVE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE

Manager McCarthy called upon Debra Biever to give an overview of the one trillion dollar bi-partisan infrastructure package that President Biden signed into law in November 2021. Several agencies are now tasked with implementing the programs defined under the package. SVE will continue to follow the NRECA Infrastructure Resource Hub and work with East River Electric to coordinate opportunities.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF JULY 26, 2022 BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE

Due to a conflict with another meeting, the July board meeting date was changed to July 19, 2022 by a motion made by Mr. Weinacht, seconded by Mr. DeGreef. The motion carried.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE

Due to a conflict with another meeting, the September board meeting date was changed to September 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. by a motion made by Mr. Roskamp, seconded by Mr. Daniel. The motion carried. Discussion was held regarding a potential conflict with the June board meeting. The June board meeting date will not change, and the meeting will be held on June 20, 2022.

BRANDON SERVICE CENTER

Manager McCarthy called upon Ted Smith to provide an update on the Brandon service center expansion. The proposed addition includes a training room, warehouse, office space, and two truck bays. Architectural drawings and a cost estimate were provided. The cost of purchasing land and building at another location was also reviewed. Discussion was held, and the strategic leadership team will continue to work with the architect on expansion of the current Brandon service center.

BOARD REDISTRICTING

Manager McCarthy called upon Ted Smith to present information showing each district's membership, miles of primary line, kWh usage, and revenue. Data showing growth trends in the SVE territory were also provided. Discussion was held, and the Board requested additional information be provided at the next board meeting. The board redistricting committee will provide monthly updates to the Board with a recommendation to be provided prior to the Board's strategic planning session in August.

BYLAW AND POLICY REVIEW

Manager McCarthy called upon Attorney Peterson to review Bylaw Articles 4, 5, and 6.

Manager McCarthy reviewed Board Policy 8, Board Operating Guides 8-1, 8-2, 8-3, 8-4, 8-5, 8-6, 8-8, 8-9, 8-10, 8-11, and Board Operating Procedures 8-100, 8-101, 8-102, and 8-103. Mr. Roskamp made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve all the updates and changes to the board policies, guides, and operating procedures. The motion carried.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Discussion was held regarding topics for the Board's strategic planning session that will be held in August. Suggested topics included EV charging build out, system load factor, incentive rates, distributed generation opportunities, cryptocurrency, growth/economic development, and cyber-attacks.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager McCarthy discussed key highlights from the East River General Manager's report including an update on railroad crossings, SD marijuana laws, RUS update, 2022 compensation outlook, data center/blockchain load standard rates, Minnesota legislative session, Senate Bill 40, Senate Bill 80, House Bill 1078, and statewide EV committee meeting with Drive Electric USA.

Manager McCarthy reviewed wholesale power purchases, sales, and revenue. He noted that there were 44 new service requests in February compared to 14 this same time last year. The 2022 work plan status summary and the 2022 new service request summary were discussed. Manager McCarthy highlighted areas of the February 2022 revenue and expense statement.

ACCEPT MANAGER'S REPORT

A motion to accept the Manager's Report was made by Mr. Rogen, seconded by Dr. Heinemann. The motion carried.

REPORT ON POWER SUPPLY MEETING

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

REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

NRECA PowerXchange – Directors Weinacht, Roskamp, DeMent, and DeGreef reported on their attendance of the NRECA PowerXchange that was held virtually and in Nashville, TN.

BLC 927.1 Cybersecurity – The Board's Oversight Role – Director Rogen reported on his attendance of BLC 927.1 that was held in St. Paul, MN.

MREA Annual Meeting – Director Johnson reported on his attendance of the MREA Annual Meeting that was held in St. Paul, MN.

CoBank Minnesota Customer Meeting – Director Johnson reported on his attendance of the CoBank Minnesota Customer Meeting that was held in Minneapolis, MN.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS, SELECTION OF DELEGATES, AND ATTENDANCE AUTHORIZATION

BLC 927.1 Cybersecurity: The Board's Oversight Role, April 19-20, 2022 Virtual – Director DeGreef

NRECA Legislative Conference, May 1-3, 2022 Washington, DC – Director Johnson

CCD 2600 Director Duties and Liabilities, May 4-5, 2022 Virtual – Director Vostad

BLC 952.1 Increasing Influence and Building Board Consensus, June 21-22, 2022 Virtual – Director DeGreef

Mr. Daniel made a motion to approve attendance at the meetings listed above, seconded by Mr. Leuthold. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Johnson made a motion to move into executive session to discuss internal cooperative business, seconded by Mr. Weinacht at 2:10 p.m. The motion carried. All directors were in attendance and no action was taken. The executive session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the Colman boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Roskamp made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeGreef to adjourn the Sioux Valley Energy board meeting at 2:35 p.m. The motion carried.

Don DeGreef, Secretary

Date Approved: _____