

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SIOUX VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
May 31, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (DBA Sioux Valley Energy) was held on May 31, 2023 commencing at 10:45 a.m. in the Colman boardroom. The Board toured the Dakota Ethanol facility prior to the board meeting.

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
Don DeGreef	Lucas Roskamp	Mark Rogen
Gregg Johnson	Dr. Leslie Heinemann	

Also present were Attorney Mike Nadolski, General Manager Tim McCarthy, Strategic Leadership Team members Justin Moose, Ted Smith, Kimberlee Hansen, and Carrie Vugteveen along with Executive Assistant, Brenda Schelhaas.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was presented for consideration. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Roskamp, seconded by Dr. Heinemann. The motion carried.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2023 regular board meeting was made by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion carried.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR DEBRA BIEVER**

President Fish presented the Resolution of Appreciation for Debra Biever. A motion to adopt the following resolution was made by Mr. Rogen, seconded by Mr. Weinacht. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR DEBRA BIEVER**

**WHEREAS**, Debra Biever, Vice President of Human Resources and Member Services, has dedicated over 27 years of her professional career to Sioux Valley Energy, and has served the Cooperative and its member-owners in an efficient and professional manner through hard work, teamwork, and cooperation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sioux Valley Energy Board of Directors does hereby recognize Debra Biever for the contributions she has made to Sioux Valley Energy and its member-owners. In addition, the Board commends Debra for the guidance and support she has provided to the Board, the SVE employee group as a whole, and in particular; the Member Services, Human Resources, Safety, and Beneficial Electrification department employees who have worked under her able leadership; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sioux Valley Energy Board of Directors, on behalf of the over 28,000 Sioux Valley Energy members, does hereby publicly and formally thank Debra Biever for her contributions to the Cooperative and offers Debra sincere best wishes in her future endeavors.

#### REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF BRANDON SERVICE CENTER BIDS

Manager McCarthy called upon Ted Smith to review the Brandon Service Center expansion. Ted discussed the addition and remodeling project. He then presented the bids that had been received from Empire Building Construction, Hegg Construction, and Lloyd Construction. The low bid was \$9,862,000 from Hegg Construction. Discussion was held. Mr. Rogen made a motion to authorize the Chair and Secretary to execute the RUS building contract with Hegg Construction, seconded by Mr. Roskamp. The motion carried.

#### STRATEGIC PLANNING

Manager McCarthy stated that the agenda is being developed for the July 18, 2023 strategic planning session.

#### REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager McCarthy reviewed wholesale power purchases, sales, and revenue. He then discussed the revenue and expense statement and the consolidated statement.

Manager McCarthy presented key highlights of the East River General Manager's report including the 2023 capital credit retirement, GOED commissioner Steve Westra stepping down, Greenstone Farmers update, EPA release of emissions restrictions for power plants, and the Dakota Energy vs. East River and Basin Electric lawsuit.

#### ACCEPT GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A motion to accept the General Manager's Report was made by Mr. DeGreef, seconded by Mr. Daniel. The motion carried.

#### REPORTS ON POWER SUPPLY MEETINGS

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

L&O Power – Director Roskamp report on his attendance of the L&O Power board meeting.

#### NOTICES OF MEETINGS, SELECTION OF DELEGATES, AND ATTENDANCE AUTHORIZATION

SDREA Managers and Legal Seminar, June 26-28, 2023 Oacoma, SD – Attorney Nadolski was authorized to attend by a motion made by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Mr. Weinacht. The motion carried.

SDAC Co-op Conference and Annual Members Meeting, August 6-7, 2023 Sioux Falls, SD – All directors were authorized to attend by a motion made by Mr. Roskamp, seconded by Mr. Leuthold. The motion carried.

NRECA Legal Seminar, August 7-9, 2023 Spokane, WA – Attorney Nadolski was authorized to attend by a motion made by Mr. Rogen, seconded by Mr. DeGreef. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Weinacht made a motion to move into executive session to discuss internal cooperative business, seconded by Mr. Johnson at 1:05 p.m. The motion carried. All directors were in attendance. The executive session adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting will be held on Friday, June 23, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Colman boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Weinacht made a motion to adjourn the Sioux Valley Energy board meeting at 1:31 p.m., seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion carried.

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Donald DeGreef, Secretary

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_