

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SIOUX VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
August 22, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (DBA Sioux Valley Energy) was held on August 22, 2023 commencing at 8:30 a.m. in the Brandon community room.

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 Ted Smith, Kimberlee Hansen, Jason Maxwell, Justin Moose, and Carrie Vugteveen along with Executive Assistant, Brenda Schelhaas. Guests in attendance were Mark Moran, Tim Dunn, Greg Benda, and Gerald Lange.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

President Fish introduced District 4 Member Advisory Council (MAC) members Mark Moran, Tim Dunn, and Greg Benda.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE

Ted Smith introduced Jesse Brown, journey lineworker. Jesse joined the team on August 1.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

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

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2023 regular board meeting was made by Mr. Roskamp, seconded by Dr. Heinemann. The motion carried.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MAC MEETING DATE

President Fish presented two potential dates to hold a Member Advisory Council (MAC) meeting. Mr. Leuthold made a motion to approve September 11, 2023 as the next MAC meeting date, seconded by Mr. Daniel. The motion carried.

STRATEGIC PLANNING SCOREBOARD

Manager McCarthy presented the Strategic Planning Scoreboard and discussed the objectives, initiatives, and the current status of those initiatives.

BRANDON BUILDING UPDATE

Manager McCarthy called upon Ted Smith to give an update on the Brandon building project. The project is going as planned at this time.

REED LOANS

Jason Maxwell presented two REED loan requests. The first request was for \$992,250 and the second for \$120,000. Discussion was held and a motion was made by Mr. Rogen to approve the REED loan applications for \$992,250 and \$120,000, seconded by Dr. Heinemann. The motion carried.

Director Daniel introduced MAC member Gerald Lange who joined the meeting.

EV FLEET CHARGING RATE

Manager McCarthy called upon Jason Maxwell to review the EV Fleet Charging Rate. Discussion was held and Mr. Weinacht made a motion to approve changing the name of the EV Fleet Charging Rate to the Commercial EV Charging Rate along with other proposed changes, seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion carried.

RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS (RECs)

Jason Maxwell reviewed Sioux Valley Energy's Renewable Energy Credit (REC) Program. Mr. Johnson made a motion to eliminate the current Renewable Energy Credit Rate and change the members' REC purchases to allocations along with charging an administrative fee, seconded by Mr. Weinacht. The motion carried.

SMARTHUB OVERVIEW

Manager McCarthy called upon Billing Supervisor, Molly Burmeister, to review SmartHub which was recently upgraded. Her review included usage, outage information, contact methods, settings, paperless billing, and bill payment information. Molly stated that the upgrades to SmartHub made it more user friendly and allows for banner ads which give SVE the opportunity to communicate better with members.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

There was no new information regarding Strategic Planning.

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. He also noted that the overall system CP for July 2023 was 168.7 MW which set a new all-time summer peak.

Manager McCarthy presented key highlights of the East River General Manager's report including Todd Brickhouse being named interim CEO of Basin Electric, the EPA Power Plan, 2024 NRECA benefits renewals, South Dakota wage and salary trends, and the EPA's denial of Small Refinery Exemptions (SREs).

ACCEPT GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A motion to accept the General Manager's Report was made by Mr. Roskamp, seconded by Dr. Heinemann. 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 Leuthold reported on his attendance of the L&O Power board meeting.

REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

MREA District 5 Meeting – Director Roskamp reported on his attendance of this meeting.

CoBank Directors Conference – Directors Roskamp, Heinemann, and Leuthold reported on their attendance of this conference.

BLC 951.1 Developing Effective Boardroom Decision-Making – Directors Vostad and DeGreef reported on their attendance of this class.

SDAC Coop Conference and Annual Member's Meeting – Directors DeMent and Rogen reported on their attendance of this meeting.

NRECA Legal Seminar – Attorney Nadolski reported on his attendance of this seminar.

MREA Energy Issues Summit – Directors Johnson, Fish, and DeGreef reported on their attendance of this summit.

SDREA Legislative Committee – Director Rogen reported on his attendance of this committee meeting.

Basin Electric Annual Meeting – Directors Roskamp and DeGreef reported on their attendance of this meeting.

SDREA Board Leadership Summit – Director Daniel reported on his attendance of this summit.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS, SELECTION OF DELEGATES, AND ATTENDANCE AUTHORIZATION

BLC 975.1 Capital Credit Issues and Decisions, October 26-27, 2023 Virtual – Director DeGreef was authorized to attend by a motion made by Mr. Roskamp, seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion carried.

Mid-west Electric Consumers Association Annual Meeting, December 12-14, 2023 Denver, CO – All directors were authorized to attend, Director Roskamp was nominated to serve as the voting delegate, and Director Johnson as the alternate by a motion made by Mr. Weinacht, seconded by Mr. DeGreef. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Heinemann made a motion to move into executive session at 1:25 p.m. to discuss internal cooperative business, seconded by Mr. Leuthold. The motion carried. All directors were in attendance. The executive session adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting will be held on Friday, September 22, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Colman boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Daniel made a motion to adjourn the Sioux Valley Energy board meeting at 3:25 p.m., seconded by Mr. Weinacht. The motion carried.

Donald DeGreef, Secretary

Date Approved: _____