MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SIOUX VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
October 28, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (DBA Sioux Valley Energy) was held on October 28, 2025 commencing at 8:30 a.m. in the Colman boardroom.

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

Roll call showed the following members present:

Don DeGreef	Dan Leuthold	Rodney DeMent
Ann Vostad	Dave Daniel	
Lucas Roskamp	Mark Rogen	
Gregg Johnson	Gary Fish	

Also present were Attorney Mike Nadolski (virtual), General Manager Tim McCarthy, Strategic Leadership Team members Ted Smith, Jason Maxwell, Justin Moose, Carrie Vugteveen, and Kimberlee Hansen along with Executive Assistant, Brenda Schelhaas. Guests in attendance were Darnell Albers, Jay Buchholz, Chinelle Christensen, Michele Nielson, Kit Talich, and Toni Kruger. Director Heinemann joined the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT 3 MEMBER ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER

President Leuthold introduced District 3 Member Advisory Council (MAC) member Darnell Albers.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE

Chinelle Christensen introduced Kit Talich, Standards Engineer. Kit joined the team on October 16, 2025.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was presented for consideration. President Leuthold asked that agenda items 9 and 25 be combined into one Executive Session. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Ms. Vostad, seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion carried.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2025 regular board meeting was made by Mr. Fish, seconded by Mr. DeGreef. The motion carried.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED WRITE-OFF OF UNCOLLECTABLE ACCOUNTS

Manager McCarthy called upon Toni Kruger to review the proposed write-off of uncollectable electric energy and miscellaneous receivable/loan accounts. The total write-off amount is $13,187.92 compared to $28,988.38 in 2024. SVE will retain $3,460.68 in unretired capital credits to offset part of this write-off, resulting in a net write-off of

$9,727.24. Mr. Rogen made a motion to approve the proposed write-off of uncollectable accounts, seconded by Ms. Vostad. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Daniel made a motion to move into executive session to discuss internal cooperative business, seconded by Mr. Fish at 8:43 a.m. The motion carried. The executive session adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MARKET RATE TARIFFS

Mr. Roskamp made a motion to approve the four market rates that were discussed in executive session, seconded by Mr. Rogen. The motion carried.

REVIEW OF FORM 990

The Internal Revenue Service Form 990 was attached with the board meeting materials for review and presented at the board meeting by Jason Maxwell. The report will be filed this month.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager McCarthy called upon Jason Maxwell to provide a statistical and financial summary for the period ending September 2025.

Manager McCarthy presented key highlights of the East River General Manager's report including the Mid-West Executive Director, WAPA rates, East River financials, Basin financials, a NREC alert and large loads, FERC letters, the Sioux Valley Energy forum, and FERC's acceptance of Basin's notices of cancellation.

ACCEPT GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Manager McCarthy discussed a strategic planning document that Carrie Vugteveen has created with the Public Relations team for their department. The Strategic Leadership Team will also be working through this process to develop an organizational plan. This plan will be utilized in the 2026 board strategic planning session.

Chinelle Christensen gave the Board an update on EmPOWER. Her presentation included the history of EmPOWER, the number of past and present participants, and the goals of this youth leadership program.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF UPDATE TO THE BASIN LOAD FORECAST FOR SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY

Manager McCarthy called upon Michele Nielson to review the 2026 Basin Load Forecast for the time period from 2025 to 2050. Mr. Rogen made a motion to approve the 2026 Basin Load Forecast resolution, seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion carried.

> **WHEREAS**, Basin Electric Power Cooperative has completed a detailed forecast of total demand and energy requirements for the period of 2025 through 2050; and
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> **WHEREAS,** the forecast was prepared in accordance with current Rural Utilities Service regulations using reasonable methodologies; and
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> **WHEREAS,** the Board of Directors of Sioux Valley Energy has reviewed the study and its conclusions;
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> **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Directors of Sioux Valley Energy does hereby adopt and approve the 2026 Load Forecast prepared by Basin Electric Power Cooperative as a reasonable forecast of the future demand and energy requirements for Sioux Valley Energy through the year 2050.
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> And that the action taken and/or resolutions adopted as above set out have never been rescinded, altered, amended, modified or repealed, and are of the date hereof in full force and effect.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERTATION OF ANNUAL MEETING DATE AND VENUES

Carrie Vugteveen presented information regarding the 2026 Annual Meeting date and venues. Ms. Vostad made a motion to hold the 2026 Annual Meeting on June 9, 2026 with the primary location at Tri-Valley High School in Colton and satellite locations at Pipestone Area High School and Sioux Valley School in Volga, seconded by Mr. Daniel. The motion carried.

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO SVE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE

Carrie Vugteveen asked for a volunteer from the Board to serve on the scholarship committee. Mr. Daniel volunteered to serve on the committee. Ms. Vostad made a motion to approve Mr. Daniel as this year's board scholarship committee member, seconded by Dr. Heinemann. The motion carried.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF ATTORNEY'S QUARTERLY EXPENSE STATEMENT

Executive Assistant, Brenda Schelhaas, presented the quarterly expense statement for Attorney Nadolski. A motion to approve payment of the Attorney's expense statement for July through September 2025 in the amount of $19,142.45 was made by Mr. Roskamp, seconded by Mr. Fish. The motion carried.

Attorney Nadolski provided the Board with a quarterly update.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL MANAGER'S QUARTERLY EXPENSE STATEMENT

Ms. Vostad, Treasurer, reported that she reviewed the General Manager's quarterly expense and credit card statements for the period of July through September 2025 and found all expenses to be in order. The report was accepted, and payment of the General Manager's statement in the amount of $1,837.08 was approved by a motion made by Ms. Vostad, seconded by Dr. Heinemann. The motion carried.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE

Due to a conflict with other meetings, the September 2026 board meeting date was changed to September 29, 2026 by a motion made by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion carried.

REPORT ON POWER SUPPLY MEETING

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

REPORT ON CLASS ATTENDED

BLC 929.1 Current Governance Issues in Policy Development – Director Vostad and President Leuthold (for Director Weinacht) reported on their attendance of this virtual class.

OTHER BUSINESS

Carrie Vugteveen noted that SVE and Alliance Communications hosted a National Cooperative Month event at Cherry Rock Farms near Brandon, SD. 227 pumpkin vouchers were given to co-op members with over 650 people estimated in attendance.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in the Colman boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Heinemann made a motion to adjourn the Sioux Valley Energy board meeting at 1:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Roskamp. The motion carried.

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Donald DeGreef, Secretary

Date Approved: _______________