

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SIOUX VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
March 24, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (dba. Sioux Valley Energy) was held on March 24, 2015 commencing at 8:30 a.m. at the Cooperative's headquarters in Colman, South Dakota.

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Rogen who presided and Rodney DeMent, Secretary, acted as Secretary for the meeting.

Roll call showed the following members present:

Jan Bobendrier	Rodney DeMent	Gary Drost
Gary Fish	Henning Hansen	Mark Kahler
Allan Kooima	Bruce Martinson	Mark Rogen
Allan Weinacht	Arlyn Zylstra	

All directors were present. Also present were Attorney Alan Peterson, General Manager Tim McCarthy, management staff members Ted Smith, Betty VanDerWerff, Carrie Law, Debra Biever, and Jake VanDewater, and Staff Assistant and Communications Specialist Sheila Gross. Advisory Council member Jake Droge also attended the meeting prior to the Executive Session.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was presented for consideration. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Kooima, seconded by Mr. Hansen. The motion carried by majority vote.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the board meeting of February 20th, 2015 was made by Mr. Martinson, seconded by Mr. Kahler. The motion carried by majority vote.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED DATE FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

Manager McCarthy presented a recommendation to hold the regular July Board Meeting and Strategic Planning Session on July 28th - 29th at East River Electric in Madison, SD. He gave an overview of discussion topics for the 2015 planning session and updated the Board of Directors on the development of the task level initiatives related to the balanced scorecard objectives. A motion to approve the recommended dates and location was made by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Drost. The motion carried by majority vote.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager McCarthy reviewed key highlights of his written report. He reported on wholesale power purchases, sales and revenue for the month; the audit with Clifton Larson Allen; annual meeting plans; the upcoming Member Advisory Council meeting; the EmPOWER Youth Leadership Advisory Council; stray voltage investigation assistance; the MoneyGram payment option, and receiving the award for Best Service Booth at the Brookings Home Show. Manager McCarthy gave updates on the SMEC board meeting; completion of the Pipestone Service Center; legislative bills for stray voltage and tax-on-tax; and the finalization of the reporting requirements for the Department of Energy Grant. He also held a wrap-up discussion on the 2015 series of district meetings.

Manager McCarthy's written report also included new service requests; service interruptions; estate capital credit retirements; member, public, and government relation activities; an update on employee changes and the medical insurance plan; and the February safety and wellness report.

Manager McCarthy called upon Jake VanDewater to review the Sioux Valley Wireless report. He reported on activities including legal and licensing information; head-end equipment; customer care; meetings and training; and marketing promotions, along with a summary of new services and disconnects for the month of February.

ACCEPT MANAGER'S REPORT

A motion to accept the manager's report was made by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Ms. Bobendrier. The motion carried by majority vote.

REPORTS ON POWER SUPPLY MEETINGS

East River Board Meeting – Chair Rogen reported on his attendance at the East River board meeting.

Basin Electric Board Meeting – Mr. Drost reported on his attendance at the Basin Electric board meeting.

REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

NRECA Annual Meeting – Mr. Drost reported on his attendance at the NRECA Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

CoBank Regional Customer Meeting – Directors Kahler, Martinson, and Rogen reported on their attendance at the CoBank Regional Customer Meeting in Omaha, Nebraska.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS, SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND AUTHORIZATION FOR ATTENDANCE

CoBank Customer Meetings – Mr. Weinacht made a motion to authorize Mr. Drost to change his registration from the Minneapolis meeting to the Fargo meeting, seconded by Mr. Kooima. The motion carried by majority vote.

L&O Power Annual Meeting – Notice of the L&O Annual Meeting, scheduled for Rock Rapids, Iowa on April 7th was presented. All directors were authorized to attend the L&O Power meeting per a motion by Allan Weinacht and a second by Bruce Martinson. Chair Rogen called for nominations for a delegate and alternate to the L&O Annual Meeting. A motion to designate Director Jan Bobendrier as delegate to the L&O Meeting was made by Gary Drost, seconded by Mark Kahler. Director Rodney DeMent was designated as alternate per a motion by Gary Drost and a second by Allan Weinacht. The motions also provided that the delegate (alternate) to the L&O Power Meeting be instructed to place in nomination the names of Jan Bobendrier, Gary Drost, and Arlyn Zylstra as directors to represent the Cooperative on the L&O Power Board of Directors for the ensuing year. The motions carried by majority vote.

Central Electric Annual Meeting – An invitation was extended for Central Electric's Annual Meeting on April 7th in Mitchell, SD. Director Drost recommended that a representative of Sioux Valley Energy attend in recognition of their manager's upcoming retirement. Ted Smith will plan to attend.

NRECA Legal Seminar 55 – Notice of the NRECA Legal Seminar 55 that will be held in Asheville, North Carolina on July 22nd – 23rd was given. Attorney Peterson was authorized to attend per a motion by Mr. Martinson, seconded by Ms. Bobendrier. The motion carried by majority vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Zylstra made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bobendrier to move into executive session at 10:35 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing legal matters. Mr. Zylstra made a motion to adjourn the executive session at 11:05 a.m., seconded by Mr. DeMent. The motions carried by majority vote.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, April 28th, 2015 at the Colman headquarters beginning at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rogen declared the Sioux Valley Energy board meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Rodney DeMent, Secretary

Approved: _____