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H-D ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
August 16, 2024 (Summary)

President Bert Rogness called the meeting to order. Director Todd Moritz was appointed acting secretary for the meeting. The Board delegated to Craig D. Evenson the responsibility of preparing minutes.

Present were: Steve Hansen, Todd Moritz, Bert Rogness, Casper Niemann, Calvin Musch, Dale Williams, Kevin DeBoer and Terry Strohfus. Absent was Roxanne Bass.

Others in attendance for all or part of the meeting were General Manager Matthew Hotzler, Project Attorney Craig D. Evenson, Finance and Administration Manager Annie Aberle, Operations Manager Troy Kwasniewski, Member Services Manager Tom Lundberg, and System Engineer Roger Cutshaw.

The agenda was approved on a motion duly made, seconded, and carried.

Acting Secretary Moritz presented the July 19, 2024, Regular Board and Summary minutes. After a discussion on duly made, seconded, and carried motion, July 19, 2024, Regular Board and Summary minutes were approved.

Treasurer Hansen presented the treasurer's report, including cash receipts and disbursements. After questions and discussions about the report transactions. **Resolution 24-54** On motion duly made, seconded, and carried; it was RESOLVED that the treasurer's report be received and placed on file subject to audit. Hansen presented the director's expenses for the month. **Resolution 24-55** On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, it was RESOLVED that the Director's monthly expenses are approved.

General Manager Hotzler presented a written and oral report on various H-D Electric activities and meetings he attended.

Hotzler presented the July 2024 Cooperative Scorecard and the membership activity report. After discussing the new memberships, assignments, service connections, and non-active memberships. **Resolution 24-56**, On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, it was RESOLVED that the July 2024 membership activity report is approved.

Hotzler reviewed the July 2024 Cyber report and the July 2024 YTD Basin financials. After discussing the financials, Hotzler presented the proposed 2024 East River Resolutions.

Finance and Administration Manager Aberle presented a written and oral report on the department's activities. There was a discussion on capitalizing on the labor to install load control receivers (LCR). The system will be replaced over the next few years.

Operations Manager Kwasniewski presented a written and oral report on the department's

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activities, including the outage summary. Kwasniewski reviewed the July 29, 2024, safety meeting minutes. **Resolution 24-57** On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, it was RESOLVED, that the safety report for the July 29, 2024, safety meeting, as presented, are approved.

Member Services Manager Lundberg presented a written and oral report on department activities, including the July service order breakdown report, the Load Management Update, and the service order backlog report.

Bert Rogness, Director of the East River Board, presented an oral report. Rogness discussed several topics, including Basin Financials, East River's YTD financial, MN Class D members, national data center expansion, DGC production, natural gas, coal stockpiles, the prosecution of a substation vandal, and proposed large loads in the service area.

Steven Hansen, Director of the SDREA Board, presented an oral report. Hansen discussed the last SDREA bulletin, Steve Barnett's contribution to a panel discussion, new obtained information about AI services, and the tour of a manufacturing facility.

Hotzler advised the board that there were two applications for estate retirements of capital credits and three for early retirement. He advised the board that \$1,270.07 of the capital credits for estate retirements will be retained, and \$986.68 of the estate retirement will be refunded. He advised that \$2,618.98 of the capital credits for early retirements will be retained, and \$1,303.08 will be refunded. Pursuant to Article 9, Section 2 of the bylaws and Policy No. 205 for H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc., the total retirement results in \$3,889.05 to be retained by H-D and \$2,289.76 to be refunded to the members requesting their retirement. The payment of capital credits will not impair the cooperative's financial condition. **Resolution 24-58** on motion duly made, seconded, and carried; it was RESOLVED that H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc. pay the capital credits pursuant to the By-laws, policies, and applications as presented.

Hotzler presented the quarterly strategic plan update for review and discussion.

Roger Cutshaw presented a Summer Construction Update and an oral report. The progress and projects being constructed this summer were discussed.

Hotzler discussed plans for the 2025 Annual Meeting for H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc., including the time, place, and plan.

Hotzler announced that the Board needed to elect a delegate for the CFC Region VI meeting. Dale nominated Kevin as the Delegate, and Terry seconded. On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, nominations ceased, and the board cast a unanimous ballot. Kevin nominated Casper as the Alternate Delegate, and Terry seconded. On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, nominations ceased, and the board cast a unanimous ballot.

There was a discussion about the following meetings coming up.

- a. SDREA Board Leadership Summit, August 25-26, 2024

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- b. H-D Electric Basin Tour, August 26-27, 2024
- c. East River Annual Meeting, September 4, 2024
- d. NRECA Regional Meeting 5 & 6 – September 16-18, 2024

Hotzler discussed a donation request letter for the Hamlin Community Daycare, a 501(c)(3) corporation. There was discussion about making a \$500 donation. **Resolution 24-59** on motion duly made, seconded, and carried; it was RESOLVED that H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc. make a \$500 donation to the Hamlin Community Daycare.

The meeting was adjourned.