

APPROVED - SUMMARY

**H-D ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
October 15, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by the president, Bert Rogness.

Roxanne Bass called roll: Present: Steve Hansen, Dale Williams, Casper Niemann, Todd Moritz, Bert Rogness, Laurie Seefeldt, Kevin DeBoer and Roxanne Bass. Absent: Terry Strohfus

Other in attendance for all or parts were Matthew Hotzler, General Manager, Craig D. Evenson, project attorney, Ms. Annie Aberle, Financial Administrative Manager, Troy Kwasniewski, Operations Manager, and Tom Lundberg, Member Services Manager.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the agenda, as presented on Call to Order, was approved.

Secretary, Ms. Roxanne Bass, presented the minutes for the regular monthly meeting held on September 21, 2021. On motion duly made, seconded, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer Mr. Steven Hansen presented the treasurer's report which included cash receipts and disbursements.

Resolution 21-62 On motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED that the treasurer's report be received and placed on file subject to audit.

Mr. Steven Hansen presented the director's expenses for September 2021. The various meeting attended by some directors includes the SDREA Legislative Committee meeting.

Resolution 21-63 On motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED that the director's expenses for September 2021 are approved.

Mr. Matthew Hotzler, General Manager, presented a written and oral report.

Discussions included SPP benefits for East River, RUS loan processing issues, SDREA safety training plans and programs, East Rivers' new director orientation, and increased costs for the new digger derrick truck. Hotzler also reviewed the timing of board material availability and reviewed the September cooperative scorecard, the September cyber security report, and Basin's September financials.

Hotzler presented the membership activity report of new memberships, assignments, service connections, and non-active memberships.

Resolution 21-64 On motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED, that the membership activity report is approved.

Mr. Hale from CoBank presented through Zoom a presentation about CoBank. The board discussed the benefits and detriments to CoBank membership.

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Resolution 21-65 On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, it was RESOLVED that H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc. become a member of CoBank and direct the General Manager to pay the membership fee.

Ms. Annie Aberle presented a written and oral report of department activities and presented the September financial reports. There was a discussion on the revenue refunds approved last month about the messaging to the membership.

Mr. Troy Kwasniewski presented a written and oral report of department activities including an outage summary. Mr. Kwasniewski reviewed the employee safety meeting minutes from September 2021.

Resolution 21-66 On motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED, that the safety report for the September 28th, 2021, safety meeting, as presented is approved.

Mr. Tom Lundberg presented a written and oral report of department activities. There were discussions about a water heating system at one of the dairies, service order breakdown report, load management report, and service order backlog report.

Mr. Bert Rogness, East River Electric board representative presented an oral report. Mr. Rogness discussed the increases in services, SPP, truck supply issues, and a FEMA fund reimbursement.

Mr. Steve Hansen, SDREA Board representative presented an oral report. He discussed the Vermillion bypass case with Clay-Union, the line patrol fundraiser, the bylaws and policy committee meeting, and the Legislative Committee Meeting.

Mr. Craig D. Evenson discussed the executive order regarding vaccinations.

Mr. Matthew Hotzler advised the board there were two applications for estate retirements of capital credits and no applications for early retirement. Under Article 9, Section 2 of the bylaws and Policy No. 205 for H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc., the total retirement results in \$1,116.55 to be retained by H-D and \$972.24 to be refunded to the members requesting their retirement. The financial condition of the cooperative will not be impaired by the payment of the capital credits.

Resolution 21-67 On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, it was RESOLVED that the H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc. retire the capital credits according to the By-laws, policies, and applications as presented.

Mr. Matthew Hotzler presented the 2022 Capital budget plan reviewing capital purchased and planned projects.

Mr. Matthew Hotzler provided a Board and Attorney Compensation report with an oral report.

Resolution 21-68 On motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED that the H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc. Director Compensation remains as it is.

Resolution 21-69 On a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, it was RESOLVED that the H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc. increase the project attorney hourly rate to \$150.00, and leave the retainer as is.

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Mr. Matthew Hotzler presented Policy 607 together with an oral report. The Board asked Mr. Hotzler to create a proposed amendment to Policy 607 and develop an example of a summary of the minutes.

Mr. Matthew Hotzler presented a written and oral report of the Inventory of Work Orders.

Resolution 21-70 On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, it was RESOLVED that the H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc. the RUS Form 219 work orders are approved, and the board directs the General Manager and the President to sign the original RUS Form 219.

The board reviewed the REED Loan for RJ Lotus.

Resolution 21-71 On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, it was RESOLVED that the REED loan application from Buffalo Ridge Resort, LLC and RJ Lotus is approved and will be forwarded to the REED fund for their consideration.

Mr. Matthew Hotzler, General Manager, presented that a delegate and an alternate need to be elected for the Mid-West Electric Meeting. Mr. Matt Hotzler was nominated as the delegate and Mr. Bert Rogness was nominated as the alternate.

The following meetings will take place in the upcoming months

- a) Basin Annual Meeting
- b) Mid-West Electrical Consumers Meeting
- c) NRECA Board Leadership Course
- d) SDREA Annual Meeting

No further business coming before the meeting, on duly made, and seconded and carried the meeting was adjourned.