

October Board Summary

The board of directors of Dakota Energy Cooperative met on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, with all directors present. Also present were Manager Gates and staff members Jodene Decker, Chad Felderman, Lynn Kruse and Mike Moncur. Also present was Karla Steele, SDREA Special Projects Manager.

Karla Steele, SDREA Special Projects Manager, presented the new outage management software that will be used to report major storm outages for the cooperatives in South Dakota. This program will be available to the cooperatives to report their outage information and for the members and media to receive update-to-date outage information. The project will be launched in November.

Manager Gates reported on the following items:

- SDREA brochure on the economic impact of Electric Cooperatives on the State of South Dakota.
- Annual employee health fair is scheduled for November 8, 2011.
- Member Appreciation Luncheon held in Huron on September 23, 2011 served 237 members.
- Manager Gates has accepted an appointment to serve as president of the Greater Huron Development Corporation for two years. He was also asked to serve on the Group Retention Committee for SDREA.
- Staff is finalizing the 2012 budgets for presentation at the December 2, 2011 Special Meeting.
- Reviewed plans to move Miller pole yard to the office location. Project to be completed in 2012 or 2013.

Operations Manager Lynn Kruse reported on construction projects status and that several surplus items will be taken to Bales Auction on November 5th.

Manager of Member Services Chad Felderman reported on the following items:

- Received a number of calls wanting heat meters installed and rebates for new heat pumps and boilers following Cooperative Connections article.
- Department of Energy (DOE) regulations state that beginning in April, 2015 only energy efficient water heaters can be sold. The heat pump water heater is the only water heater that will meet their regulations. Marathon water heater manufacturer is unsure what they will do to address this situation.
- Several of the incandescent and florescent light bulbs will no longer be able to be manufactured beginning in April, 2012 due to DOE regulations.
- Greg Palmer attended a Cannon User Group for the automated meter system.
- East River manager's meeting.
- Member wind turbine update.
- Labor Arbitration Seminar in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Manager of Finance and Administration Mike Moncur reported on the following items:

- Status of the FEMA funds.
- Working on the construction work plan and budgets for 2012.

Moncur reviewed the Cooperative's financial packet for the month of August 2011.

Board members considered and/or acted upon the following matters:

- Accepted the financial reports as presented.
- Accepted the management reports as presented.
- Approved paying out capital credit allocations for remainder of 1992 in the amount of \$111,501.72.
- Approved revised Board Policy Statement on salary and wage administration of non-union positions.
- Reviewed Board Policy Statement on tower space rental
- Deleted Board Policy Statement on limiting device.

Director Micheel reported on his meeting for the Board of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired in Pierre.

Employee Decker gave a presentation on the employee wellness program.

Director David Allen reviewed the East River Electric Cooperative monthly board meeting activities.

Director Dearborn reviewed the SDREA board meeting activities.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2011 at the Huron office.