

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING OF
CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
November 27, 2018

Call to Order and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by President Bordeaux at 10:15. Present were Directors Stolzenburg, Brickner, Valburg, Meek and Tucker. Director Assman arrived at 10:30. Director Wooden Knife was absent.

Agenda: The agenda was approved without additions. Valburg moved approval, Stolzenburg seconded. Motion approved.

Minutes: Director Stolzenburg moved approval of the minutes subject to the correction of the word "presented" with reference to the presentation of the financial report in place of "participated". Director Meek seconded the motion. Motion Approved.

Financial Report: Office Manager Theresa Benda presented the financial report. In addition to the statistical report there was a discussion of the Christmas Party, employee bonus, the cooperative's pre-paid billing option, and options for making members more aware of the pre-paid billing program. Director Meek moved acceptance of the report with director Valburg seconding the motion. Motion Approved.

Check Report: Directors Tucker and Valburg presented their report on their review of the checks.

Manager's Report: Mgr. Grablander presented his report reviewing materials presented to the board as part of the board package.

Mark Iyotte entered the meeting to discuss options for acquiring a new 40ft. Bucket Truck and have his recommendations regarding the purchase. He also discussed options regarding the purchase of a new trencher or excavator. His recommendation was to service the old trencher to do the current work and then sell it, then making use of contractors to big jobs, and acquiring a small excavator for more versatility.

Steve Tilton entered the meeting to discuss the security cameras system and new doors. He also discussed the scholarship programs. There are currently three programs, through Basis, Rushmore and Cherry-Todd. The cooperative also participated with RF Buche for the "underdog" scholarship.

As a continuation of his report Mgr. Grablander lead a general discussion of the strategic planning results. In connection with that report Mgr. Grablander passed out suggestions for a new cooperative mission statement for consideration by the board and action at a future meeting.

Donation Requests: Requests for the LNI readiness sponsorship and the Parmelee Girls and Boys Club, Tribal Presidents Toy Drive, and Mitchell Tech were discussed. Director Valburg moved to donate \$250 to the LNI request, seconded by Assman. Motion approved. Director Meek moved to donate \$500 to the Boys and Girls Club, seconded by Director Brickner. Motion Approved. Bordeaux moved to donate \$250 to the Tribal President's Toy Drive, Director Brickner seconded. Motion approved. Director Assman moved donation of \$250 to Mitchel Tech, seconded by Stolzenburg. Motion approved.

Mike Bowers from Rushmore Electric entered the meeting to discuss the St. Francis project and plans for updating the radio system to digital. Following his reports, a motion was made by Director Assman, seconded by director Stolzenburg, to approve the bid of Besler, Inc., for the St. Francis Substation in the amount of \$1,076,000, with scheduled completion of June 1, 2019. Motion approved.

Following Mike Bowers presentation Attorney Larson presented a report on the Mark Tucker and David Piper arbitration hearings held in Rapid City the prior week giving a detailed explanation of the events leading up to Tucker injury, and giving a brief explanation of the defenses of both employees based on allegations that cooperative employees uniformly violated safety rules and an alleged lack of enforcement of safety rules by supervisors and management.

Manager Grablander presented the load management report.

Directors Stolzenburg and Brickner left the meeting at 4:30 pm.

Chairman Bordeaux then read the work orders, new memberships, membership refunds, estates, and stock wells, as presented in the meeting materials. All were considered under a single motion by Director Tucker, seconded by Director Meek. Motion approved.

There were no meeting reports.

There being no further business to come before the board, President Bordeaux called for a motion to adjourn. On motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

President

Attest:

Secretary