

17. INVENTORY OF WORK ORDERS. After reviewing Inventory of Work Orders No. 572-572X for \$14,734.76 and 572-575-572X (A) ending January 31, 2016, JASON SWANZ moved to approve them. MIKE VLASTELIC seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

18. SIGNAL PEAK, LLC AND EXPRESS PIPELINE. The combined load factor for the 50Kv and 100Kv Signal Peak substations was 51.9% and Express Pipeline had a total load factor of 52.9%

19. 2016 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET AND WORK PLAN. MANAGER SWEENEY reviewed a preliminary budget covering capital expenditures with total subject to borrowing from RUS and total to be financed with general funds. A complete budget will be presented next month.

20. WIND GENERATOR REQUEST. MANAGER SWEENEY reported that STAKING ENGINEER MONTE OBERT was contacted by a wind generator sales person who is interested in installing a 36kW wind turbine for a member north of Roundup. Fergus Electric's board policy on net metering states that facilities cannot exceed 25kW. The Board discussed the request and concluded that the results of an engineering study should be reviewed before considering the request.

21. CAPITAL CREDIT RETIREMENTS. The Board reviewed the February 3, 2016 estate capital credit retirements of \$55,801.22 prepared by SUSAN HINKLEY. PAUL DESCHEEMAER moved to affirm the retirements and TERRY FROST seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

22. MECA USB POOL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. A MECA USB Pool membership meeting to consider two amendments will be called on April 5 in conjunction with the MECA Board and committee meetings. MIKE VLASTELIC was appointed voting delegate to this meeting.

23. DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS/NEW MEMBERS LIST. The Board reviewed the delinquent accounts showing those that were paid in full and those still owing. A list of new members was also reviewed.

24. FUTURE MEETINGS.

- a. Nominating Committees Meeting, Yogo Inn, March 2
- b. CCD Fast Track, Minot – March 10-12
- c. PRECorp Board, Sheridan, March 15
- d. Southern Board, Billings, March 23
- e. Safety, March 30, Hazardous Energy Control/Lockout Tagout – Annual OSHA; Personal Protective Equipment, Hazard Assessment – Annual OSHA; OSHA 1910.269 – Gordon McConkey of MECA
- f. FEC Board, March 30 (Wed.) – 9 a.m.
 - a. CPA Cory Wheeler at 9:10 a.m.
 - b. Mike Stiff, NRECA Field Representative, 1 p.m.
- g. Southern/WAPA/Basin Meeting, Billings, March 31
- h. Director's Course 957.1 – How to Evaluate and Improve Board Performance, Great Falls, April 4
- i. MECA Board and Committees, Great Falls, April 5-6
- j. FEC Board, April 28 – 9 a.m., May 26 – 9 a.m.
- k. NRECA Legislative Conference, Washington, D.C., May 1-3
- l. NWPPA Annual, Tulalip Resort, Washington, May 15-18
- m. FEC Annual, Saturday, June 11

25. NEWS FROM THE DISTRICTS.

26. ADJOURN. VICE PRESIDENT DAVID DOVER adjourned the meeting at 2:45.

David Dover VP Attest: R. D. Egan
Secretary President