

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Powder River Energy Corporation was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Monday, November 20 and Tuesday November 21, in Gillette, by President Walt Christensen. Members absent Monday were Jim Baumgartner, Philip Habeck, and Pam Kinchen. Jim Baumgartner was absent Tuesday.

### CEO Report

CEO Mike Easley reviewed aspects of the revised Strategy Map. A final version will be prepared by the December meeting.

Easley reviewed progress on the formation of a Mountain West Transmission Group.

### Safety

The safety minutes for the October 2017 safety meetings were accepted.

### Financials

CFAO Joanne Kolb gave an update

on 2017 sales and expenses compared to budget. Year-to-date system sales for September 2017 are up 1.6% compared to September 2016. August YTD resulted in operating margins below budget by approximately \$163,000.

### Reports

CFAO Kolb presented information on cash and equity management, security deposit interest, billing process changes, and financial forecasting.

CIO Wilson updated the board on communications tower lease activity.

Wendy Hutchinson presented information on the Millennium Bulk Terminals project in Washington State for exportation of coal outside of the United States.

### Legal Report

Attorney Mark Hughes reported on legal issues relevant to PRECorp. Hughes, VP Rogers, and Mike Cole discussed aspects of a proposed

franchise agreement with the City of Gillette.

### Approved Items

- 2018 budget
- Bank Signatories
- CPA Audit Engagement letter
- City of Gillette franchise agreement
- Basin Electric economic development loan
- Property and casualty insurance
- Deferred revenue plan
- Basin capital credit retirement

### Guests to the Meeting:

PRECorp employees Tim Velder; Tary Hanson and Jim Collins of Tongue River Electric Cooperative; City of Gillette utilities director Mike Cole; Wendy Hutchinson of Millennium Bulk Terminals.

**The next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday and Tuesday, December 18-19, in Sheridan.**



Photo by Cindy Stoddard/PRECorp Plant Accountant

A snow-covered farm served by PRECorp in northeast Wyoming.