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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



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All trustees were present during roll-call. Chairman Schnipke called the meeting to order. Randy Price, Renee Hull, and Nick Eltzroth were also in attendance.

A Safety Moment was shared, spotlighting the hazards of memory-dependent safety. Relying solely on a member for workplace safety is dangerously unreliable. It is important to have the correct systems in place, such as using written procedures and checklists, using visual aids, create physical barriers (lockout/tagout, guards), establish routine inspections, provide job aids. This can apply to the day-to-day electric work we do, just as well as things we do in our personal lives.

Strategic-Financial - Operation Updates

- Minutes from the December Board Meeting and other consent agenda items were approved as presented.
- Legal reviewed the December draft minutes and January's agenda and has no concerns.
- The December financials, IT, and Safety Reports were provided and reviewed.
- Mr. Eltzroth shared an update on the fiber buildout.

President and CEO Report – Randy Price

- Mr. Price's information was provided prior to the meeting.
- Mr. Price discussed the rate increase and shared that staff was provided a document with key talking points and facts about the increase.

Chairman's Report – Adam Schnipke:

- Chairman Schnipke confirmed there were no trainings last month.
- Discussions on the upcoming PowerXchange Conference and director training that will be provided.

Indiana Statewide Association (IEC) – Steven McMichael

- Trustee McMichael shared that there is no meeting this month.
- The IEC Executive Committee will meet on February 5th and the next board meeting is February 18th.

Ohio Statewide (OEC) – John Saxton

- Trustee Saxton's material was shared prior to the meeting.

Trustee Saxton shared that the legislative committee met this month and shared details from that meeting.

Buckeye Power - Randy Price

- Mr. Price discussed some details with some of the transmission system updates.

The board entered executive session at 7:10 P.M. and exited at 7:48 P.M.

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New & Old Business: None

Payment of Bills: The trustee's bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Adjournment

There was no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned.

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