• **Call to Order:** Steve Hietpas called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

• **Recording Secretary:** Paul Bachman – DGR Engineers

• **Roll Call:**

  Members:
  
  Steven Hietpas  CPSS Coordinator – SDSU  
  Brian Bigge  Xcel Energy  
  Nate Jones  Heartland Consumer Power District  
  Adam Graff  Heartland Consumer Power District  
  Mike Sydow  Northwestern Energy  
  Steve Arbach  Northwestern Energy  
  Scott Mallard  Western Area Power Agency  
  Jim Edwards  East River Electric Power Cooperative  
  Dawn Grider  Missouri River Energy Services

  Associate Members:
  
  Ted Smith  Sioux Valley Energy  
  Blair Metzger  DGR Engineers  
  Paul Bachman  DGR Engineers

  Other:
  
  Wayne Knabach  SDSU Retired

  Members Not Represented:
  
  Otter Tail Power Company  
  Black Hills Power  
  MidAmerican Energy Company  
  Basin Electric Power Cooperative  
  Minnesota Power

• **Approve Agenda:**
  
  Mike Sydow moved and Adam Graff seconded to accept the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

• **Approve Minutes of Oct. 18th, 2010 Fall Meeting:**
  
  Ted Smith moved and Scott Mallard seconded to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

• **Coordinator’s Report:** Report for the Spring Meeting was included in packet. Some of the highlights of the report were:

  • **Power Faculty Update**
    
    Discussion:
    
    o Position for replacement for Steve Hietpas  
    o Shift of positions from CS to EE  
    o No new positions anticipated due to economic issues

  • **Teaching Activities**
    
    o See report for primary details
• **Other Activities**
  o See report for primary detail

• **Scholarship Activity**
  o See report for primary details

• **Power Student Status**
  o Only one of current graduation class still in process of looking for employment
  o About half of current students have intern position for the summer
  o See report for additional details

• **Summer Activity**
  o See report for primary details

• **Membership List:**
  o Sheet was passed around and members updated the list as necessary

• **Committee Reports:**
  • **2011-2012 Proposed Budget Report**
    Discussion:
    o Last dues increase (2004)
    o New 5% charges from the Foundation Reinvestment Fee (FRF)

Motion was made by Mike Sydow and seconded by Ted Smith to request Foundation to provide explanation of how the FRF furthers the mission of the CPSS. Additional request was made to have Foundation visit with CPSS during fall meeting to discuss in person. Motion carried.

Dawn Grider moved and Jim Edwards seconded to accept the Budget Proposal as submitted. Motion carried.

• **Fall 2010 South Dakota Regional Power Conference Review**
  Discussion:
  o Review of feedback from Conference
  o Reviewed conference budget ($47.26 in the black)

• **Wayne Knabach Excellence in Power Award Selection**
  Discussion / Nominations:
  o Jim Edwards – EREPC
  o Wanda Reader – S&C
  o Rod Scheel – OTP

Ted Smith reported the committee’s recommendation: Rod Scheel

Motion was made Ted Smith and seconded by Jim Edwards to accept recommendation from the committee. Motion carried.
• **Student Project Proposal**
  Discussion:
  o Suggested project presented by Steve Arbach (69 Delta loop fault)

  Dawn Grider moved and Ted Smith seconded to accept the Student Project Motion carried.

• **Fall Meeting Date is October 17th, 2011**

• **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Bachman – DGR Engineers
Recording Secretary
April 21st, 2011
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