• **Call to Order:** Steve Hietpas called the meeting to order at 11:00 am

• **Recording Secretary:** McCord Stowater – Heartland Consumers Power District

• **Roll Call:**

  **Members:**
  - Steven Hietpas  CPSS Coordinator – SDSU
  - Wes Wingen  Black Hills Corporation
  - Larry DeKramer  East River Electric Power Cooperative
  - McCord Stowater  Heartland Consumers Power District
  - Frank Kornbaum  Minnesota Power Company
  - Austin Hoekman  Missouri River Energy Services
  - Randy Diede  WAPA – Huron
  - Mark Buchholz  WAPA – Watertown

  **Associate Members:**
  - Mike Bowers  Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative
  - Paul Bachman  DGR Engineering
  - Tim Ostermeier  Power Engineers, Inc.

  **Member Companies Not Represented:**
  - Basin Electric Power Cooperative
  - MidAmerican Energy
  - NorthWestern Energy
  - Otter Tail Power Company
  - Xcel Energy, Inc. South Dakota

  **Guests:**
  - Wei Sun  SDSU

• **Approve Agenda:**

  Larry DeKramer moved and Wes Wingen seconded to accept the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

• **Approve Minutes of Oct. 7th, 2014 Fall Meeting:**

  Mark Buchholz moved and Austin Hoekman seconded to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Comments:

- Deletion of “Dr.” from minutes

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

  • **Power Course Update**
    - Increase in activity and graduate students
    - Update on courses being offered
    - Power technology tour being taken over by Sun and Tonkoski

  • **Power Faculty Update**
Updates on students graduated, projects, research, and efforts given by both Sun and Tonkoski

- **Scholarship Activity**
  - $40,000 in Scholarships
  - 60% direct result of power community sponsorship
  - $25,000 already contributed into Wayne Knabach scholarship. Looking for more funds. Contact Steve Hietpas or Dean Brown for more information.

- **Status of Power Students**
  - 11 students graduated in spring 2015. Of that, 6 are power students.
  - 5-6 students still actively looking for internships. 2-3 pending offers
  - 11 students already with summer internships/positions

- **Summer Power and/or CPSS Activity**
  - Reviewed activities of Hietpas, Tonkoski, Sun and their future meetings and events

- **Membership Update:**
  
  New Associate Member Applications
  1) Burns & McDonnell, Minneapolis, MN
     
     Randy Diede moved and Larry DeKramer seconded to accept the Burns and McDonnell as associate member. Motion carried.

  2) Star Energy Services, LLC, Alexandria, MN
     
     Frank Kornbaum moved and Tim Ostermeier seconded to accept the Star Energy as associate member. Motion carried.

- **Committee Reports:**
  
  - **2015-2016 Proposed Budget Report**
    - Reviewed income budget and actual budget from 14-15’
      - Total budget is $41,750 proposed for 15-16’
      - Actual income for 14-15’ was $37,735
    - Expenses for 15-16’ projected at $41,750
      - Actual expenses for 14-15’ was $41,606.50
      - Possible increase in graduate student salary support
  
  Frank Kornbaum moved and Tim Ostermeier seconded to accept the Budget Proposal as submitted. Motion carried.

  - **2014 South Dakota Regional Biennial Power Conference Report**
    - 70 total attended conference and 87 attended the banquet
    - Review of income and expenses
      - CPSS in the black for $131 compared to budget

  - **Proposed - 2016 South Dakota Regional Biennial Power Conference**
    - Ideal talked about increasing fee for conference/banquet to $150 to remove CPSS share
    - Room reserved for both September 26-27 and October 3-4. Official date will be decided later.
Conference logistics discussed as well as presentations, speakers, and conference topics.
- Suggestion from Paul Bachman for PUC speaker about stray voltage
  - More info at sd.gov
  - Wayne Knabach Excellence in Power Award Selection
    - Nomination by Frank Kornbaum for Robert Zavadil from EnerNex
    - Chair of selection committee requested this item to be temporarily tabled.
    - Hietpas will follow up with committee to gather additional nominations and will follow up with an email vote during month of June.
  - Student Project Proposals
    - Reviewed 6 student project proposals and discussed qualifications and quality of projects.
    - Projects with shown interest for CPSS support
      - Net-zero Energy Electric Vehicle Charging Station submitted by Tonkoski
      - Solar Array Analysis submitted by Sioux Valley Energy
      - Wait for project from Power Engineers

- Fall Meeting Date is October 5th, 2015
- Express Appreciation to Wes Wingen and Black Hills Power for hosting spring meeting
  
  Mark Buchholz moved and Tim Ostermeier seconded to accept the express appreciation to Wes Wingen and Black Hills Power for hosting spring meeting. Motion carried.

- Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

McCord Stowater – Heartland Consumers Power District
Recording Secretary
April 23rd, 2015
Typed and Submitted May 15, 2015