

STEARNS ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

AUGUST 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Stearns Electric Association was held on August 30, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Stearns Electric Association Headquarters in Melrose, Minnesota.

Manager of Administrative Services Vicky Herkenhoff discussed the great turnout for the Pancake Feed held at the Freeport Community Center. A date has been set for next year's Pancake Feed on Saturday, August 10, 2019. Stearns Electric's Annual meeting is set for April 4, 2019.

Manager of Engineering Matt O'Shea shared project notifications that were sent out to members along the project routes informing them of underground cable replacement that will be taking place.

Manager of Operations Glenn Blommel informed the Board of the Westwood tree clearing project in St. Cloud where our crews removed 54 large spruce trees that have grown into the lines. Before and after pictures were also shared with the Board. Mr. Blommel also provided the 2018-2020 Safety Improvement SIP goals with the Board.

Manager of Energy Services James Pachan presented a Resolution to the Board approving the Resolution Authorizing REDLG Loan Request for the City of St. Joseph New Distribution Center. The City of St. Joseph is planning a new industrial park to facilitate the construction of a large distribution center. Motion was carried.

CEO Robin Doege provided the Board with several updates on the economic development front including meeting with Judy Weyrens, St. Joseph City Administrator, and discussed the project to expand the St. Joseph Industrial Park.

Over the last year, the Cooperative has been evaluating the facility needs of the Headquarters office in Melrose. A list of the current and future needs of the facility were presented. A motion to approve Stearns Electric to hire an Architect to assist in the planning and structural understanding was carried.

Next Meeting: November 29, 2018

