

STEARNS ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

JUNE 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Stearns Electric Association was held on June 28, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Stearns Electric Association Headquarters in Melrose, Minnesota.

President Rothstein and CEO Dave Gruenes welcomed future Stearns Electric Association CEO Robin Doege to the meeting and stated that Mr. Doege will be a very good addition to our Cooperative. Mr. Doege will begin on August 13th .

Manager of Finance Ralph Martin, reviewed cooperative financial and statistical information and stated that the May GRE PCA credit will be reflected on the member's upcoming bill. Manager of Engineering Matt O'Shea gave an analysis of why the Co-op experienced increased wholesale power cost in May. Mr. O'Shea commented that May was an anomaly with the load factor approximately being 15% lower than budget. Mr. O'Shea shared with the Board the coincident demand was higher than budget by 38.6% and the kWh's sold was higher than budget by only 9%.

Manager of Operations Glenn Blommel reported on the June 11th storm when our crews responded to outages in the St. Joe, St. Augusta, Cold Spring and Richmond areas and noted there were no tree related outages on the feeders that were cut in 2017 and 2018. These results exemplify the value of our Right-of-Way program.

Manager of Billing and IT Ryan Zierden provided the Billing Report and noted that there has only been a few calls regarding the new rate increase. The Board was reminded that June is the true-up month for budget billing and irrigation bills will begin in July.

CEO Dave Gruenes asked the Board to approve the sale of a piece of land on Kraft Drive currently owned by Stearns Electric to St. Mary's Church in Melrose. Motion was approved and carried. Mr. Gruenes also asked the Board to approve the purchase agreement of the 4.3 acres currently owned by Stearns Electric in Sartell to the City of Sartell. Motion was approved and carried.

Next Meeting: September 27, 2018

