

STEARNS ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

MAY 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Stearns Electric Association was held on May 24, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Stearns Electric Association Headquarters in Melrose, Minnesota.

Director of Communications and Marketing Amanda Groethe and Marketing Specialist Whitney Ditlevson shared their Road Trip Recharged presentation with the Board. Ms. Groethe and Ms. Ditlevson were selected to represent Great River Energy and Minnesota cooperatives in an electric vehicle research project. They had the opportunity to drive an electric vehicle to the NRECA CONNECT Event for cooperative communicators from Minnesota to Salt Lake Utah. Ms. Groethe and Ms. Ditlevson received two awards for their efforts: most followers and best story from the road. The grand prize, sponsored by ChargePoint, is a new Level 2 charging station. Ms. Groethe and Ms. Ditlevson will be presenting their Road Trip Recharged presentation to GRE, REMA as well as at the MREA Energy Issues Summit.

Manager of Finance Ralph Martin reviewed cooperative financial information and stated that the April GRE PCA credit will be reflected on the member's upcoming bill.

Manager of Administrative Services Vicky Herkenhoff reviewed strategic priorities resulting from an outside consultant and Ms. Herkenhoff shared the next steps the Staff is working on towards plan implementation.

Manager of Operations Glenn Blommel provided an update on the Operations and Maintenance department and discussed current activities the crews and contractors are working on. Reliability numbers were shared with the Board. Our Safety Program (AWAIR) Policy was presented after being reviewed and updated. OSHA did review this policy and had some recommendations after the August 2017 incident; these recommendations were added to the policy.

Next Meeting: August 30, 2018

