

STEARNS ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

NOVEMBER 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Stearns Electric Association was held on November 29, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Stearns Electric Association Branch Office in Melrose, Minnesota.

Manager of Finance Ralph Martin reviewed Cooperative financial and statistical information. Mr. Martin shared the GRE Patronage Capital Retirement projections through the year 2038. The only approved amount is for the year 2019. It is important to note that this is a projection, therefore amounts in the years following 2019 are subject to change.

Manager of Engineering Matt O'Shea presented the 2019-2022 Construction Work Plan. Mr. O'Shea reviewed the 2018 Long Range Load Forecast. This study is used for planning annually.

Manager of Operations Glenn Blommel discussed current activities the crews and contractors are working on. Mr. Blommel shared favorable information related to progress on vegetation removal and the results of lower overall power outages related to areas with properly maintained easements.

Manager of Energy Services James Pachan shared a few commercial accounts that participated in the LED retrofit lighting rebate program.

CEO Robin Doege shared that Great River Energy is considering changing how it bills for power, from coincident peak demand to MISO pricing zone demand. Mr. Doege reported that Heartland Security Services wants to buy back member units from MiEnergy which would increase the percentage of Stearns Electric's ownership interest in Heartland Security. The Board is in support of this action.

Director of Finance, Cindy Anderson, presented the proposed 2019 budget for review.

Next Meeting: February 21, 2019

