

STEARNS ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

OCTOBER 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Stearns Electric Association was held on October 26, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Stearns Electric Association Headquarters in Melrose, Minnesota.

Manager of Finance Ralph Martin reviewed cooperative financial and statistical information as well as the Cooperative's financial ratios. Mr. Martin also noted that the GRE PCA credit will be passed on to the members on their next bill.

Manager of Administrative Services Vicky Herkenhoff reviewed several personnel items she has been working on including an update on the recovery of an employee who sustained a workplace injury.

Manager of Operations Glenn Blommel reported that Legacy Power had just finished working on a 3.75-mile replacement North West of Grey Eagle and have now moved south of Albany along County Road 41 for a 2.6 mile single-phase UDR replacement.

CEO Dave Gruenes reviewed with the Board that no members provided written or oral communication concerning the Local Democracy Forum, which took place on September 26, 2017.

Mr. Gruenes along with Mr. O'Shea, Mr. Martin and Mr. Pachan started working on the Cost of Service Study to examine all of our current rates. The last COSS was completed in 2012.

Mr. Gruenes presented the Political Action Plan Policy to the Board for approval. This policy's objective is to proactively and positively influence public policy-makers for the benefit of the Cooperative and its members.

Consideration of Implementing Cooperative Rules for Local Democracy. A motion by Jerry Fries to approve the Rules and seconded by Arlyn Lawrenz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gruenes presented a resolution to the Board adopting the authority of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in Minnesota Statute 216B.164.

This regulatory authority would give the Board the responsibilities of assuming the regulatory authority from the Public Utilities Commission. A motion to approve, the Resolution was made by Steve Notch and seconded by Dick Nathe. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: January 25, 2018

