

STEARNS ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

OCTOBER 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Stearns Electric Association was held on October 25, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Stearns Electric Association Branch Office in St. Joseph, Minnesota.

Manager of Finance Ralph Martin reviewed Cooperative financial and statistical information noting that the GRE PCA credit will appear on the members' next bill.

Online Member Voting was discussed. A hybrid system allowing both paper ballots and online system was proposed. A motion for approval was carried.

NRECA Member Survey Results were shared with the Board. Members gave Stearns Electric a very good score related to member service and did suggest improved communication to members regarding power outages, such as electronic notification.

Manager of Operations Glenn Blommel discussed current activities the crews and contractors are working on and shared year-to-date reliability and outage numbers with the Board.

The Board viewed a presentation on "This is My Why" which featured Jason Selix, a maintenance crew chief.

Manager of Energy Services James Pachan provided an update on Energy Management programs and shared a few commercial accounts that have received large LED retrofit rebates.

CEO Robin Doege provided information on an economic development opportunity in St. Joseph.

Attorney Scott Dymoke recommended the Board consider reviewing and modifying the current Stearns Electric Bylaws as they are about fifteen years old.

CEO Robin Doege requested the formation of a sounding board group as part of the upcoming union negotiations to gather feedback throughout the negotiation process. Mike Blenkush, Dick Nathe and Tony Ampe volunteered to participate in the committee.

Next Meeting: January 24, 2019

