

# STEARNS ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

## AUGUST 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Stearns Electric Association was held on August 29, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Stearns Electric Association office located in Melrose, Minnesota.

Manager of Finance Cindy Anderson reviewed July financial information.

VP of Administration and Finance Vicky Herkenhoff reported on items related to personnel matters and the bylaw review progress. Within the next month, a plan for 2020 employee development will be created.

Ms. Herkenhoff presented several proposed changes to the existing MRC policy which includes a committee name change from the Member Resource Committee to the Member Engagement Group. After discussion, a motion to approve the new policy was carried. Following the policy approval, a motion was carried to approve the 2019-2020 applicants as presented.

VP of Engineering and Operations Matt O'Shea gave an overview of the recent NRECA Transmission and Distribution Engineering Committee Annual Meeting he attended. Information was shared related to industry safety, pole testing data, attachment fees and the continued progress on the Joint Use Facilities Engineering Guide.

Mr. O'Shea provided an update on current activities of the crews and contractor progress noting the security light project is about 75% complete for the year.

The CapX2050 Transmission Vision Study was shared. The purpose of the study is to identify system improvements and infrastructure upgrades that may be needed to achieve 2050 carbon reduction goals.

Director Mike Blenkush presented his letter of resignation from the Stearns Electric Association Board of Directors effective October 24, 2019 due to his upcoming move out of the Co-op's service territory. Mr. Blenkush is in the final year of his current term which expires at the 2020 Annual Meeting.

*Next Meeting: November 26, 2019*

