

STEARNS ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Stearns Electric Association was held on September 26, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the Stearns Electric Association office located in Melrose, Minnesota.

Attorney Scott Dymoke presented the Resolutions Approving Federal Financing Bank Loan for \$40,956,000. This is a RUS guaranteed loan. Authorized senior staff have the ability to request draws when necessary. Questions were asked and answered to the Board's satisfaction. Motion to approve the resolutions were carried.

CEO Robin Doege reported on the financial condition of the Cooperative's subsidiary businesses.

VP of Administration and Finance Vicky Herkenhoff reviewed her written report with the Board, which included information related to personnel matters. The 2020 employee development plan with GiANT is now in place. Ms. Herkenhoff requested Board authorization of the Capital Credit General Retirements in the amount of \$1,250,000. These will be mailed the day before Thanksgiving, similar to past years. This is an increase of \$50,000 from 2018.

An examination of the Member Services report included information on billing statistics and EnergyWise® Program participation, along with various rebates and incentives.

VP of Engineering and Operations Matt O'Shea gave an overview of Department of Labor and Industry changes to permitting and inspection fees which could affect the future cost of load management receiver change-outs. Work continues on interruptible program documentation and the importance of members understanding the value and expectations when on an interruptible program. Safety and reliability reports were provided for examination.

Director Arlyn Lawrenz reported on his visit to Washington, D.C., including how important it is for cooperatives to visit with elected officials.

Next Meeting: December 26, 2019

