

STEARNS ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

JULY 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Stearns Electric Association was called to order on July 29, 2021 at 1:10 p.m. at the St. Joseph office of Stearns Electric Association.

Manager of Finance Cindy Anderson reviewed the June 2021 financial statement. Year-to-date gross margin is below budget even though KWH sold increased 2.3%. The increased volume is more than offset by higher power cost rates driven by the hot weather as the Cooperative purchased a large amount of KWHs in June at a higher blended rate.

CEO Robin Doege provided an economic development report related to a large commercial account. The expansion will require a three mega-watt addition to the I-94 substation with even more load required in subsequent expansions.

CEO Doege notified the Board of ongoing issues with faulting bare concentric cable in the Westwood area and how the Operations department is working to resolve the issue.

The Engineering report outlined the need for new commercial meter packages in addition to monitoring lead times vs. on-hand inventory ordering. Lead times on transformers and substation regulators have been a challenge to manage in 2021 with anticipated delivery dates of some items well into 2022. Thus far, this has not had a major impact on the ongoing work plan.

GRE Board Member Greg Blaine provided a summary of the GRE North Dakota asset sale and GRE power purchase agreement approved by the Stearns Electric Board.

Vice President of Administration and Finance Vicky Herkenhoff and Allison Driggins gave the directors a benefits review presentation.

Next Meeting: October 28, 2021

