



*Just like we maintain our power lines, we also plan ahead for our facilities. In 2024, our member-elected Board approved the building of a new Operations Center and Headquarters. This new facility helps us work more efficiently and serve our growing membership now and into the future.*

## STEARNS ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION 700 KRAFT DRIVE SE | MELROSE, MN

**GROUNDBREAKING**  
May 6, 2024

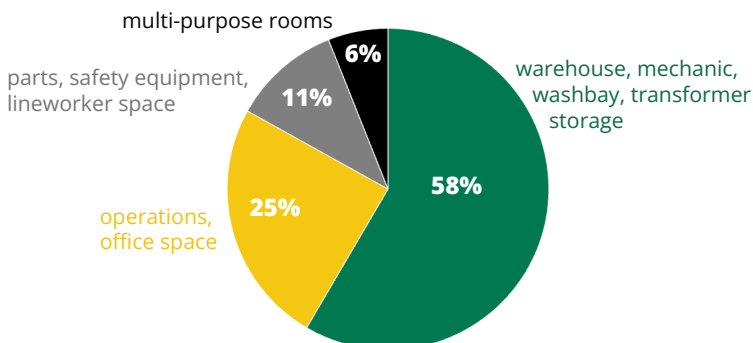
**OPEN TO MEMBERS**  
August 19, 2025

**PROJECT ARCHITECT**  
GLTArchitects

**CONSTRUCTION MANAGER**  
W. Gohman Construction

**FACILITY BUDGET**  
\$21.5 Million

**BUILDING SIZE**  
89,104 square feet



*new facility is 2.3x larger than previous facilities*

### WHY WE BUILT IT:

- **Improved Reliability:** Added space for equipment, storage, fleet, mechanic workspace
- **Better Member Experience:** Improved lobby, drive-thru equipment pick-up, private meeting rooms, upgraded technology
- **Employee Safety:** Secure, large pole yard with lighting, enhanced building monitoring
- **Efficiency & Growth:** Efficient workflow, positions Co-op for future growth



*new lobby to welcome members and guests*

# FACILITY QUICK FACTS



## Printing Stations

secure, reduce costs  
and waste



## Multi-Purpose Rooms

named after  
area lakes



## Precast Walls

186 panels were put up  
over 14 days

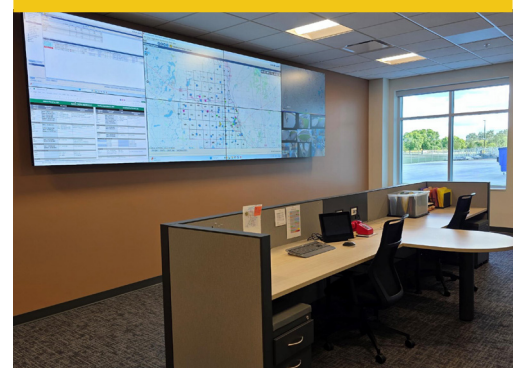


## Weekly Meetings

with architect and  
construction manager to  
ensure budget, timeline  
and expectations aligned



large warehouse provides ample storage



dispatch wall to help with outages

## FACILITY FEATURES

### SITE LOCATION

The facility is built on land the Cooperative already owned, significantly reducing costs.

### POLE YARD

The secured pole yard provides the space to store and organize poles and equipment, allowing for efficient and safe loading and unloading of materials.

### SECURITY

The facility is monitored by a 24-hour surveillance system and multiple cameras. Perimeter fencing ensures safety and deters theft and vandalism.

### MECHANIC AREA

The mechanic area fits our largest trucks and supports efficient repairs to our fleet.

### COHESIVE WORKSPACES

Department workspaces are arranged for efficient collaboration. Multi-purpose rooms provide adequate space for required safety trainings and employee meetings.

### DATA PROTECTION

Member data is even more secure in our new server room and with secure internal printing solutions for employees.

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