



## **Board Summary Feb. 28, 2019**

Great River Energy's VP of Corporate and Member Services Mark Fagan provided an informative presentation about retail choice in Texas.

CEO Miller presented his written report and highlighted the following items: line crew work during winter months, duck houses on old poles, infrared transformer inspections, CIS conversion project update, partnership with the Home Energy Squad, website analytics, possible indoor agriculture pilot project, aging pole replacement, Dakota Solar IV update and recordable injury update.

VP Nelson provided an update on the Advanced Grid Infrastructure project.

Great River Energy directors Van De Bogart and Schreiner provided a written report and highlighted the following: regional meeting update and organizational changes with the closing of the RDF plant in Elk River.

VP Larson provided an update on the potential need for a rate case. The board passed a motion for staff to perform a deeper analysis for a rate case.

PR Director Miller provide an update on the Annual Meeting, and Election Committee Chair Pittman presented an update on the election process.

Director Lekson provided an update on the MREA board meeting, which included CEO performance review, legislative issues, re-election of Lekson to chair the REPAC committee.

The board passed a motion to recommend a bylaw change for the ballot regarding Circuits subscription cost. The bylaw change would allow Dakota Electric to apply for a postage rate that would save the cooperative a lot of postage costs for mailing the newsletter, if the USPS approves the application.

Attorney Yoch reported on work items that included vegetation management guidelines, micro cell tower attachments, RFPs for engineering and a confidentiality agreement with GRE.

Board Treasurer Sheldon said the auditor reported no material weaknesses or significant issues were found during the audit.

\*This document contains a summary of the more significant board agenda items. For the full agenda, members may review the meeting agenda posted online. Members may review the detailed meeting minutes at Dakota Electric's offices.