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## **Board Summary September 26, 2019**

CEO Greg Miller presented his written report and highlighted the following items: cable replacement; commercial construction in Lakeville; residential growth; Employer of Excellence Award; matching grant; senior donations; reliability; wind tours; school district referendums & levies; IT table top exercise - Zero Day threat; cyber threat index tool; delinquent accounts; storm outage; Safety Steering Team strategic planning; Southern MN co-op group and advanced meter installation update.

Great River Energy directors Van De Bogart and Schreiner provided a written report and highlighted the board's trip to North Dakota and legislative visit to Washington D.C.

VP Larson provided an update on the rate case filed on Sept. 19.

Energy and Member Services Manager Dave Reinke provided an update on conservation goals, which are at 80% of the annual goal.

Audit Committee Chair Jim Sheldon provided an update on the Audit Committee, which reviewed policies and chose to continue with Eide Bailly as the corporate auditor.

Election Committee Chair David Jones provided an update on the 2020 election process. The committee is drafting a bylaw change to allow for replacement ballots, and they will ask the balloting vendor to move to the updated Direct Vote Plus, which has enhanced security.

All incumbents up for re-election in 2020 signified that they will run again: John DeYoe, Janet Lekson, Margaret Schreiner and Paul Bakken.

Director Kimmes provided an update on the Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> strategic planning retreat.

Attorney McGrane reported that her firm is working on items including policy updates and a sensitive disconnection for non-payment.

The board presented unclaimed capital credit money to local school districts for educational projects. Districts that received money at this board meeting: Lakeville, District 194; Randolph, District 195; Red Wing, District 256 and South St. Paul, District 6.

Minnesota Rural Electric Association CEO Darrick Moe and Director of Finance and Administration Melissa Stachovich presented information about how MREA hopes to strengthen its communications, grassroots and policy role.

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