



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Board Summary October 31, 2019

CEO Greg Miller presented his written report and highlighted the following items: Energy & Member Services planning retreat; Spirit of Excellence Award; solar update; DEA Veterans' dinner; Apple Valley STEM program sponsorship; C&I Coal Creek tour; radio communication improvement; osprey nest installation at Whitetail Woods; Cold Weather Rule; Byllesby Dam project; comments submitted to the PUC relating to data privacy and current safety numbers.

The board heard a report from personnel from CliftonLarsonAllen regarding the audit they performed on Dakota Electric's 401(k) account.

VP Nelson provided an update on the installation of the advanced meters (AGi). Initial installation of the first phase of nearly 5,000 meters has been completed. Approximately 500 Load Control Receivers will be changed out as part of this first phase as well.

Great River Energy directors Van De Bogart and Schreiner provided a written report and highlighted a meeting some board members had with CEO David Saggau, 2020 flat rate proposal; staffing updates; and energy storage.

The board discussed providing replacement ballots and passed a motion to approve a bylaw change that would allow replacement ballots at the annual meeting.

VP Larson provided an updated on the rate case which was filed on Sept. 19, 2019.

Director and Audit Committee Chair Sheldon presented an update on the Audit Committee meeting.

VP Hintz presented the quarterly financial update showing rate revenue slight below budget and operating margins favorable.

The board approved the \$4.1 million Capital Credit Retirement Resolution for 2019.

VP Schoenecker presented a study on vegetation management with a goal to maintain adequate clearance from electrical facilities by trimming, pruning, treating or removing vegetation, keeping in mind safety and system reliability.

The board approved policies and/or updates relating to employee benefits, drug and alcohol free workplace and whistleblowers.

Director John DeYoe received his Board Leadership Program certificate.

Attorney McGrane reported on items being worked on including a cell tower contract and human resource policies.

Director Lekson referred the board to the MN Rural Electric Association meeting summary.

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