



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Board Summary

January 30, 2020

CEO Greg Miller presented his written report and highlighted the following items: employee meetings, website analytics, call center phone statistics, Santa party, Utility Diversity Group, solar installation growth, construction activity, 3 MW solar project online, and recordable injuries.

VP of Information Services, CIO Mjyke Nelson provided an update on the advanced grid project. The first phase of the project is completed and the team is focusing on validating core functionality in the production environment.

Michael Berndt, interim president of Dakota County Technical College and Inver Hills Community College provided an overview of the colleges and careers they offer to students. He also thanked the board for Dakota Electric's support over the years.

Great River Energy directors Van De Bogart and Schreiner provided a written report and highlighted the following: used equipment installation at Coal Creek Station, upcoming legislative session and regional meetings.

A bill comparison presented by Doug Larson, VP of Regulatory Services, showed that residential rates are still lower than a local neighboring utility and that our commercial/industrial rates are very competitive. Larson also discussed options for the upcoming Legislative Day on March 17.

VP Larson reported that the rate case is close to settlement.

The board approved a new contract for location services after the previous contract expired.

The board reviewed and approved various policies that were updated by Attorney McGrane.

Election Committee Chair David Jones provided an update on the election process. Candidate interviews were completed on Jan. 27 and all candidates were selected to run.

Attorney McGrane reported on work that includes a cell tower contract settlement and a confidential personnel issue.

Director Lekson reported that the MREA board did not hold a regular board meeting.

Directors Schreiner and Lekson reported on the MREA legislative visits, which went well.

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