

February 2019 Board Meeting Summary

The Lake Region Electric Cooperative (LREC) Board of Directors met at 9 a.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at the cooperative headquarters in Pelican Rapids, MN. The Board of Directors approved the minutes of the February 4, 2019 board meeting. Approval was also given to the consent agenda items of expense statements, disbursements, new memberships, and capital credit retirements to estates.

CEO Report: CEO Tim Thompson highlighted some of the benefits of the MN 511 app that updates users on road conditions and closures.

2019 District Meetings: There were three nominations at the District Meeting in District 3 (not including the petition that was submitted prior to the meeting); two nominations at the meeting in District 9; and one nomination in District 6. There was discussion about possible bylaw changes regarding the petition process.

Energy Services: Amelinda Hendrickx and Steve Haiby walked through the Cooperative Minnesota Distributed Energy Resource (DER) Interconnection Process and the 2018 Annual Distributed Energy Resource Report. The board approved the 2018 Cogeneration Report as presented.

Financial Report: The financial report was accepted for the period ending January 31, 2019. Cost of power was slightly ahead of plan. Controllable expenses for the month were under budget.

LREC's billing statements will soon have a new look. The format will be updated for ease of understanding and to highlight certain payment information.

Policies/Legal: Approval was given to a board resolution revising Policy 407 – 'Statement of Power Supply Purchases from Distributed Resources' in order to adopt the Cooperative Minnesota Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection Process.

The board voted to amend Section 4.4(b) of the bylaws pertaining to member petition nominations. Bylaws were also amended to provide for a coin flip as a tie-breaking procedure in the event of a tie at the director district meetings and the annual meeting.

Events: Directors Earl Rydell and Dennis Mathiason gave a recap of the Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA) Annual Meeting and visits with legislators.

Lake Region Energy Services: The income statement/balance sheet for January 2019 was approved. Operating expenses for the month were basically on plan, with the exception of maintenance expense. It was noted that the natural gas system performed well throughout the cold period.

Great River Energy (GRE): Board Member Ken Hendrickx reported on GRE's most recent board meeting. The board voted to appoint Denny Tollefson to a one-year term on the GRE Board of Directors.