

August 2021 Board Meeting Summary

The Lake Region Electric Cooperative (LREC) Board of Directors convened at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at the cooperative headquarters in Pelican Rapids, MN. The Board of Directors approved the minutes of the July 29, 2021 board meeting. Approval was also given to the consent agenda items of expense statements, disbursements, legal bills, new memberships, and capital credit retirements to estates.

CEO Report: CEO Tim Thompson discussed the strategic planning process the management team worked through to come up with the process for LREC's 2022 strategic plan/work plans.

The 2022 budget process is underway. A 2022 budget presentation will be presented at the October board meeting, with requested board approval at the November board meeting.

The board watched Thompson's Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA) Energy Issues Summit presentation about natural gas.

Financial Report: July 2021 financials were approved as presented. Monthly revenue was ahead of budget and power cost for the month was over budget. Controllable expenses for July were under budget. The hybrid project generated 419,720 kWh from wind production and 43,428 kWh from solar production.

District Meetings: The 2022 District Meeting schedule and locations are set.

- February 3
 - District 6, 10 a.m., LREC headquarters
 - District 3, 6:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church, Butler
- February 4
 - District 9, 10 a.m., Parkers Prairie Event Center

Great River Energy (GRE): Board Member Mike Brasel discussed GRE's July financial results. CEO Tim Thompson reported on a new policy engineering is working on.

Lake Region Energy Services: The income statement/balance sheet for July 2021 was approved. July revenue was behind budget and gas supply cost for the month was under budget. Controllable expenses came in under budget.

Dylan Aafedt provided an LRES 2021 marketing update for the board. Year-to-date, LRES has added 188 new customers and completed 207 site visits. NPL is now transitioning to service installations.