

# Great River Energy Board Meeting Summary

## September 4-5, 2024

### Maple Grove, Minnesota

#### Topics of interest from the September board meeting

##### **CEO update**

President and CEO David Saggau provided the following report:

- ▶ The year-to-date margin is \$1.1M compared to a budgeted margin of \$16.8M for a negative variance of \$(15.7)M.
- ▶ Energy and demand sales are 4.7% and 5.7% lower than budget, respectively. GRE's power supply portfolio continues to float with the market and serve members well.
- ▶ The New ERA funding announcement will be made this afternoon in Wisconsin at the Investing in America event with President Joe Biden.
- ▶ GRE broke ground on the Form Energy battery storage project in Cambridge. The project is expected to be operational late next year.
- ▶ GRE membership approved the Crow Wing Power withdrawal from membership.
- ▶ Meetings attended: Employee communication meeting featuring East Central Energy CEO Justin Jahnz; Meeker Cooperative Light and Power Association annual meeting; ACES board meeting; Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library event; and Stearns Electric Association board of directors meeting.
- ▶ Upcoming meetings: Investing in America event with President Joe Biden; Nobles Cooperative Electric board of directors meeting; member manager group; and Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library board meeting.

##### **Financial update**

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Michelle Strobel provided an overview of July financial results.

- ▶ The July margin was \$17.1M compared to a budgeted \$20.6M for an unfavorable variance of \$(3.4)M.
- ▶ Year-to-date member revenue is \$(22.5)M below budget, non-member revenue below budget \$(32.5)M, other revenue above budget \$0.4M, and non-operating revenue above budget \$2.5M.
- ▶ Year-to-date ownership expenses are over budget \$2.3M, fuel expenses under budget \$(9.8)M, purchased power under budget \$(33.9)M, O&M expenses over budget \$5.0M, and the margin is an unfavorable variance of \$(15.7)M.
- ▶ July demand and energy sales were 1.3% and 2.1% under budget.

##### **Business improvement**

Environmental and Sustainability Administrator Erik Heinen presented a business improvement on the modification of the wastewater discharge system at Dickinson Converter Station. The resulting modification resulted in improved compliance and six fewer sampling events per year.

For more information about the September meeting of GRE's board of directors, contact Daniel Becchetti, communications and marketing manager, at 763-445-5706. The next meeting will be Oct. 2-3.