

# Great River Energy Board Meeting Summary

## December 4-5, 2024

### Maple Grove, Minnesota

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

##### **CEO update**

President and CEO David Saggau provided the following report:

- ▶ Saggau thanked the member-owner CEOs for joining the board of directors for the last meeting of 2024.
- ▶ The year-to-date margin is \$16.2M compared to a budgeted margin of \$28.4M for a negative variance of \$(12.2)M.
- ▶ The year-to-date PCA is a \$0.9M credit to members.
- ▶ Energy and demand sales are 3.7% and 3.1% lower than budget, respectively.
- ▶ GRE has recorded a number of successful outcomes in 2024, including returning \$15M in patronage capital to member-owners, advancing its integrated resource plan and making progress on regional transmission.
- ▶ Meetings attended: ACT (member advertising and communications team); member manager group; GRE leadership; ACES board; and Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library board.
- ▶ Saggau concluded his remarks with a message of safety and a personal story of how the culture of safety takes root at GRE.

##### **Financial update**

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

- ▶ The October margin was \$(6.1)M compared to a budgeted \$(4.7)M for an unfavorable variance of \$(1.4)M.
- ▶ Member revenue is \$(20.8)M below budget, non-member revenue under budget \$(43.4)M, other revenue over budget \$0.8M, and non-operating revenue over budget \$4.1M.
- ▶ Ownership expenses are over budget \$4.1M, fuel expenses under budget \$(12.7)M, purchased power under budget \$(45.7)M, O&M expenses over budget \$7.2M and the margin is an unfavorable variance of \$(12.2)M.
- ▶ Demand and energy sales for October were 1.9% and 5.1% lower than budget, respectively.
- ▶ The PCA for October is a \$0.2M charge to members.

##### **Business improvement**

Senior Transmission Line Engineer Molly Pruess presented a business improvement on the use of helical bucket pile foundations to install strong foundations for transmission poles in weak soils. This specialized equipment saves significant time, requires fewer permits, reduces environmental impacts and improves worksite safety.

For more information about the December meeting of GRE's board of directors, contact Daniel Becchetti, communications and marketing manager, at 763-445-5706.