

## **Director Responsibilities**

Brown County REA's nine-member Board of Directors meets monthly, typically the last Thursday of each month. Meetings are held at the cooperative headquarters in Sleepy Eye or remotely using Zoom. Other meetings include the co-op's Annual Meeting; annual and other meetings of wholesale power supplier, Great River Energy, Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA) district and annual meetings; National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) annual meeting, and other meetings to learn and stay current on policies and procedures of the electric industry.

The board is responsible for governing the cooperative. It will establish policies, approve major plans, programs, and budgets, receive management reports, and establish broad objectives for the General Manager.

Among responsibilities of a Director:

- ✓ Hire the General Manager
- ✓ Develop knowledge and skills as a board member and keep informed of all relevant and material matters affecting the business and operations of the cooperative.
- ✓ Authorize the money, facilities and equipment necessary to carry out the objectives of the cooperative including the review and approval of the operating budget.
- ✓ Assure the financial affairs of the cooperative are being conducted and recorded in accordance with all prescribed laws and regulations, and that the financial records accurately reflect the financial condition of the cooperative.
- ✓ Determine and adopt key issues, strategic initiatives and objectives, and major goals, and monitor results.
- ✓ Review and approve broad operating programs of service and activities developed and recommended by the General Manager.
- ✓ Conduct meetings and other activities to inform members and obtain their ideas and suggestions.
- ✓ Review participation in outside activities that enhance the cooperative's prestige, strengthen the cooperative's operations, and fulfill the cooperative's obligations to its members and the communities where the cooperative serves and operates.