



Brown County Rural Electrical Association

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Director Responsibilities

Brown County REA's nine-member Board of Directors meets monthly, usually the last Thursday of each month, during the day at the cooperative headquarters in Sleepy Eye.

Other meetings may include:

- BCREA's Annual Meeting
- Great River Energy (GRE) – Annual and other meetings
- Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA) – Annual and District Meetings
- National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) – Annual and other meetings

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/CEO.

Responsibilities of a Director:

- 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.
- Establish controls that can be used in appraising the effectiveness of the cooperative and review periodic reports from the General Manager/CEO and staff to ascertain conformity with the board's policies and objectives.
- 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/CEO.
- 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.