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CEO'S BOARD MEETING BULLETIN



Virginia Harman

REPORT SHOWS MPE PRIORITIZES SAFETY

Results can have a positive impact on co-op's insurance rates

The Board heard a presentation outlining MPE's impressive results from the recent Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program (RESAP) site visit and report.

MPE recently hosted the site visit facilitated by trained RESAP reviewers with the Colorado Rural Electric Association (CREA). Following the examination of MPE's facilities and processes, the co-op received a report showing that in all 208 areas of review, the co-op exceeded or satisfied the safety standards that go well beyond those required by OSHA.

"I've participated in countless RESAPs, and this is the first one I can remember that didn't reveal any areas falling below 'exceeds' or 'sat-

isfies' requirements," said CEO Virginia Harman. "This is a big deal."

MPE has an unannounced on-site observation every 3 years as a part of RESAP, as well as "mock RESAPs" annually. Positive results from RESAP reviews and reports not only means a high level of safety for MPE employees and our communities, but also lower insurance rates, saving on expenses for our co-op.

RESAP embraces continuous improvement and safety as a core value. It also emphasizes the importance of cooperative leadership and employees taking ownership of the systems and processes that create safe working environments.

Other Board Meeting Items

- The Board held its annual election of officers and committee leadership. All incumbent officers for the Board were re-elected – Liz McIntyre, president; Justin Fosha, vice president; and Cray Healy, secretary and treasurer. Incumbent officers for Mountain Parks Services – Justin Fosha, president; Cray Healy, vice president; and Mark Volt, secretary/treasurer – were also re-elected. Other director appointments were as follows: Ryan Zorn remains as the Finance Committee Chair and CREA representative; Mike Sjobaken was elected to the Mem-

ber Relations Committee Chair; and Mark Volt remains as the Western United representative.

- Following best practices for electric co-op's, the Board approved policies relating to the execution of contracts, local vendor preference, and codes of ethics/conflicts of interest. One aspect of the policy updates is that any contract at or more than \$50,000 requires completion of a bid process, ensuring the co-op gets the best price while also avoiding any appearance of conflict of interest.