

Minnesota West Community & Technical College
Powerline Advisory Committee Meeting

May 5, 2015

1. Review minutes from last meeting: Approved
2. Climbing training at the school: Information
3. No word yet on approval of building bond issue information
4. Picked up an elbow squirt boom truck from Stearns Coop: Good to see we are trying to keep the fleet up
5. Donation of thumper van, wire cabinets etc. from Kandiyohi Coop: Thought this would be of good use now that we are seeing more underground
6. The college received a donation of rubber sleeves and gloves from Highline Construction. Thank you for this donation!
7. New regulations coming out for CDL: Discussed that the students need to have their CDL
8. Electric Utility Substation Tech Program: Discussion on any changes that they could see we needed to make and none were brought up
9. Reading requirement: The consensus of the group felt they did not see a need for the reading requirement and it was mentioned that there are concerns from the high schools on preparing students for college. Math was also discussed and students going for their A.A.S. degree should take MATH 1111 or higher.
10. Fall Arrest Belts: We might take a look at in two years requiring the students to purchase their own fall arrest belt.
11. 50th Anniversary: Inform members we are looking around September to have a celebration and we may have to get donations.
12. Other business: Check with Seimens and B & B for equipment and cooper for electronic panel for training. It was brought up that we might look to them to bring students to

tour their facilities. Talked about the lineman rodeo coming up and they thought it would be a great opportunity for the students to be involved with the project.

13. Donation needs: We are in need of any URD material and overhead 1/0 wire. Lyon-Lincoln REA is going to donate a pole trailer.