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## News Release

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### **HEINZ TAKES REINS FROM LANTTO AS WRIGHT-HENNEPIN'S BOARD CHAIR**

**Rockford, Minn. (March 30, 2015)** — Big news came from Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association's (WH) 78<sup>th</sup> annual meeting Thursday night, as Board Chair Chris Lantto stepped down after 15 years of service in that position. Newly elected as chair is Erick Heinz, Corcoran, who previously held the position of vice chair.

“Shortly before this meeting, I informed your directors of my desire to step down as board chair to help pave the way for a new era of leadership at Wright-Hennepin,” Lantto told a packed assembly at WH's Rockford headquarters. “While I intend to fulfill the time remaining in my term as WH Director ... I ask you to provide the new chairperson the same level of support and encouragement you gave me. Serving as your Board chair has been a proud moment in my life. Thank you.”

Lantto (District 5, French Lake) received a standing ovation from the crowd. He was presented a plaque with a gavel, along with a certificate of leadership that recognized the growth and development of the company while serving as Board Chair.

Following the meeting, the board of directors elected Heinz to take over as chair of WH. The electing of Heinz (District 9, Corcoran) set in motion multiple other changes, and restructured positions as follows:

#### **WHE Board Executive Committee**

- Chair: Erick Heinz, Corcoran
- Vice Chair: Timothy Young, Annandale
- Secretary/Treasurer: Dale Jans, Buffalo

#### **WH Holding Board Executive Committee**

- Chair: Thomas Mach, Maple Lake

- Vice Chair: Timothy Young, Annandale
- Secretary/Treasurer: Duane “Butch” Lindenfelser, Monticello

WH is a member-owned non-profit electric utility that provides electric power to Wright County and the western part of Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen in this area since 1937 and currently serves more than 46,000 electric accounts. The utility started its security division in 1989 and provides local home security solutions as well as monitors alarm systems for almost 60,000 customers in 32 states and three Canadian provinces.

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