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## News Release

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### **TIEVA APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT 6 FOR WRIGHT-HENNEPIN**

**Rockford, Minn. (October 19, 2015)** — Mike Tieva, of Maple Grove, recently took over as director of District 6 on Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association's (WH) Board of Directors.

Tieva has lived in Maple Grove with his wife and three kids since 2004, and is the president and owner of Northland Mechanical Contractor, Inc. in New Hope, Minn., where he oversees strategic planning, operations, marketing and vision for the commercial mechanical contracting company.

The 44-year-old touts a decade's worth of experience working on boards, and said he feels that joining WH's Board of Directors is a good way to give back to his community.

"I just want to look out for the interests of the members of the cooperative," Tieva said, "and ensure they're getting the best value they can for the electricity and services provided to them."

Ken Hiebel, director of District 7, who headed the selection committee, said Tieva's background played a vital role in selecting him to represent District 6.

"I think he brings some real depth to the board," Hiebel said. "The fact that he has trade experience as well as executive experience really made him stand out as a candidate."

Board Chair Erick Heinz echoed Hiebel's praise of Tieva.

"He knows a lot about financials, which is very helpful," said Heinz. "It seems like he did a lot of out-of-the-box thinking for his own company, and I think that will be a good advantage for us."

Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association is a member-owned, non-profit electric utility that provides power to rural Wright County and western Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen to the area since 1937 and currently serves almost 50,000 electric accounts. It is headquartered in Rockford, MN.



**Maple Grove resident Mike Tieva begins his first term as director of District 6. WH's Board of Directors appointed Tieva to replace Tom Mach, who retired after 25 years at the position.**

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