

DECATUR COUNTY REMC
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2026 | 5:30 PM

Held at the Headquarters Facilities on 1430 W Main Greensburg, IN 47240

Call to Order

Chairman Steve AmRhein called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

All directors were present, except Suzanne Parmer. Also in attendance were Brett Abplanalp, CEO, and Matt Raver.

Approval of Agenda

Dale Wernke moved to approve the agenda as presented. Brian Scheidler seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Safety Moment and Cool Moment

A Safety Moment was delivered by CEO Brett Abplanalp, who noted that April 20–24 marked National Work Zone Awareness Week.

For the Cool Moment, Brett highlighted a collaborative live-line safety demonstration conducted with the Decatur County Highway Department. He also recognized the recipients of the 2026 RoundUp grant awards for the first funding cycle.

For Your Information

Open and Closed Action Items, AX Charges, Check Register and Safety Reports were reviewed.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Dale Wernke moved to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2026, Board meeting. Steve Nobbe seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Operational & Strategic Oversight

CEO Brett Abplanalp delivered an update on operations and reviewed key performance indicators, including board-approved monthly metrics. He also introduced the need to acquire a fiber bucket truck; however, the board choose to postpone approval until the state finalizes the BEAD grant contract.

Brett then presented *Balancing the Mission: Reliability and Affordability in an Inflationary Environment*. He outlined the inflationary pressures affecting the industry and detailed the steps Decatur County REMC has taken to manage rising costs. His presentation included a review of reliability and affordability metrics, highlighting improvements in system outages and noting that billing has remained aligned with CPI inflation. He emphasized that no base rate increase has occurred since 2019. Brett concluded by commending both the team and the board for their commitment to continued grid investment while maintaining stable rates.

Financial Oversight

Matt Raver presented the March 2026 financial report to the Board.

- Financial statements for Decatur County REMC

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- Financial statements for electric plant only
- Financial statements for PowerStream Fiber.

Governing Document Approval

The Board reviewed Policy 1-7: Director Education. After discussion of proposed redlines, the Board agreed to table the policy for further consideration at the next meeting.

The Board also reviewed the 2025–2045 Power Requirements Study (PRS). The study indicates the system is operating in a stable growth environment, with sound planning assumptions and a strategic focus appropriately balancing reliability and affordability. A motion to approve the PRS was made by Brian Scheidler, seconded by Dale Wernke, and approved unanimously.

Governance

The Board discussed and reached consensus to move the May board meeting from May 27 to May 26.

Jason Barnhorst provided a report from the NRECA Annual Meeting he attended.

Affiliated Organizations / Board Committees

IEC updates were provided by Steve AmRhein and Hoosier Energy updates were given by Jason Barnhorst.

Adjournment

Carl Riedeman moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve Nobbe seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m., after which the Board entered executive session.

Steve Nobbe, Secretary

Attest: _____
Steve AmRhein, Chairman