

DECATUR COUNTY REMC
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 25, 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. The Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence were observed.

All board members were present except Jason Barnhorst. Also present were Brett Abplanalp (CEO), Matt Raver, and Suzanne Parmer, who participated virtually.

Approval of Agenda

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

Safety Moment and Cool Moment

A Safety Moment was presented by Chief Executive Officer Brett Abplanalp, who reviewed winter weather preparedness and cold-weather safety precautions.

For the Cool Moment, Brett shared a positive customer testimonial regarding the personal customer service provided by the PowerStream Fiber service. It was also mentioned that Director Jason Barnhorst was participating in Farmers Feeding the Flock by donating a section of his farm partnership.

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 January 28, 2026, Board meeting. Brian Scheidler seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Operational & Strategic Oversight

CEO Brett Abplanalp provided updates on operations, key performance metrics, fiber expansion, and metering initiatives. A motion related to the Construction Work Plan (CWP) and PowerStream Fiber dashboards was made by Dale Wernke, seconded by Brian Scheidler, and carried unanimously. The 2025 third- and fourth-quarter risk management reports were reviewed. The Board also reviewed a report prepared by Charles River Associates.

Financial Oversight

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

Governing Document Approval

The Board continued its annual review of the Cooperative's Bylaws and redlined drafts were presented.

The board then began to discuss any required changes to the bylaws and Policy 4-3: Capital Credits with loads larger than 50MW.

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All changes were tabled for a future meeting.

Governance

Nominating Committee candidates were presented as follows: District 1 Courtney Crowe and Erin Arnold and District 5 Deric Hudson.

A motion was made by Carl Riedeman, seconded by Dale Wernke and the motion carried unanimously.

Director training updates were provided.

Affiliated Organizations / Board Committees

Updates were provided for Hometown Energy (Brian Scheidler) and IEC (Steve AmRhein).

Adjournment

Brian Scheidler moved to adjourn the meeting. Carl Riedeman seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m. The Board then entered executive session.

The Board approved, via electronic vote, the Nominating Committee's recommended candidates for District 2, Chad Evans and Phil Bennett, for placement on the election ballot.

Steve Nobbe, Secretary

Attest: _____
Steve AmRhein, Chairman