

DECATUR COUNTY REMC  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
March 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 at 5:31 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

All board members were present, with Suzanne Parmer participating virtually. Also in attendance were Brett Abplanalp, CEO, and Matt Raver.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **2025 Audit Presentation**

Earl Ridlen of London Witte Group (LWG) presented the results of the 2025 audit, which received a clean opinion with no required journal entries.

Following discussion in executive session, Dale Wernke moved to accept the 2025 financial audit results. Suzanne Parmer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Safety Moment and Cool Moment**

A Safety Moment was presented by Chief Executive Officer Brett Abplanalp, who noted that April 21–25 was National Work Zone Awareness Week.

For the Cool Moment, Brett highlighted a partnership with the Decatur County Community Foundation and Champions of Youth. He also recognized April as Board Appreciation Month and expressed his appreciation to the board for their service.

### **For Your Information**

Open and Closed Action Items, AX Charges, Check Register, 2025 Form 7 and Safety Reports were reviewed.

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Carl Riedeman moved to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2026, Board meeting. Suzanne Parmer seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Operational & Strategic Oversight**

CEO Brett Abplanalp provided updates on operations and key performance metrics, noting that February was another very cold month with sales exceeding budget. He also reviewed board-approved metrics for PowerStream Fiber, reporting that both take rates and revenues are above plan. Brett further noted that the metering initiatives are nearing completion.

He then covered the board-approved metrics for the construction work plan (Reliability 2.0) and presented the finalized 2026 company goals.

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A motion to approve the 2026 company goals was made by Jason Barnhorst, seconded by Dale Wernke, and approved unanimously. Finally, Roundup award allocations to local organizations were presented.

### **Financial Oversight**

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

- Financial statements for Decatur County REMC
- Financial statements for electric plant only
- Financial statements for PowerStream Fiber.

### **Governing Document Approval**

The Board continued its annual review of the Cooperative's Bylaws, with redlined drafts reflecting prior board input presented for consideration. A motion to approve the bylaw revisions was made by Dale Wernke, seconded by Suzanne Parmer, and approved unanimously.

The following policies were reviewed with no material changes: Policy 10-4: Employee Health & Wellness; Policy 10-7: Nepotism; Policy 10-16: Anti-Harassment; and Policy 4-12: Working Capital & Reserve Funds. A motion to approve these policies as presented was made by Brian Scheidler, seconded by Carl Riedeman, and approved unanimously.

### **Tariff Approval**

Brett Abplanalp presented a new Station Power tariff that aligns with the wholesale tariff, with an added distribution margin. A motion to approve the new tariff was made by Dale Wernke, seconded by Carl Riedeman, 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**

Updates were provided for Hometown Energy (Brian Scheidler), IEC (Steve AmRhein) and last Jason Barnhorst (Hoosier Energy).

### **Adjournment**

Carl Riedeman moved to adjourn the meeting. Brian Scheidler seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. The Board then entered executive session.

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Steve Nobbe, Secretary

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve AmRhein, Chairman