

Regular meeting of the Board of
Directors of Decatur County
Rural Electric Membership
Corporation held November 26, 2024
at the headquarters facilities on
1430 W. Main,
Greensburg, Indiana at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Steve AmRhein called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., with Steve Nobbe recording the minutes. All board members were present, along with CEO Brett Abplanalp, employee Matt Raver.

Brian Scheidler moved to approve the meeting agenda. Suzanne Parmer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Safety Minute and Cool Moment

Brett Abplanalp presented a safety moment discussing a tragic incident involving an out-of-state cooperative, where a bucket truck fell during a member event, resulting in the death of an employee. Brett then highlighted the success of an educational live-line demonstration conducted for first responders in Westport.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Jason Barnhorst moved to approve the minutes from the board meeting on October 23, 2024. Suzanne Parmer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

CEO Update

Brett Abplanalp gave an update on the progress of strategic projects. He also covered company metrics as prepared on CTO. October's median temperature was 1.8% above our five-year average. Wholesale purchased energy decreased by 1.9% compared to the five-year average, and demand was down 10%. Year-to-date energy sales were 1.47% above budget. There was no major storm for the month of October.

Financial Update

Matt Raver provided the financial update. The net utility plant increased by \$178,469 in October. Year-to-date revenues are above budget, and power costs have also risen, resulting in a gross margin that exceeds budget by \$255,886. Controllable expenses are under budget by \$257,099. The cash flow statement resulted in an increase and ending cash balance of \$598,310.

Old Business

Policy Review

Brett Abplanalp presented proposed updates to Rule 25 of the Rules & Regulations and the rescinding of Policy 2-3: Service to Members for Non-Permanent, Non-Full Time Service. Several non-material changes were made to Rule 25 for clarity. Two material changes included:
1) aligning the single-phase aid of construction calculation for line extensions with IURC

guidelines rather than using a fixed credit, and 2) setting a load cap for line extension revenue credit at 750 kW, with any new load exceeding this amount being handled through a special contract. All requirements from Policy 2-3 were incorporated into the Rules & Regulations, making the policy unnecessary.

Dale Wernke made a motion to approve the recommended changes to the Rules & Regulations and rescind Policy 2-3, effective January 1, 2025. Steve Nobbe seconded the motion, and the board approved it unanimously.

Annual Meeting Election Vendor Selection

Brett Abplanalp presented and recommended Survey and Ballot System (SBS) for the Annual Meeting Election. Voting will be available through online, mail, and Smart Hub options, as in previous years.

Brian Scheidler motioned to approve SBS and the recommended voting options. Steve Nobbe seconded the motion, and the board approved it unanimously.

New Business

Q2-3 Risk Management Report

Brett Abplanalp reported to the board updates to the risk register for Q2 and Q3 of 2024.

Donation Discussion

The board discussed the old landfill account and the donation made by REMC. They requested a legal review of the liability and decided to table the discussion for now.

Estate Capital Credit Discount for 2025

Per policy 4-03 the board will determine the discount rate annually based on the blended interest rate. Our discount for 2024 was set at 5%. Our blended interest rate for 2024 is currently at 4.73%.

Jason Barnhorst made the motion to keep the discount rate at 5%. Suzanne Parmer seconded the motion, and the board approved it unanimously.

Accord Cash Call Participation

The board discussed the possibility of participating in the Accord cash call as an investment but decided to table the discussion.

Policy Reviews

The following policies were reviewed with no recommended changes: Policy 4-14: Financial Management Policy, Report Out Policy 10-18: Employee Drivers and Substance Abuse Testing, Policy 10-20: Employee Emergency Action and Fire Prevention Plan and Policy 10-21: Employee Health & Safety (PPE).

Education

The board viewed a legal NRECA video and briefly discussed the topic of Directors communicating with employees. The video and discussion emphasized what can and should not be discussed when interacting with REMC employees.

Affiliated Organizations

Jason Barnhorst gave a brief update from Hoosier Energy.

Steve AmRhein gave an update from IEC.

Brian Scheidler moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve Nobbe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. and the board moved into executive session.

Steve Nobbe, Secretary

Attest: _____
Steve AmRhein, Chairman