

Regular meeting of the Board of
Directors of Decatur County
Rural Electric Membership
Corporation held December 22, 2025
at the headquarters facilities on
1430 W. Main,
Greensburg, Indiana at 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Decatur County REMC Board of Directors was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chairman Steve AmRhein. Minutes were recorded by Steve Nobbe. All Board members were present. Also present were Chief Executive Officer Brett Abplanalp and Accounting and Finance Manager Matt Raver.

Approval of Agenda

Suzanne Parmer 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 shared a personal example emphasizing situational awareness and safe practices during winter activities and equipment use. The discussion reinforced the importance of maintaining safety both at work and at home.

For the Cool Moment, Brett Abplanalp highlighted the strong member participation in the recent member event.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Dale Wernke moved to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2025, regular Board meeting and the December 17, 2025, special Board meeting. Carl Riedeman seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Operational & Strategic Oversight

Brett Abplanalp provided updates on several ongoing initiatives, including the meter replacement project and the fiber project. The Board entered executive session at 5:42 p.m. to discuss fiber marketing strategy. The Board returned to general session at 6:10 p.m.

Financial Oversight

Matt Raver presented the financial update for November.

Brett Abplanalp reported that he has received inquiries regarding misinformation being circulated to the membership concerning an alleged \$75,000 per month cost for renting a laydown yard for fiber materials. He stated that this claim is inaccurate and inconsistent with information previously presented to the Board. Mr. Abplanalp clarified that the November Board

discussion addressed a cost-savings initiative associated with the fiber project, including a request for authorization to construct a laydown yard and transition fiber material management services in-house. He further explained that material management services are currently performed by a tier-two contractor and include expenses related to yard rental, forklift rental, two full-time personnel, container rental, office and restroom facilities, supplies, and a material management fee. Following discussion, Jason Barnhorst made a motion to proceed with grading and fencing the back lot and implementing the related functions necessary to transition fiber material management in-house in order to realize the identified cost savings. Dale Wernke seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered executive session to discuss the proposed 2026 budget. Upon returning to general session, Suzanne Parmer moved to approve the 2026 budget with an amendment to remove the purchase of one vehicle and one side-by-side. Jason Barnhorst seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Governance

Suzanne Parmer nominated Jason Barnhorst to serve as the voting delegate for NRECA, NRTC, and NISC. There being no additional nominations, nominations were closed, and Jason Barnhorst was elected as the voting delegate for NRECA, NRTC, and NISC.

Affiliated Organizations / Board Committees

Jason Barnhorst updated the board on Hoosier Energy business.
Steve AmRein gave an update on IEC annual meeting.

Adjournment

Brian Scheidler moved to adjourn the meeting. Jason Barnhorst seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The Board then entered executive session.

Steve Nobbe, Secretary

Attest: _____
Steve AmRhein, Chairman