

Regular meeting of the Board of  
Directors of Decatur County  
Rural Electric Membership  
Corporation held June 25, 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 5:32 p.m. by Chairman Steve AmRhein. Steve Nobbe recorded the minutes. All board members were present, with the exception of Jason Barnhorst. Also present were CEO Brett Abplanalp and employee Matt Raver.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Suzanne Parmer moved to approve the agenda as presented. Brian Scheidler seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

CEO Brett Abplanalp opened the meeting with a safety moment, noting that June 23–29 marks Lightning Safety Awareness Week. For the first "cool moment," he shared highlights from the successful 2025 Annual Meeting. The event received high praise, with an average survey rating of 4.75 out of 5.0 and 229 comment cards submitted. More than 400 members registered, and around 900 dinners were served.

The second "cool moment" was a recognition of the crews and employees who contributed to the restoration efforts following the June 16 storm, which brought wind gusts of 60–65 mph. Thanks to their hard work, no member was without power for more than 21 hours.

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

Suzanne Parmer moved to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2025, regular board meeting and the May 28, 2025 executive session. Dale Wernke seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **CEO Update**

Brett Abplanalp provided updates for the fiber project, meter replacement project and the pole replacement program. Budget forecasts were presented for both the fiber project and the meter replacement project.

Brett also presented company metrics, which included the following:

- The median temperature for May was 4.4% cooler than the five-year average
- Wholesale energy purchased was down 2%, and demand was down by 6.1% compared to the five-year average
- Year-to-date energy sales were 1.44% above budget
- The major storm was discussed that occurred on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **Financial Update**

Matt Raver presented the financial update for May, noting the following:

- The net utility plant increased by \$449,139 compared to the previous month
- Year-to-date revenues were \$505,580 above budget
- Power costs are over by \$163,222 resulting in a gross margin over budget of \$342,358 YTD.
- Controllable expenses were under budget by \$220,146
- The ending cash balance for the month was \$338,554.

Matt Raver then provided the board with an update on the upcoming borrowing plan for the year, which will support various projects and the construction work plan.

## **Election of Officers**

There was an election of officers. The following were nominated and elected.

Chairman: Upon motion made by Steve Nobbe, seconded by Suzanne Parmer, Steve AmRhein was nominated. Steve Nobbe moved to close nomination and Suzanne Parmer seconded. Nominations were closed and Steve AmRhein was elected Chairman.

Vice-Chairman: Upon motion made by Suzanne Parmer, seconded by Steve Nobbe, Dale Wernke was nominated. Steve Nobbe moved to close nominations and Suzanne Parmer seconded. Nominations were closed and Dale Wernke was elected Vice-Chairman.

Dale Wernke moved to combine the positions Secretary and Treasurer during officer elections. Suzanne Parmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The Secretary and Treasurer positions were combined creating the Secretary-Treasurer position. Elections proceeded from there.

Secretary-Treasurer: Upon motion made by Suzanne Parmer, seconded by Carl Riedeman, Steve Nobbe was nominated. Carl Riedeman, moved to close nomination, and Suzanne Parmer, seconded. Nominations were closed and Steve Nobbe was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer: Upon motion made by Suzanne Parmer, seconded by Carl Riedeman, Brian Sheidler was nominated. Dale Wernke moved to close nomination, and Carl Riedeman, seconded. Nominations were closed and Brian Sheidler was elected Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

## **Decatur County REMC Community Trust Appointments**

The following slate of candidates was presented to the board: Becky Metz – district 3 and Joyce Holtkamp – district 7. Suzanne Parmer moved to approve the slate of candidates. Brian Scheidler seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **CFC and NCSC Voting Delegate**

Suzanne Parmer moved to approve Jason Barnhorst as the CFC and NCSC voting delegate. Brian Scheidler seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Budget Approval**

The board discussed the next steps in evaluating the feasibility of remodeling or rebuilding the 1960s operations building . The consensus was that the board would oversee the financial impact of the project, establish clear budgetary limits for management, and delegate responsibility for exploring design options and building concepts to management.

### **Policy Approval**

Steve AmRhein provided an overview of compliance with Policy 1-7: Director Education; no changes were recommended.

Policy 1-8: Director Fees and Expenses was reviewed along with supporting market data; no changes were made.

Policy 12-2: Artificial Intelligence Usage was reviewed, and several changes were proposed. Action on this policy was tabled until the next board meeting.

The following policies were reviewed as part of the annual review, with no changes made:

- Policy 1-14: Conflict of Interest
- Policy 1-10: Director Code of Ethics and Oath of Office
- Policy 1-16: Director Conduct Policy

### **Affiliated Organizations**

Steve AmRhein provided an update of the recent IEC board meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Brian Scheidler moved to adjourn the meeting into an executive session. Suzanne Parmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Steve Nobbe, Secretary

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