

Regular meeting of the Board of
Directors of Decatur County
Rural Electric Membership
Corporation held May 28, 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 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Steve AmRhein. Steve Nobbe recorded the minutes. All board members were present, with the exception of Carl Riedeman. 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 kicked off the meeting with a safety moment, highlighting tick prevention. For the cool moment, he shared that our Marketing & Communications team earned national recognition from NRECA being a spotlight on excellence award winner for their creative work on The Little Crew Club.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Brian Scheidler moved to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2025, regular board meeting. Dale Wernke seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

CEO Update

Brett Abplanalp provided updates for the fiber project, meter replacement project, the operations building discussion and the progress on the cost-of-service study.

Brett also presented company metrics, which included the following:

- The median temperature for April was 3.6% warmer than the five-year average
- Wholesale energy purchased was up 7%, and demand rose by 4.4% compared to the five-year average
- Year-to-date energy sales were 3.28% above budget
- No major storms occurred in April
- Lost consumer hours were 1,464 compared to our 5-year average of 4,431
- The number of outages was 62 compared to our five-year average of 43.

Financial Update

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

- The net utility plant increased by \$220,388 compared to the previous month
- Year-to-date revenues were \$522,832 above budget

- Power costs are over by \$290,331 resulting in a gross margin over budget of \$232,502 YTD.
- Controllable expenses were under budget by \$135,435
- The ending cash balance for the month was \$680,584.

Budget Approval

Brett Abplanalp informed the board that we are significantly ahead of schedule on pole replacements and proposed redirecting our contractors' efforts toward replacing red-tagged meter poles. The board expressed support for this approach but noted that, since we are still well under budget for this line item, formal approval would be granted only if and when it results in a budget overage.

Brett Abplanalp presented the 2024 delinquent write-offs, \$2,111, to the board for approval. Suzanne Parmer made a motion to accept the write-offs, which was seconded by Jason Barnhorst and unanimously approved.

Brett also introduced a budget request to proceed with the civil design phase of a proposed remodel of the 1960s operations building. No decisions were made.

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 8:53 p.m., and the board proceeded into executive session.

Steve Nobbe, Secretary

Attest: _____
Steve AmRhein, Chairman