

Regular meeting of the Board of
Directors of Decatur County
Rural Electric Membership
Corporation held October 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 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Steve AmRhein. Steve Nobbe recorded the minutes. All board members were present. Also, present was CEO Brett Abplanalp and employee Matt Raver.

United Fund Campaign

Joane Cunningham and Brett Abplanalp shared an overview of the United Fund's mission and explained how employee contributions directly support and strengthen our community.

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 focused on electrical safety, home fire prevention, and Teen Driver Safety Week. For the "cool moment," Brett highlighted several standout events from the past month, including Community Day at South Decatur, a Rotary Club presentation, and the recent member open house.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Brian Scheidler moved to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2025, regular board meeting. Suzanne Parmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Operational & Strategic Oversight

Brett Abplanalp provided updates on several ongoing initiatives, including the meter replacement project and the fiber project. His presentation included a budget request to engage the design contractor for the BEAD-awarded project.

Dale Wernke moved to authorize Brett Abplanalp to execute the agreement with the BEAD contractor and begin design work. Brian Scheidler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Then the company performance metrics were presented, highlighting the following:

- The median temperature in September was 3.5% cooler than the five-year average
- Wholesale energy purchases were up by 0.6%, with demand down -5.7% compared to the five-year average

- Year-to-date energy sales were 3.65% above budget

Financial Oversight

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

- The net utility plant increased by \$785,247 compared to the previous month
- Year-to-date revenues were \$688,856 above budget
- Power costs are over by \$479,691 resulting in a gross margin over budget of \$209,166 YTD
- Controllable expenses were under budget by \$61,901
- The ending cash balance for the month was \$177,310.

Brett Abplanalp provided an update on the pole replacement program, noting that the Operations Team is significantly ahead of the planned schedule for the year. He recommended beginning work on the poles originally slated for next year.

Suzanne Parmer moved to approve an additional \$250,000 to proceed with those advanced pole replacements. Dale Wernke seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

The board went into executive session at 7:08 p.m.

The board came back into general session at 8:01 p.m.

Governance

CEO Brett Abplanalp presented a resolution to establish the date and voting methods for the 2026 Annual Meeting.

Dale Wernke moved to approve the resolution stating that the 2026 director election will be conducted by Survey & Ballot Systems and will include online voting, mail-in voting, and SmartHub voting to ensure broad and convenient member participation. The resolution also set the Annual Meeting date for June 12, 2026. Carl Riedeman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Affiliated Organizations / Board Committees

Jason Barnhorst updated the board on Hoosier Energy business.

Steve AmRein updated the board at the last IEC board meeting.

Adjournment

Carl Riedeman moved to adjourn the meeting. Brian Scheidler seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m. The board then went into executive session.

Steve Nobbe, Secretary

Attest: _____
Steve AmRhein, Chairman