

DECATUR COUNTY REMC
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2026 | 5:30 PM

Held at the Headquarters Facilities on 1430 W Main Greensburg, IN 47240

Call to Order

Chairman Steve AmRhein called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

All directors were present. Also in attendance were Brett Abplanalp, CEO and Matt Raver.

Approval of Agenda

Suzanne Parmer moved to approve the agenda. Brian Scheidler seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Safety Moment and Cool Moment

CEO Brett Abplanalp, presented the Safety Minute focused on water and electrical safety, reminding everyone to keep electrical devices away from pools, docks, and shorelines, remain alert to overhead power lines, and immediately exit the water and call 911 if an electrical hazard is suspected. He also highlighted the success of the cooperative's 88th Annual Meeting, which brought together approximately 950 members for food, entertainment, educational demonstrations, scholarships, and community engagement, reinforcing the cooperative's commitment to Power with Purpose and strengthening community connections.

For Your Information

Open and Closed Action Items, AX Charges, Check Register and Safety Reports were reviewed for May.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Carl Riedeman moved to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2026, board meeting. Dale Wernke seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Operational & Strategic Oversight

CEO Brett Abplanalp reviewed the May 2026 company metrics with the Board and provided updates on PowerStream Fiber and progress on the Construction Work Plan. He reported that the fiber truck, trailer, and necessary tools have been ordered and noted that Decatur County REMC is expected to be among the first broadband providers approved through the Indiana Broadband Office (IBO) for participation in the BEAD program.

Brett also reviewed Construction Work Plan performance, noting that certain metrics are behind plan due to three significant wind events in March and April, which resulted in higher-than-planned lost consumer hours. He explained that fuse coordination work was temporarily deferred to support higher-priority work but will be completed by year-end. All other Construction Work Plan projects continue to perform ahead of schedule. Additionally, Brett presented a new Large Equipment Disposal Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Board review.

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Dale Wernke moved to approve a \$150,000 increase to the 2026 Electric Operations budget for contract services to support continued line inspection work. Steve Nobbe seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Financial Oversight

Matt Raver presented the May 2026 financial report to the Board.

- Financial statements for Decatur County REMC
- Financial statements for electric plant only
- Financial statements for PowerStream Fiber.

Governance

Board Elections

The Board conducted its annual election of officers, and the following individuals were nominated and elected:

Chairman: Steve AmRhein nominated Dale Wernke, with a second by Suzanne Parmer. Brian Sheidler moved to close nominations, and Jason Barnhorst seconded the motion. Upon the close of nominations, Dale Wernke was elected Chairman.

Vice-Chairman: Suzanne Parmer nominated Steve AmRhein, with a second by Dale Wernke. Dale Wernke moved to close nominations, and Brian Sheidler seconded the motion. Upon the close of nominations, Steve AmRhein was elected Vice-Chairman.

Secretary-Treasurer: Jason Barnhorst moved to combine the offices of Secretary and Treasurer into a single Secretary-Treasurer position for the election. Brian Sheidler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Elections then proceeded for the newly combined office. Jason Barnhorst nominated Steve Nobbe, with a second by Brian Sheidler. Brian Sheidler moved to close nominations, and Steve AmRhein seconded the motion. Upon the close of nominations, Steve Nobbe was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer: Steve AmRhein nominated Brian Scheidler, with a second by Dale Wernke. Dale Wernke moved to close nominations, and Suzanne Parmer seconded the motion. Upon the close of nominations, Brian Scheidler was elected Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

Director Training/Conferences

Jason Barnhorst gave update on the ACES conference he attended.

Governing Document Approval

The Board reviewed previously redlined revisions to Policy 10-5: Employee Vacations. In addition, the Board conducted its annual review of Policy 1-14: Conflict of Interest Policy, Policy 1-10: Director Code of Ethics and Oath of Office, Policy 1-16: Director Conduct Policy, and Policy 1-5: Qualifications for Directorship, with no material changes recommended. Suzanne Parmer moved to approve the policies as reviewed. Jason Barnhorst seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board also reviewed proposed bylaw redlines. Following discussion, consideration of the bylaw revisions was tabled until the July Board meeting.

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Lastly, the Board reviewed statewide director compensation survey data and the current director compensation structure as outlined in Policy 1-8: Director Fees and Expenses. Following review and discussion, no changes to director compensation were recommended or approved

Affiliated Organizations / Board Committees

Jason Barnhorst briefed the board on activities and updates from Hoosier Energy's Audit and Finance Committee.

Steve AmRhein, Dale Wernke, and Suzanne Parmer provided a report to the board on the recent IEC Regional Meeting.

Adjournment

Brian Scheidler moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve Nobbe seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m., after which the Board entered executive session.

Steve Nobbe, Secretary

Attest: _____
Steve AmRhein, Chairman