

DECATUR COUNTY REMC
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 26, 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 5:32 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

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

Approval of Agenda

Suzanne Parmer moved to approve the agenda. Dale Wernke seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

PowerStream Fiber Marketing

Crystal Greathouse presented to the board an update on the marketing plan for PowerStream fiber.

Safety Moment and Cool Moment

A Safety Moment was presented by CEO Brett Abplanalp, who noted that May is recognized as National Electrical Safety Month and emphasized the importance of heightened awareness during the current storm season.

For the Cool Moment, Brett highlighted the upcoming Youth Tour and shared insights from his recent trip to Washington, D.C.

For Your Information

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Jason Barnhorst moved to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2026, board meeting. Brian Scheidler seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Operational & Strategic Oversight

CEO Brett Abplanalp provided updates on PowerStream Fiber and progress on the construction workplan. He presented the 2025 write-offs and reviewed key performance indicators, including the board-approved monthly metrics. Brett also introduced a budget request to proceed with the purchase of a fiber bucket truck, which will allow internal fiber technicians to perform field work and reduce reliance on contractors, resulting in cost savings. In addition, he presented a risk-based purchase strategy to procure Phase II materials in advance, addressing long lead times and anticipated cost increases associated with future BEAD program demand.

Suzanne Parmer moved to approve the 2025 write-offs totaling \$3,525. Jason Barnhorst seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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Dale Wernke moved to approve the budget for the purchase of a fiber bucket truck. Suzanne Parmer seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Dale Wernke moved to approve the purchase of Phase II materials for the fiber project. Brian Scheidler seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Financial Oversight

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

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

Governing Document Approval

The Board reviewed prior redlined revisions to Policy 1-7: Director Education. In addition, the Board reviewed the following policies with no material changes: Policy 11-13: Identity Theft Red Flag; Policy 4-8: Energy Rate Design; Policy 10-9: Employee Retirement; Policy 10-8: Employee Education; Policy 10-5: Employee Vacations; Policy 10-2: Hours of Work and Rates of Pay; and Policy 3-2: Statement of Functions for REMC Attorney.

Suzanne Parmer moved to approve the policies as reviewed. Brian Scheidler seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Governance

Suzanne Parmer nominated Brian Scheidler to serve as Director of Hometown Energy. With no additional nominations, Brian Scheidler was elected to the position.

Brian Scheidler nominated Matt Raver to serve as the CFC voting delegate. With no additional nominations, Matt Raver was elected as the CFC voting delegate.

Brian Scheidler nominated Jason Barnhorst to serve as the NCSC voting delegate. With no additional nominations, Jason Barnhorst was elected as the NCSC voting delegate.

Director Dale Wernke appointed Donna Kreutzjans for district 6 Roundup trustee for her first one-year term.

Director Steve AmRhein appointed Jennifer McNealy for district 4 Roundup trustee.

Director Brian Scheidler appointed Craig Koors for district 5 Roundup trustee.

Director Steve Nobbe appointed Becky Metz for district 3 Roundup trustee.

Director Jason Barnhorst appointed Joyce Holtkamp for district 7 Roundup trustee.

Affiliated Organizations / Board Committees

IEC updates were provided by Steve AmRhein and Hoosier Energy updates were given by Jason Barnhorst.

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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