

DECATUR COUNTY REMC
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2026 | 5:30 PM

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

Call to Order

Chairman Dale Wernke 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 except Jason Barnhorst. Also in attendance were Brett Abplanalp, CEO, and Matt Raver, Accounting & Finance Manager. Steve Nobbe kept the minutes of the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Suzanne Parmer moved to approve the agenda. Brian Scheidler seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously by a 6-0 vote.

IEC Presentation

Ryan Hadley provided a presentation to the Board regarding the Indiana Electric Cooperatives PAC and electric utility deregulation.

Safety Minute and Cool Moment

CEO Brett Abplanalp presented the Safety Minute and Cool Moment. The Safety Minute this month is before starting outdoor projects, consider utility safety. Before you dig, contact Indiana 811 to have underground utilities marked. Remember to look up for overhead power lines, and when landscaping, keep trees and shrubs away from power lines and utility equipment.

The Cool Moment this month highlights a couple of things. First, capital credits went back to our members, another great example of the cooperative difference. Congratulations to Caleb Litmer and Evan Tallent, who represented us at the Indiana Electric Cooperative Lineman Rodeo. A special shoutout to Caleb for bringing home first place in the Hurtman Rescue Challenge.

For Your Information

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Brian Scheidler moved to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2026, Board meeting. Steve Nobbe seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously by a 6-0 vote.

Operational Performance Oversight

CEO Brett Abplanalp reviewed company metrics with the Board and provided the following updates:

- The median temperature for July was 5% warmer than the five-year average.
- Wholesale energy purchased was up 7.5%, and demand was up 2.3% compared to the five-year average.
- Year-to-date energy sales were 1.1% above budget.
- PowerStream Fiber: Phase Two design is progressing. Construction is awaiting required federal environmental approvals.
- Construction Work Plan: Planned 2026 work has been completed, with the cooperative meeting its reliability and capital budget goals.

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Financial Oversight

Matt Raver presented the financial update to the Board.

- The net utility plant increased by \$1.1M compared to the previous month
- Year-to-date revenues were \$1,019,732 above budget
- Power costs are over by \$306,369 resulting in a gross margin over budget of \$713,363 YTD.
- Controllable expenses were under budget by \$67,381
- The ending cash balance for the month was \$644,293.

Board Governance & Development

Dale Wernke provided a director training/conference report and a Labor Committee update.

Governing Document & Policy Approval

The Board reviewed proposed Rules & Regulations changes related to Member Services, Facility Credits and Dormant Services.

Steve AmRhein moved to approve the Rules & Regulations changes as reviewed, excluding Rules 11 and 27. Steve Nobbe seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously by a 6-0 vote.

Policy 6-1: Membership in Other Organizations and Policy 3-1: Organizational Policy were reviewed and scheduled for further review at the next meeting.

Affiliated Organizations / Board Committees

Brian Scheidler provided an update regarding Hometown Energy. Steve AmRhein provided an IEC Board/Committee update.

Adjournment

Steve AmRhein moved to adjourn the meeting. Brian Scheidler seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Following adjournment, the Board entered executive session.

Steve Nobbe, Secretary

Attest: _____

Dale Wernke, Chairman