

Regular meeting of the Board of  
Directors of Decatur County  
Rural Electric Membership  
Corporation held April 28, 2022  
at the headquarters facilities on  
1430 W. Main,  
Greensburg, Indiana at 5:00 p.m.

Executive Session (5pm- 7pm)  
NRTC Broadband Feasibility

General Session (7pm Start)

The meeting was opened by Chairman, Steve AmRhein, and Brian Scheidler, kept the minutes of the meeting.

All board members were present. Also present CEO, Brett Abplanalp, and employees Matt Raver, Crystal Greathouse, Sam Ruf, and Chris Galloway. Brian Garrison from Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP was also present.

Upon motion made by Dale Wernke, seconded by Jeff Lawrence, and carried, the agenda was approved.

Safety Min & Cool Moment

Brett Abplanalp gave the safety minute and cool moment. The cool moment was recognition for Lineman Appreciation Day and Administrative Professionals Day. The safety minute was around tornado awareness and shelter locations.

Meter Pole Project Discussion

Lineman Aaron Morgan presented some real world scenarios with photos of meter pole issues that DCREMC faces today.

Upon motion by Jason Barnhorst, seconded by Dale Wernke and carried, the Rules & Regulations redlines were approved with amendments with a 6-2 vote.

Members Request to Address the Board

Steve AmRhein moved the meeting to executive session at 8:15 p.m. and out of executive session at 8:26 p.m.

Meter Tech (Portable Meter Tester) – Crystal Greathouse

Crystal Greathouse asked the board for a budget update to purchase a second tester.

Jeff Lawrence made the motion to approve the budget update, Suzanne Parmer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

RC3 Report Out – Sam Ruf

Sam Ruf reported out the work that has been completed around cyber security and the RC3 program. With the work completed, our RC3 score has been improved by 23% over baseline.

#### Comcast Internet Services SLA Upgrade – Sam Ruf

Sam Ruf discussed the need to update our internet service and asked to update the budget to include the increase.

Suzanne Parmer made the motion to approve the budget update, Brian Scheidler seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Education

Brett Abplanalp presented the work DCREMC has done around engagements that aligned with the 2018 strategic plan.

DCREMC was acknowledged as a leader in the industry and Brett Abplanalp had the honor to present our success story at the InSights Conference.

DCREMC went from roughly thirteen engagement opportunities in 2015 to one hundred and seventy thousand in 2021.

#### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Upon motion by Jason Barnhorst, seconded by Jeff Lawrence, and carried, the minutes for the March 24, 2022 board meeting were approved with amendments.

#### CEO Update

Brett Abplanalp reported out the following:

Team completed Q2 quarterly risk management review, participated in the Hoosier key account seminar, presented at InSights Conference, completed the candidate dinner, Operations hired Meter Technician, Chad Scudder and lots of time has gone into annual meeting preparation.

Updates were given to strategic plan projects, including purchasing more transformer inventory.

Three phase transformers have seen an average of 40% increase due to material cost and roughly 12-15% due to the market.

March's median temperature was 6.8% warmer than our five-year average with heating degree days 14.5% below our five-year averages.

Our Hoosier purchased energy was down 3.2% compared to our five-year average with demand 2.6% lower than our five-year average.

Year to date energy sales went from -4.4% under budget to -3.3%.

There was no major storm for the month of March but had a few storms that caused our lost consumer hours and number of outages to be up.

Lost consumer hours were 313% above our 5-year average. The number of outages was 80 compared to our five-year average of 31.

Outage causes for the month were “trees – not in ROW”, then “power supplier.”

Line loss is inline but much different than March last year due to billing days in March 2021.

Our 30, 60 & 90 day past due AR continue to be well under our 5-year averages.

### Financial Update

Matt Raver reported out on March's financials.

Revenues are under YTD budget by \$338,439 but power costs are also under by \$257,185, resulting in a gross margin under budget of \$81,254 YTD.

Controllable expenses are under budget \$3,290, mainly due to ROW timing.

At the end of March, total operating margins are \$399,256 or \$68,077 behind budget.

We ended the current month with a net increase in cash of \$10,203 YTD resulting in an ending cash balance of \$1,506,774.

The board had a discussion around the CFC loan that is repricing on April 29th.

Management's plan was to complete the repricing for 17 years on April 8th at 4.595%.

We had an objection to move forward and will now reprice for 17 years at 4.87% on April 29th.

### NCSC Delegate

Upon motion by Clay Nuhring, seconded by Dale Wernke and carried, Jeff Lawrence was elected to be the NCSC voting delegate by unanimous decision.

### Policy/Bylaws Reviews & Report Outs

a. Policy 3-1: Organizational Policy

Upon Motion by Dale Wernke, seconded by Brian Scheidler and carried, the redlines were approved unanimously.

b. Policy 4-4: Safety Deposit Box

Upon Motion by Jason Barnhorst, seconded by Jeff Lawrence and carried, the policy was rescinded and approved unanimously.

c. Rate RE-IND

Upon Motion by Dale Wernke, seconded by Suzanne Parmer and carried, the redlines were approved unanimously

### Affiliated Organizations

#### Hoosier Energy Board/Committee Update

Jason Barnhorst discussed Hoosier Energy's annual meeting. He also gave an update on the power tracker moving from negative to positive due to market conditions. Mitigation measures in process include accelerating the timing of scheduled 2022 patronage retirements and a special retirement of 2021 margins.

#### IEC Board/Committee Update

Steve AmRhein gave updates at IEC's board meeting. There was an audit report out and it came back with a clean opinion. Brett Abplanalp was asked to participate in a panel discussion at the board meeting around the work DCREMC has done around professional development.

DCREMC has focused efforts on this topic and has dedicated dollars to professional development.

Brett Abplanalp also gave a quick explanation about Accord Telecom and he plans to have a speaker at next month's meeting.

Discussion of email from Carl Riedeman's legal representation regarding election.

Upon motion made by Jeff Lawrence, seconded by Clay Nuhring, and carried, the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 10:14 p.m.

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Brian Scheidler, Secretary

Attest:

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Steve AmRhein, Chairman