

Regular meeting of the Board of  
Directors of Decatur County  
Rural Electric Membership  
Corporation held May 25, 2022  
at the headquarters facilities on  
1430 W. Main,  
Greensburg, Indiana at 6:30 p.m.

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

All board members were present, with Jeff Lawrence attending virtually. Also present CEO, Brett Abplanalp, and employees Matt Raver and Crystal Greathouse. Guests Erin Borissov with Parr Ritchey and James Tanneberger with SCI REMC.

Upon motion made by Suzanne Parmer, seconded by Jason Barnhorst, and carried, the agenda was approved with amendments.

#### Safety Min & Cool Moment

Brett Abplanalp presented two events we participated in as community support. The safety minute included the weekend storm restoration.

#### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Upon motion by Clay Nuhring, seconded by Suzanne Parmer, and carried, the minutes for the April 28, 2022 board meeting were approved.

#### Accord Presentation

James Tanneberger spoke about Accord LLC and SCI's fiber project.

#### CEO Update

Brett Abplanalp reported out the following:

The highlights this past month are working on the meter pole project, annual member event preparation, strategic team updates, and I am in process of having my 1on1's with all employees.

April's median temperature was 2.8% cooler than our five-year average with heating degree days 5.4% above our five-year averages. Our Hoosier Energy purchased energy was up 1.2% compared to our five-year average with demand 2.2% lower than our five-year average. Year to date energy sales to budget went from -3.35% under budget to -3.53%. There were no major storms for the month of April. Lost consumer hours were 80% below our 5-year average. The number of outages were 36 compared to our five-year average of 47. Outage causes for the month were "trees – other", then "trees – not in ROW." Our field disconnects continue to trend down for the year as our collar and prepay disconnects are trending up. Our 90-day past due AR is trending up as normal this time of year, but at history lows.

#### Financial Update

Matt Raver reported out on April's financials.

Revenues are under YTD budget by \$410,661 but power costs are also under by \$324,877, resulting in a gross margin under budget of \$85,784 YTD. Controllable expenses are over budget roughly 2.5%.

At the end of April, total operating margins were \$306,092 or \$124,676 behind budget. We ended the current month with an ending cash balance of \$885,484.

### Broadband Next Steps

Brett Abplanalp presented the board with options on how to move forward with exploring the feasibility of broadband. After some discussion the board went into executive session at 8:31 and resumed general session at 8:50.

Dale Wernke made the motion to approve the engineering work needed to apply for grant dollars and the dollars for grant writing, the motion was seconded by Clay Nuhring and passed with a 6-2 vote.

### Q1 Risk Management Report Out

Brett Abplanalp presented the report out of the Q1 risk register.

### Delinquent Write Offs

Crystal Greathouse presented 2021 delinquent write offs as \$11,837.63.

Jason Barnhorst made the motion to approve the write off of the stated amount, the motion was seconded by Suzanne Parmer and passed unanimously.

### Financial Management Plan Discussion

Matt Raver discussed his recommendations for what would be included and the ranges he felt were appropriate.

### The Retirement Security Plan and the 401(k) Pension

Brett Abplanalp presented the resolution that is required every five years for restatement of the retirement plans. Dale Wernke made the motion to approve the restatement of the retirement security plan and the 401(k) pension, the motion was seconded by Suzanne Parmer and passed unanimously.

### Policy/Bylaws Reviews & Report Outs

Chairman, Steve AmRhein reported out compliance to Policy 1-7: Director Education and the board discussed noncompliance.

Policy 3-3, 1-7, 1-16, 1-10, 1-14, 1-5, 1-7, and 10-1 were reviewed and presented with redlines.

Dale Wernke made the motion to approve the redlines, the motion was seconded by Suzanne Parmer and passed unanimously.

### Affiliated Organizations

#### Hoosier Energy Board/Committee Update

Brett Abplanalp discussed updates from Hoosier board meeting including tracker changes and MISO capacity.

### Election & Ballot

Suzanne Parmer brought it to the board's attention that the ballot does not state that there will be onsite voting at the annual meeting. Brett Abplanalp stated that voting is an option onsite. Members received information with the ballot and through normal communication channels that on-site voting was an option.

Suzanne Parmer also asked if management was promoting and providing election information for certain candidates to employees of the REMC. Brett Abplanalp stated that we do not promote any candidates. All election propaganda that is discovered is sent to all employees weekly, per employee request, so employees are aware and know what is being communicated.

### Email from a Director

An email was sent to the Board from Chris Tebbe, legal counsel for Director Carl Riedeman, wishing to document his opinion that the board has violated certain by-laws and policies. Board members asked Carl

Riedeman if there was anything the board needed to do or address, nothing was brought up by any board member.

Upon motion made by Dale Wernke, seconded by Brian Scheidler, and carried, the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 9:41 p.m.

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Brian Scheidler, Secretary

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve AmRhein, Chairman