

Minutes of the
Decatur County REMC
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Thursday February 28th, 2019
1430 W Main St.
Greensburg, IN at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Tom Crowe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and Jason Barnhorst kept minutes of the meeting.

All members of the board were present. Also present were DCREMC CEO, Brett Abplanalp and DCREMC employees, Crystal Greathouse and Abby Asher.

Upon motion by Jason Barnhorst, seconded by Michael Brelage, and carried, the agenda of the meeting was approved by unanimous vote.

Crystal Greathouse and Abby Asher presented information and timeline implementation regarding the new prepaid metering program. DCREMC intends to have this program ready for the membership by October 2019. Prepaid metering will allow DCREMC members the option to prepay their account daily, weekly, or monthly and eliminate the need to pay a deposit. The program will also benefit DCREMC by reducing write-offs of uncollected accounts.

Upon motion by Jason Barnhorst, seconded by Steve AmRhein, and carried, the requested changes to the Rules and Regulations for Electric Service of DCREMC regarding prepaid metering were approved as presented and passed by unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Michael Brelage, seconded by Lawrence Young, and carried, Appendix A was approved as presented concerning prepaid metering. Passed by unanimous vote.

The financial report was reviewed on Call to Order. It was noted that both revenues and controllable expenses are lower than budget so far this year. New rates will begin in April.

Upon motion by Lawrence Young, seconded by Dale Wernke and carried, the consent agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

Broadband/EV committee breakout exercise. The board split into two groups, which discussed and ranked objectives concerning broadband for DCREMC service territory. The results of this exercise will give guidance to the committee who will continue to evaluate and discuss the feasibility of broadband.

Tom Crowe and Brett Abplanalp gave the Hoosier Energy report. Hoosier set a record peak demand during the polar vortex event in January. During that time, there were no accidents or near misses, no blackouts, and no financial impact. This was a great reflection on the employees of Hoosier, and their communication efforts with MISO. Abplanalp also reported that he will be serving on the member services committee at Hoosier.

Lawrence Young reported that Hometown Energy met January 24, 2019. Minutes of that meeting were reviewed on CTO and changes were noted.

Steve AmRhein reported that IEC has named John Gastrom their new CEO with a start date of March 18, 2019. The name of the statewide magazine, Electric Consumer, will change to Indiana Connection with the March issue. The 2019 training catalog for directors is on the IEC website, with several courses being offered via videoconferencing, locally on-site, or at IEC headquarters.

2019 projects update was given by Brett Abplanalp. 1) implementation of new safety protocol including crew visits and audits, 2) rate implementation is on track with member meetings being held in March, 3) new security fence and gate installation completed, 4) strategic teams on track and wrapping up their action plans, 5) prepaid metering program with a deadline of October 2019, 6) pole replacement bid project packet almost completed.

Old Business:

New Business:

Upon motion by Michael Brelage, seconded by Dale Wernke, and carried, the 2019 project list and goals were approved as presented on CTO by unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Lawrence Young, seconded by Michael Brelage, and carried, the power tracker for the second quarter of 2019 was set at \$0.00 for all wholesale classes, passed by unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Jason Barnhorst, seconded by Jeff Lawrence, and carried, the nominating committee candidates for districts 1 and 3 were approved by unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Dale Wernke, seconded by Steve AmRhein, and carried, the March board meeting was changed to Tuesday March 26, 2019 by unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Michael Brelage, seconded by Dale Wernke, and carried, Brett Abplanalp was named Hoosier Board delegate for the March 27, 2019 meeting by unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Steve AmRhein, seconded by Brian Scheidler, and carried, the single-phase solar tariff was amended to include three phase accounts, passed by unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Steve AmRhein, seconded by Lawrence Young, and carried, Brett Abplanalp was named DCREMC President by unanimous vote.

A 10-year financial forecast was presented and reviewed by the board on CTO. The assumptions made in the forecast were outlined as well as projected capital expenditures for the same time frame.

Risk management update was given by Brett Abplanalp and reviewed with the board. Included in the report were 11 potential risks as identified by DCREMC staff. Each area of concern was ranked and outlined with a mitigation and response plan.

Upon motion by Lawrence Young, seconded by Michael Brelage, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Executive Session followed.

Jason Barnhorst, Secretary

Attest: _____
Tom Crowe, Chairman