

Minutes of the  
Decatur County REMC  
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Wednesday July 28th, 2021  
1430 W Main St. Highway 46 West  
Greensburg, IN at 6:30pm

Chairman Steve AmRhein called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, and Jason Barnhorst kept minutes of the meeting.

All members of the board were present. Also present was DCREMC CEO Brett Abplanalp, DCREMC attorney Erin Borissov, and several DCREMC members. Representatives from Survey and Ballot Systems (SBS) were also present via WebEx.

Steve AmRhein thanked everyone for their participation and read the written objection that was filed by 5 members who wish to contest the election results in 2 of 3 districts in the 2021 director election (districts 5 and 6). The objection was signed by; Jay Hatton, David Holtkamp, Marvin Norwald, Kenny Peters, and Gordon Smiley.

AmRhein went on to state since 2018, the DCREMC board of directors has utilized a third-party election administrator (Survey and Ballot Systems) to ensure a fair, secure, multi-platform election process while providing convenient access for all members.

The Credentials and Election Committee of DCREMC met July 7, 2021 and did not reach a decision regarding the objection. Therefore, per DCREMC bylaws, the matter must be acted on by the full board.

Jason Barnhorst made a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to add board discussion and take action on the filed objection, Jeff Lawrence amended only calling for discussion, then seconded, motion carried.

Steve AmRhein asked members present who filed the objection for any comments, none were given.

Survey and Ballot Systems (SBS) gave a presentation via WebEx and went over the results of the districts being contested and answered numerous board and member questions.

Jeff Lawrence made a motion to send the ballots back to Wickens Law Office for the cost of postage and count the votes manually by the nominating committee seated at the time of the election.

There were several questions directed to the board and SBS by several members present. After lengthy discussion, Jeff Lawrence rescinded his motion.

Upon motion by Jason Barnhorst, seconded by Suzanne Parmer, and carried, the board affirmed the 2021 election results as certified by SBS by unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Suzanne Parmer, seconded by Carl Riedeman, and carried, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

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Jason Barnhorst, Assistant Secretary

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