

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ONTONAGON COUNTY R.E.A.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS HELD AT 500 JAMES K PAUL STREET
ONTONAGON MICHIGAN

Minutes May 19, 2025 9:30 A.M.

1. Call regular meeting to order – Hodges at 9:33am
2. Roll Call – Hodges, Myhren, Paul Koski, Cal Koski, Gaunt, Lehto in person and Gasperich via Team. Others present: General Manager Aho, Justin Sironen and Kelsey Preiss. Consultant Tom Soback and Attorney Greeley also present via Teams.
3. Member Comment Session – Mike Urbis spoke and provided a copy of his questions that he has. Bruce Johanson also spoke.
4. Approval of the Agenda - M/S Myhren/Lehto. All in favor, motion passed.
5. Approve Minutes of the April 25, Regular Board Meeting - M/S Gaunt/Koski. All in favor, motion passed.
 - a) Executive Session called at 9:52am and returned to regular meeting at 10:28am.
6. Attorney Report – Attorney Greeley provided information on pertinent matters.
7. Operations Report – No accidents and zero near misses. Vision metering is 99.4% complete.
8. CEO Report – Business updates provided by General Manager Aho.
9. Financial Report
 - a) Financial Statements for period ended 3/28/2025
 - b) PSCR Over/Under Collection for period ended 04/30/2025
 - c) List of Bills —April 2025

M/S to accept reports Lehto/Myhren. All in favor, motion passed.

10. Business Requiring Board Action
 - a) Board Signatures for April 25, Regular Meeting Minutes
11. Other Business
 - a) MECA Meeting Update – Hodges spoke briefly about the MECA meeting that he attended.
 - b) Annual Meeting Preparation – Erik Baker set to be the speaker.
 - c) Policy Discussions and Review

With gratitude to Bruce Johanson for giving us specific and compelling reasons, Mike Gaunt made a motion to begin holding open monthly board meetings effective January 1st, 2026. Between now and October 15th, 2025 staff will be accepting suggestions on methodology. A final procedure will be distributed by January 1st, 2026.

M/S Gaunt/Lehto. Motion carried with one board member abstained.

- d) Budget Request

M/S to approve Operations Request, Gasperich/Gaunt. The motion was put to a roll call vote. The following vote was taken: Member Gasperich – Aye, Member Gaunt – Aye, Member

Myhren – Aye, Member P. Koski – Aye, Member Hodges – Aye, Member C. Koski – Aye, Member Lehto – Aye. All in favor, motion passed.

12. Around the Table Discussion – Gasperich thanked board for allowing her to attend via Zoom.

13. Executive Session – moved to 5a.

14. Next Meeting Date: June 16, 2025

15. Adjournment by Myhren/Lehto at 12:11

William Hodges, President

Mildred Ann Gasperich, Secretary



We the undersigned Directors of the Ontonagon County Rural Electrification Association do hereby confirm, approve and ratify in all respects the above minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 19, 2025.


