

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

Minutes  
November 21, 2025 9:30 A.M.

1. Opening

- a) Call regular meeting to order – Gaunt at 9:30am
- b) Roll Call – Gaunt, Lehto, C. Koski, P. Koski, Myhren, Hodges, Gasperich. Others present: General Manager Aho, Justin Sironen, Kelsey Preiss. Consultant Tom Sobeck and Attorney Pat Greeley attended via Teams.
- c) Member Comment Session – Mike Urbis spoke.

2. Reports

- a) Operations Report
- b) CEO Report
- c) Financial Report
  - i. Financial Statements for period ended 9/31/2025 — Updated
  - ii. PSCR Over/under Collection for period ended 10/31/2025
  - iii. List of Bills — October 2025

M/S to approve reports as presented – Myhren/Lehto. All in favor, motion passed.

3. Action Items

- a) Approval of the Agenda

MS to approve the November 21<sup>st</sup> Agenda – C. Koski/Hodges. All in favor, motion passed.

- b) Approve Minutes of the October 17<sup>th</sup>, Regular Board Meeting

M/S to approve the October 17<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Lehto/P. Koski. All in favor, motion passed.

4. Business — Old/New/Other

- a) MECA Board Meeting Update – Gaunt highlighted key takeaways. Overall great experience.
- b) Open Meetings Guidelines Draft

M/S to approve open board meeting regulations with the inclusion of discussed items – Gasperich/Lehto. All in favor, motion passed.

- c) 2026 Budget Draft – Reviewed draft, final approval in December.
- d) Board Policy Update – Final approval in December.
- e) Ice Storm After Action — Application to Ontonagon County REA – Board discussed creating a plan for storms and mutual aid.
- f) Large Load Customer Tariff Cap – Board will review in December.
- g) Christmas Bonuses Discussion – Will be handed by General Manager Aho.
- h) Director’s Compensation

M/S to direct Secretary Gasperich to draft a resolution, have it reviewed by Attorney Greeley and vote on at Decembers meeting – Gasperich/Hodges. All in favor, motion passed.

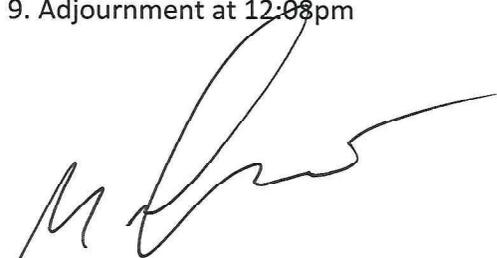
5. Around the Table Discussion

6. Attorney Report – Discussed multiple topics and is working to resolve other matters.

7. Executive Session called at 12:00pm and returned to regular meeting at 12:07pm.

8. Next Meeting Date: December 19, 2025

9. Adjournment at 12:08pm



Michael Gaunt, President

Mildred Ann Gasperich, Secretary

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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 November 21st, 2025.

*Paul Wherry, Paul Korte, Cole R. Korte*  
*William R. Hodges*

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