

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

Minutes
February 20, 2026 9:30 A.M.

1. Opening

- Call regular meeting to order – Gaunt at 9:45am (Waited for missing director, did not show)
- Roll Call – Gaunt, Hodges, Lehto, C. Koski, P. Koski in person. Gasperich, Attorney Pat Greeley, and Consultant Tom Sobeck via Teams. Staff present in person, CEO Dallas Aho, Operations Manager Justin Sironen and Administrative Assistant Kelsey Preiss.
- Members present – Mel Haskell, Mike Urbis, Holly Urbis, Bruce Johanson.
- Member Comment Session - Mel Haskell, Mike Urbis, Holly Urbis, Bruce Johanson all spoke, sharing their thoughts, comments and concerns on numerous topics.

2. Reports

- Operations Report
- CEO Report
- Financial Report
 - Financial Statements for period ended 12/31/2025
 - PSCR Over/under Collection for period ended 01/31/2026

M/S stating that districts were reviewed on 02/20/2026 and redistricting is not needed at this time – Gasperich/C. Koski. All in favor, motion passed.

- List of Bills — January 2026

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

3. Action Items

- Approval of the Agenda

M/S to approve the February 20th Agenda – C. Koski/Lehto. All in favor, motion passed.

- Approve Minutes of the January 16, Regular Board Meeting

M/S to approve the January 16th Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Lehto/Hodges. All in favor, motion passed.

4. Business — Old/New/Other

- a. EPA PCB Storage Penalty Update – Attorney Greeley, CEO Aho and Operations Manager Sironen met with the EPA to review penalties from 2023. PCB area was found to be out of compliance. It has since been updated to be in compliance with EPA guidelines.

M/S to work with EPA to lower fines and then pay the final bill – Hodges/P. Koski. All in favor, motion passed.

- b. OPUSWEB — REA Website Discussion and Review – CEO Aho is working with OPUSWEB to gain more access to update the website directly.
- c. MECA February 2026 Board Meeting Update – Gaunt shared key points: Executive session to evaluate John Kran, Strategic Plan, Data Centers, a lot of positive things happening. CEO Aho shared that updates are being made to emergency restoration plans.

- d. Articles of Incorporation – Attorney Greeley is working with staff in his office to review current Articles of Incorporation.
- e. Member Information Request Form — Discussion and Process Review – Working to create a process or system to field and answer information requests.
- f. IT/Cybersecurity Update — LASCO (Server Upgrade) – CEO Aho discussed server upgrade.

M/S to approve the request for \$21,302.93 for server upgrades to be done by LASCO – C. Koski/P. Koski. All in favor, motion passed.

- g. 2026 Cost of Service and Rate Design Study — Discussion – CEO Aho is working to sign paperwork with Power Systems Engineering to complete a rate study. Rate study is targeted to be finished in April/May of 2026 with an anticipated rate increase in June/July of 2026.

5. Around the Table Discussion – Hodges stated that this was a good meeting with a lot of good content.

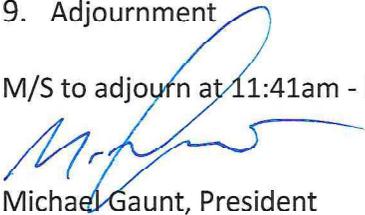
6. Attorney Report

7. Executive Session – Entered executive session at 11:21am and came out at 11:40am.

8. Next Meeting Date: March 20, 2026

9. Adjournment

M/S to adjourn at 11:41am - Hodges/Lehto. All in favor, motion passed.


Michael Gaunt, President
Secretary

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 February 20, 2026.

