

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ONTONAGON COUNTY R.E.A.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS HELD AT 500 JAMES PAUL STREET
ONTONAGON MICHIGAN
Minutes
August 17, 2026 9:30 A.M.

1) Opening

- Call regular meeting to order at 9:35am by Gaunt.
- Roll Call – Gasperich, Myhren, P. Koski, C. Koski, Hodges, Lehto, Gaunt all attended in person. CEO Dallas Aho, Operations Manager Justin Sironen, and Administrative Assistant Kelsey Preiss were also present in person with Attorney Pat Greeley attending via Teams.
- Members present – Morgan Impola
- Member Comment Session – Morgan Impola stated that he appreciates the Q&A's from the Annual Meeting being posted on the website. He mentioned that he is attending these meetings to listen, get information and learn more about the CO-OP.

2) Reports

- Operations Report
- CEO Report
- Financial Report
 - i) Financial Statements for period 06/30/2026
 - ii) PSCR Over/under Collection for period ended 07/31/2026
 - iii) List of Bills —July 2026

3) Action Items

- a) Approval of Reports

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

- b) Approval of the August 17th Agenda

M/S to approve the August 17th Agenda – Lehto/Myhren. All in favor, motion passed.

- c) Approval of the July 20th Regular Board Meeting Minutes

M/S to approve the July 20th Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Hodges/Myhren. All in favor, motion passed.

4) Business — Old/New/Other

- a) LIEAF Increase – State mandated charge increasing from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per month starting in September 2026.
- b) Community Engagement Discussion – CEO Aho gave out drafts of articles he has been working on to share more information with the REA members. The board discussed engaging with the members and the possibility of holding a gathering at each of the REA garages in the future.
- c) "Messy Garage" – REA staff is working to improve organization and communication with members. It was acknowledged that the prior situation of limited staff and turnover could have contributed to things becoming unorganized.
- d) Ontonagon County REA Apparel Discussion – Discussion was had about the REA purchasing apparel (Polo Shirts or T-Shirts) for board members and staff.

5) Around the Table Discussion

6) Attorney Report

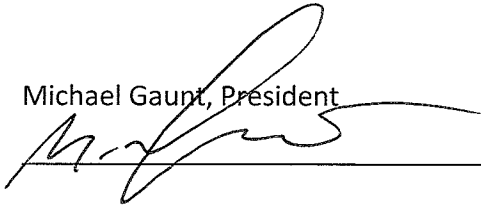
7) Executive Session – Entered Executive Session at 10:45am and came out at 11:45am.

8) Next Meeting Date: September 21st, 2026

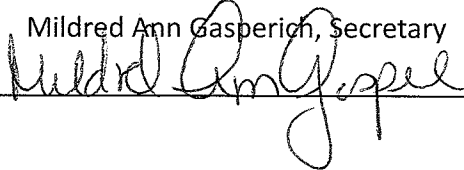
9) Adjournment

M/S to adjourn at 11:46am – Myhren/P. Koski. All in favor, motion passed.

Michael Gaunt, 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 August 17, 2026.

