

Utilities District of Western Indiana REMC
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 23, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Utilities District of Western Indiana Rural Electric Membership Corporation met at the office of the corporation, Bloomfield, Indiana, at 6:30 p.m.

President Melinda Hendrix called the regular session meeting to order.

Mr. McDaniel gave the invocation.

The following directors reported present:

Todd Carpenter	W. Edward Cullison	Shawn Dugan (telephone)
Melinda Hendrix	David Kirkling	Terry McDaniel
Michael Williams		

Others present were CEO Douglas Childs; COO Shane Smith; CFO Michael Sullivan; Director of Member Services & Projects Britt Miller; Office Manager Lydia Campbell; Amanda Craft of Crafted Communications; and member Richard Nichols.

Ms. Hendrix called for additions or corrections to the meeting agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Carpenter made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Cullison seconded, and the motion carried.

Ms. Hendrix also called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 19, 2025, regular session board meeting. Mr. Kirkling made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Williams seconded, and the motion carried.

For the next installment of the Board Education Series, the Board reviewed the additional suggested edits to the cooperative Bylaws by legal counsel. Also, the Board Policy No. 200.0 Board of Directors Duties and Qualifications was presented for approval. The suggested edits to the policy referenced in Section III, Item B. pertain to unexcused absences. The Board discussed setting new parameters for excused and unexcused absences as well as stipend payments and benefits accordingly. The Board chose to table the policy until further notice. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the edits of the bylaws as presented. Mr. Carpenter seconded and all approved. The motion carried.

Crafted Communications continues to assist with both traditional and social media communications. She provided an overview of current projects.

Ms. Miller presented the Member Services Report. She shared May 2025 statistics for MSR & CSR call volumes, debt management accounts, and service disconnections for non-payment.

Mr. Sullivan presented the financial reports.

From the May 2024/2025 Statement of Cash Flows, inventory purchases were up due to the increase in make-ready fiber projects. Construction and retirement work progress was up due to fiber make-ready projects. Right-of-Way costs were \$500,000 lower compared to 2024. The report also reflected \$4 million in loan funds drawn from CFC.

The Income Statement showed total margins of \$770,000.00 for the year. Interest on long-term debt was up due to \$6 million in loan funds drawn from CFC in 2024. Overhead outage costs were up \$100,000 from the May storm damage and restoration efforts.

The Financial Highlights report was briefly reviewed.

The quarterly Appendix A Rate Adjustment Schedule was presented for approval by the Board. The appendix shows the PCA Tracker rate for member billings effective from July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025. The new rate calculation is \$.01387 per kWh, a slight decrease from the previous quarter. Mr. Cullison made a motion to accept and approve the new rate. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, and the motion was carried out.

He reported on member account write-offs (compiled bi-annually) for uncollected member final bills for the dates of July 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024. These amounts are uncollectible due to member disconnection requests, non-pay disconnections, bankruptcy, and/or death. The collections department made multiple contact attempts with no success on all the accounts. Mr. Sullivan asked for approval to write off thirty-seven (45) accounts totaling \$16,388.39. After a brief discussion, Mr. Williams suggested seeking restitution in the form of a small claims case in regard to one member (4 accounts) who left a substantial unpaid balance of over \$4,500.00. He made a motion to approve the write-off of the remaining 41 accounts totaling \$11,645.18. Mr. Carpenter seconded the vote and all approved. The motion carried.

Mr. Smith presented the operations department reports.

He reviewed the Operations Report. Jacob Wente was promoted to the 2nd-year apprentice lineman position. An update on Mainstream Fiber construction progress as well as status of BEAD funding.

On the Outage Report, Mr. Smith and Ms. Miller gave a brief update on the aftermath of the recent severe storm which affected multiple areas of the UDWI territory. The storm resulted in 23 broken poles and over 110 outages.

The Vegetation Management was reviewed. A decrease in production was due to the week-long ACRT training which is held annually.

Mr. Childs presented the Manager's Reports.

He reported on HHM business. The next Board of Directors was rescheduled to June 25, 2025, due to ongoing ACRT training.

The May 2025 Hoosier Energy invoice was available for review.

Mr. Childs shared notes of thanks and appreciation from members. He also expressed his thanks to the employees of UDWI during his 8 years at the cooperative.

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Ms. Hendrix called for individual Director Committee reports.

No committee met in the last five weeks. The Community Fund Committee will meet on June 25, 2025, to review 22 applications.

District 2 Director Todd Carpenter reported on updates and events at Hoosier Energy. The Board of Directors met on June 9, 2025.

Treasurer Michael Williams reported on updates and events at Indiana Electric Cooperative (IEC). The Board of Directors meets bi-monthly. A Regional Meeting (Region 6) was held on June 18, 2025, at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant in Loogootee.

Ms. Hendrix offered reminders for upcoming training and meetings.

The next three UDWI REMC board meetings were approved and scheduled July 28, 2025, August 25, 2025, and September 22, 2025

Member Appreciation Day was postponed due to storm recovery efforts. A date is to be announced.

IEC will be hosting another Directors' Retreat. This year it is scheduled for July 25-26, 2025, at the Hilton Fort Wayne Grand Wayne Convention Center.

The NRECA Region 1 & 4 Meeting is scheduled for September 3-5, 2025, in Providence, RI.

With no further business presented, Ms. Hendrix adjourned the regular session meeting at 8:02 p.m. to convene into an executive session. The session included Mr. Childs, Mr. Smith, Mr. Sullivan, and all directors in attendance. Ms. Hendrix officially adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

Melinda Hendrix, President

Shawn Dugan, Secretary