

Utilities District of Western Indiana REMC
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 19, 2026

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

President Melinda M Hendrix called the regular session meeting to order.

Mr. McDaniel gave the invocation.

The following directors reported present:

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

Those absent: Shawn Dugan

Others present were CEO Shane Smith; Director of Member Engagement Britt Miller, Manager of Engineering Johnathan Sutton; Accounting Manager Miranda Hostetter; 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. Williams seconded, and the motion carried.

Ms. Hendrix also called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 27, 2026, regular session board meeting. Mr. Cullison made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. McDaniel seconded, and the motion carried.

For the next Board Education Series, Mr. Sutton gave a presentation on the 'New Construction Process' at the cooperative. He offered a step-by-step review of the process from member initial contact to completion and closure of work order. All timelines are different for each member/job.

Mr. Smith provided an outline of Indiana State Senate and House contested primary results.

Crafted Communications continues to assist with both traditional and social media communications. An overview of completed and on-going projects was provided by Ms. Craft.

Departmental reports were made available for review. Ms. Miller briefly highlighted the Operations and Outage reports.

Mr. Hostetter presented the financial reports.

Due to the early meeting date, only the Statement of Cash Flows and Financial Highlights were available.

Mr. Smith presented the CEO reports.

He briefly reported on HHM, LLC business. The Board of Directors elected to begin meeting bi-monthly after the May 20th regular meeting.

The Power Requirements Study (PRS) executive summary prepared by UDWI REMC and Hoosier Energy was provided for review last month. The study is completed every other year. It forecasts the growth in electric service energy sales through the year 2045. The PRS was prepared by Hoosier Energy and will be submitted to Rural Utilities Service as part of current loan covenant requirements. Mr. Smith stated that the cooperative takes no issue with and does not require changes to the study. Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the study and submit the required resolution to Hoosier Energy pending a small date change. Mr. Kirkling seconded, and the vote was approved by all.

Mr. Smith also shared notes of thanks and appreciation from members, as well as recent employee accomplishments.

Ms. Hendrix called for review of board policies.

The following board policies were presented:

- For Revision - Board Policy No. 105.0 'Identity Theft Red Flag Prevention Policy'
- For Revision - Board Policy No. 107.0 'Privacy Policy'

Mr. Carpenter made a motion to accept the suggestion edits. Mr. Williams seconded, the motion carried.

- For Revision - Board Policy No. 200.0 'Board of Directors Duties & Qualifications'

Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the suggested edits mirroring recent updates to the cooperative Bylaws.

Mr. Kirkling seconded, the motion carried.

- For Rescission - Board Policy No. 201.1 'Executive Sessions of the Board of Directors'

Mr. Kirkling made a motion to rescind as recommended by legal counsel. Mr. Carpenter seconded, the motion carried.

- For Review - Board Policy No. 201.2 'Attendance at Cooperative Board Meetings'

Ms. Hendrix called for individual Director Committee reports.

No committee met since the last meeting. The Community Fund committee will meet on June 17, 2026.

District 2 Director Todd Carpenter reported on updates and events at Hoosier Energy.

The Board of Directors meets monthly. The last meeting was held on May 1, 2026.

District 3 Director Michael Williams reported on updates and events at Indiana Electric Cooperative (IEC).

The Board of Directors meets bi-monthly. The last meeting was held on April 15, 2026.

Ms. Hendrix extended reminders for upcoming training and meetings.

The next three UDWI REMC board meetings were approved and scheduled for June 22, 2026 with field trip beginning at 1:00 p.m., July 27, 2026, and August 24, 2026.

With no further business presented, Ms. Hendrix adjourned the regular session meeting at 7:27 p.m. to convene into an executive session. The session included Mr. Smith and all directors in attendance.

Ms. Hendrix adjourned the executive session meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Shawn W. Dugan, Secretary

APPROVED:

Melinda M. Hendrix, President