Utilities District of Western Indiana REMC
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
July 27, 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. Cullison gave the invocation.

The following directors reported present:

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

Others present were CEO Shane Smith; CFO Michael Sullivan; Director of IT Keith Burger; Director of Member Engagement Britt Miller, Manager of Engineering Johnathan Sutton; Office Manager Lydia Campbell; Amanda Craft of Crafted Communications (virtual); and member Richard Nichols.

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

Ms. Hendrix also called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 22, 2026, regular session board meeting. Mr. Dugan made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. McDaniel seconded, and the motion carried.

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.

For the Focus Topic, Mr. Burger gave a presentation on cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and post-quantum cryptography, highlighting future planning defenses with advanced intelligent technologies.
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Mr. Sullivan presented the financial reports.
He highlighted key items from the Variance Report and Capital Budget statements.

An action item was presented to the Board for consideration. They discussed the additions of a Money Market account, Positive Pay service, and another authorized user at local bank Farmers and Mechanics Federal.
Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the additions. Mr. Kirkling seconded the motion. Mr. Cullison abstained. The motion carried.

Ms. Miller reported on Member Services staff updates, CSAT statistics, service disconnection rates, and equipment replacement costs.
Mr. Sutton reported on Engineering staff update, Mainstream project status, and distribution automation planning.
Mr. Smith reported on HHM, LLC business regarding budgets, staffing, and AI Dash work tracking.

Mr. Smith presented the CEO reports.
A legislative update was offered regarding the White House Ratepayer Protection Pledge.
The compensation survey conducted by IEC, pertaining to cooperative boards, was discussed briefly.
Mr. Smith also shared notes of thanks and appreciation from members, as well as recent employee accomplishments.

Ms. Hendrix called for review/revision of board policies.
The following board policies were presented:

- For Revision - Board Policy No. 203.0 ‘CEO Duties’

- For Revision - Board Policy No. 203.1 ‘Recommendation for Authority of Command in the Event of a Crisis Situation’ with Appendix
- Mr. Cullison made a motion to accept the suggested edits made by legal counsel. Mr. McDaniel seconded, the motion carried. The Appendix was reviewed; no revisions were needed.

Ms. Hendrix called for individual Director Committee reports. No committee met in the past four weeks.

District 2 Director Todd Carpenter reported on updates and events at Hoosier Energy.
The Board of Directors meets monthly. They held a regular session on July 13, 2026.

District 3 Director Michael Williams reported on updates and events at Indiana Electric Cooperative (IEC).
The Board of Directors meets bi-monthly. The next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2026.

Ms. Hendrix extended reminders for upcoming training and meetings.

The NRECA Regions 1&4 Meeting is scheduled for September 9-11, 2026, in Columbus, OH.

The next three UDWI REMC board meetings were approved and scheduled for August 24, 2026, September 28, 2026, and October 26, 2026.

With no further business presented, Ms. Hendrix adjourned the regular session meeting at 8:08 p.m. to convene into an executive session. The session included Mr. Smith, Mr. Sullivan, and all directors in attendance.
Ms. Hendrix adjourned the executive session meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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Shawn W. Dugan, Secretary

APPROVED:

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Melinda M. Hendrix, President