

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF EASTERN IOWA LIGHT AND POWER COOPERATIVE  
HELD AT THE OFFICE IN WILTON, IOWA / VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

March 26, 2026

President Ken Purdy called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in the Cooperative training room.

Secretary Bixler gave the roll call. The following directors were present:

Henry Bentley	Gary Kester
Mike Bixler	Kurt Olson
Gary Bruns	Ken Purdy
Joel Carstensen	Robert Schneider Jr.
Aubrey Lee Cartwright	Denise Timmerman
Allan Duffe	Brad Weiss
Tom Hotz	Kathy Wunderlich

The following directors were present virtually via Zoom:

Mike Shuger

Also present at the meeting were CEO Kirk Trede, Staff David Zorich, Don Roth, Michelle Walker, Tim Iossi, Lance Kephart, Brian Schoer and Mark Elder, Communications Director Jim Williams, and Executive Assistant Erin DeLong.

Director Bixler earned the Board Leadership Program Certificate. The certificate was presented to him at the board meeting by President Purdy.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as emailed. Motion carried.

The minutes of February 26, 2026 regular board meeting were provided for the directors to review. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with no comments or corrections. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution No. 1 accepting new members. Motion carried.

There was no member correspondence requiring board action.

President Purdy called on Division Manager of Accounting David Zorich to give the financial report for month ending February 28, 2026. The report was accepted after questions were asked and answered satisfactorily.

Michelle Walker, Division Manager of Administrative Services, presented the monthly safety report.

Ms. Walker requested an \$8,000 increase to the capital budget for the cooperative headquarters' electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the budget increase as presented.

Division Manager of Member Relations Don Roth presented the monthly Member Relations department.

Mr. Roth provided an update on the proposed service center property. Staff is working with legal counsel to develop an offer consistent with the guidance provided by the board at the previous meeting.

The directors participated in a communications exercise.

Division Manager of Operations Mark Elder presented the Operations department dashboard and construction report for February.

Senior Project Consultant Brian Schoer discussed the need to place orders earlier in the budget process due to extended lead times, ensuring materials are available when needed. He requested a process change, and the board acknowledged the adjustment.

NRECA has designated April 13 as "Lineworker Appreciation Day". A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2 recognizing April 13 as Lineworker Appreciation Day.

The dates for the 2026 district meetings have been set and are as follows: July 28, District No. 1, DeWitt Community Center; July 29, District No. 2, Cedar County Fairgrounds; July 22, District No. 3, Durant Community Center; August 4, District No. 4, Lone Tree School cafeteria; and August 11, District No. 5, Mediapolis High School Auditorium. All meetings will begin at 7 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding plans for the 2026 Annual Meeting. Adam Austin was selected for the entertainment.

Director Schneider reported the financial review committee's questions were answered satisfactorily for the month of February.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:43 a.m. and reconvened to regular session at 12:45 p.m.

Director Hotz was excused from the meeting.

The following reports were given for attended meetings: Director Kester reported on the CIPCO Board, and several directors spoke on the CIPCO Annual Meeting. Several Directors shared information from the NRECA PowerXchange held in Nashville, TN. Directors reported on REC Day on the Hill held at the State Capitol on March 17.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the consent agenda; motion carried.

Executive session started at 12:54 p.m. and reconvened to regular session at 1:15 p.m. As there was no further business to come before the board, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

  
Secretary

  
President