

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ONTONAGON COUNTY R.E.A.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS HELD AT 500 JAMES K PAUL STREET
ONTONAGON MICHIGAN

Minutes
October 17, 2025 9:30 A.M.

1. Opening

- a) Call regular meeting to order – Gaunt at 9:30am
- b) Roll Call – Gasperich, Lehto, C. Koski, P. Koski, Myhren, Gaunt, and Hodges via Teams. Also present: General Manager Aho, Justin Sironen, Kelsey Preiss, Consultant Tom Sobeck. Attorney Pat Greeley was also present via teams.
- c) Member Comment Session – Bruce Johanson, Mike Urbis, Phyllis Luepke and Richard Luepke spoke on various topics. The \$1.25 charge on most recent bill was brought up by multiple members.
 - i. President Gaunt addressed the present members and let them know that member comment is for comments only, not discussion between members and board/staff. CEO Aho addressed the \$1.25 charge, letting members know that bill print missed the line item for the charge, but still added the charge. More information can be found on the REA website, Facebook page and July/August 2025 addition of Country Lines Magazine.

2. Reports

- a) Operations Report
- b) CEO Report
- c) Financial Report
 - i. Financial Statements for period ended 8/31/2025 — Updated
 - ii. PSCR Over/under Collection for period ended 09/30/2025
 - iii. List of Bills — September 2025

M/S to approve reports as presented - C. Koski/Myhren. All in favor, motion passed.

3. Action Items

- a) Approval of the Agenda

M/S to approve October 17th agenda - Lehto/Hodges. All in favor, motion passed.

- b) Approve Minutes of the September 22, Regular Board Meeting

M/S to approve September 22nd Regular Board Meeting minutes - Myhren/C. Koski. All in favor, motion passed.

4. Business — Old/New/Other

- a) MECA Meeting Update – President Gaunt mentioned that Palisades is advancing and RUS loans are at a halt.
- b) Draft Concept for Open Meetings – Procedure – Reviewed draft and discussed meeting regulations.
- c) 2026 Budget Discussion – reviewed 2025 budget and preparing 2026 budget.
- d) New Services Review
- e) Tom Sobeck – Consultant Tom Sobeck reviewed new Financial Statement format and defined a few of the items on the statement.

5. Around the Table Discussion

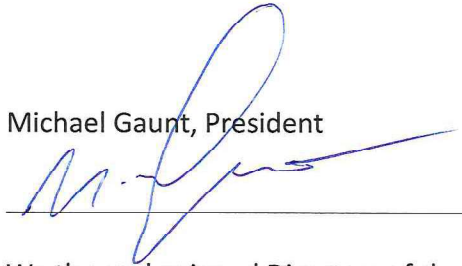
6. Attorney Report – moved to executive session.

7. Executive Session called at 11:46am and returned to regular meeting at 11:59am.

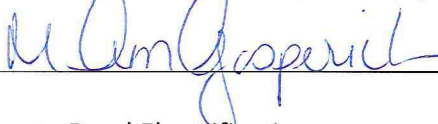
8. Next Meeting Date: November 21, 2025

9. Adjournment at 12:00pm

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 October 17, 2025.



Robert B. Williams, William Hodgson, Caleb R. Korte, [Signature]