

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

Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2026 9:30 A.M.

1) Opening

- Call regular meeting to order – Gaunt at 9:30am
- Roll Call – Gasperich, Myhren, P. Koski, Gaunt, C. Koski, Hodges, Lehto in person. Attorney Pat Greeley and Consultant Tom Sobeck present via Teams. Also present in person were CEO Dallas Aho, Operations Manager Justin Sironen, Administrative Assistant Kelsey Preiss, and MECA CEO John Kran.
- Members present – Mel Haskell, Bruce Johanson, and Mike Urbis.
- Member Comment Session – Mike Urbis and Bruce Johanson had no comment. Mel Haskell spoke about his concerns.

2) Reports

- Operations Report
- CEO Report
- Financial Report – All financials through 2025 have been closed out. 2025 Audit has been completed. Financials are caught up through March of 2026, and Work Orders are caught up through February of 2026.
 - i) Financial Statements for period ended 02/28/2026 and 03/31/2026
 - ii) PSCR Over/under Collection for period ended 03/31/2026
 - iii) List of Bills — March 2026

3) Action Items

- a) Approval of Reports

M/S to approve the reports and bills as presented – Hodges/P. Koski. All in favor, motion passed.

- b) Approval of the Agenda

M/S to approve the April 17th Agenda adjusting Business section to include MECA CEO John Kran and Annual Meeting Discussion – Lehto/Myhren. All in favor, motion passed.

- c) Approve Minutes of the March 20th, Regular Board Meeting

M/S to approve the March 20th Regular Board Meeting Minutes – C. Koski/Hodges. All in favor, motion passed.

- d) Special Equipment Summary for period ended 1/31/2026 in the amount of \$5,586.88

M/S to accept the Special Equipment Summary for period ended 1/31/2026 in the amount of \$5,586.88 – Gasperich/Myhren. All in favor, motion passed.

4) Business — Old/New/Other

- a) MECA CEO John Kran – Discussed FEMA for 2025 Ice Storm, Tree Trimming Bill, Symposium and PAC.
- b) CEO Evaluation Process – Directors are to review list of questions and review of CEO Aho will take place in June 2026.
- c) Brushing and Mowing Study Update
- d) MECA Symposium Report – Gasperich, Lehto, C. Koski, Gaunt, CEO Aho, and Operations Manager Sironen all attended. Training was great overall and they encouraged all board members to attend.
- e) Ewen-Trout Creek School District Update – Dykema mailed a response letter to both Mike Urbis and E-TC School Board President Heather Borseth.

- f) New Easement Process – New form sent to Attorney Greeley for review. Looking at possibility of one or more office staff becoming Notary Public.
- g) Reminder System – CEO Aho and Admin Assistant Preiss shared their processes for their reminder systems.
- h) Community Engagement Question – Discussion was had about the REA holding periodic get togethers for the districts. A time to talk to directors, crew, and office staff about various REA topics. More information to come.
- i) Annual Meeting Discussion
- j) Special Meeting Information and Discussion – Special Meeting scheduled for May 18th, 2026, at 9:30am before the Regular Board Meeting.

M/S to approve rate increase documents for May 18th, 2026 Special Meeting – C. Koski/Hodges. All in favor, motion passed.

- 5) Around the Table Discussion
- 6) Attorney Report
- 7) Executive Session – Entered Executive Session at 11:50am and came out at 12:08pm.
- 8) Next Meeting Date: May 18, 2026 – Special Meeting at 9:30am with Regular Board Meeting to follow.
- 9) Adjournment

M/S to adjourn at 12:10pm - Myhren/Gasperich. All in favor, motion passed.


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 April 17, 2026.


