

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF BARRON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
June 23, 2025

Call to Order

The regular board meeting of the Board of Directors of Barron Electric Cooperative was held at Jump River Electric Cooperative headquarters located at 13895 County Road B, Hayward, WI 54843 on June 23, 2025 after the board toured Louisiana Pacific. The meeting was called to order at 10:58 a.m. by President Cook. Board members present included Baker, Bowers, Cook, Effertz, Kessler, Mandel, Olson & Warwick.

Others present were General Manager Torud, Executive Assistant/HR Administrator Horstman, Director of Member Services Beaudette, Director of Operations Steines & Director of Finance Straw.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Safety Message

Director Mandel gave a safety message.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, May 28, 2025, were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #104405 through #104459 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$388,796 with capital credit estate checks totaling \$945. Total receipts in the office \$2,329,297; total receipts by wire and ACH \$1,704,420; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire \$3,134,609 transfer of funds was made for payroll \$244,860 and the power bill was paid on 06/25/2025 in the amount of \$1,816,223.

Voucher Review

A list of vouchers was reviewed by the board.

Manager and Staff Reports

General Manager Torud and Staff members Beaudette, Steines & Straw presented a written and oral reports of their activities for the month.

Staff Members were dismissed.

Membership List

A membership list of 74 was presented and approved without objection.

Other Meetings Attended

Directors Baker, Mandel, Olson, Bowers & Warwick discussed the DPC Annual Meeting they attended on June 4, 2025 in La Crosse. Directors Kessler & Olson discussed the safety field audits they performed with Director of Operations Steines and DPC Safety Trainer Chris Burnis on June 11, 2025. The Monthly Safety Report from Denise Fox, Compliance Safety and Training Officer was included for review.

Reports

Reports listed in the board packet were reviewed for the month of May including the power bill, department statistics, fleet management and budget month-to-date.

Inventory of Work Orders

Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of May in the amount of \$258,434.20 was presented for approval and included new services \$34,744.22; change jobs \$163,501.31; Other Work Order Projects \$60,188.67 and 16 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

Outage and Overtime

Outages year-to-date stand at 41,926.71 consumer hours off, which is 154.90% above 2024 hours of 16,448.20.

Overtime year-to-date is 1,285.00 hours, which is 0.12% below 2024 hours of 1,286.50.

September Board Meeting & NRECA Region 5 Meeting

Due to the NRECA Region 5 Meeting scheduled for September 23-25, 2025 in Madison, it conflicts with the regular scheduled Board Meeting for September 24, 2025. It was discussed to approve the date of September 23, 2025 for the September Board Meeting and leave for Madison after adjournment. Directors Baker, Blaskowski, Bowers, Cook, Effertz Kessler and Warwick will be attending the NRECA Region 5 Meeting in Madison.

CoBank Sharing Success History and Review

The board reviewed the CoBank Sharing Success history and the remaining funds available for matching for 2025.

DPC Cooperative Contributions Program and Cooperative Family Fund

The board reviewed the DPC Cooperative Contributions Program which allows Dairyland Power Cooperative members to request a \$1,000 contribution in our cooperative's service area.

Donation Request – Cumberland Youth Hockey

The board reviewed the donation request from Cumberland Youth Hockey requesting funds to aid in the cost of a new Zamboni, concrete floor, chiller system and improving handicap accessibility. Director Warwick moved, Director Effertz seconded, to donate \$1,000 to the Cumberland Youth Hockey program with funds to be derived from Federated Youth Foundation. Motion carried.

Donation Request – ADRC of Washburn County

The board reviewed the donation request from ADRC of Washburn County requesting \$500 to assist with the cost of their 2025 Summer Social Dinner & Concert Series. Director Kessler moved, Director Baker, to donate \$500 to the Washburn County ADRC for their 2025 Summer Social Dinner & Concert Series with funds to be derived from Federated Youth Foundation. Motion carried.

Donation Request – Shell Lake Police Foundation

The board reviewed the donation request from the Shell Lake Police Foundation requesting \$5,000 to assist with the cost of purchasing a new UTV. Due to lack of motion, no action taken.

Donation Request – Barron County Fair

The board reviewed the donation request from the Barron County Fair requesting the donation of two bicycles to give away during the Barron County Fair in July. Due to lack of motion, no action taken.

Director Bowers gave a report on the New Director Orientation he attended on June 19, 2025.

The director's expense accounts for the month were reviewed and approved by the board without objection.

Other Business:

The office will be closed on July 4, 2025 in observance of Independence Day.

The WECA District 3 Meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2025 at Barron Electric Cooperative headquarters.

Director Bowers is scheduled to attend the Safety Meeting on July 22, 2025.

The July Board Meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2025.

Directors Baker & Effertz will be attending the Board Leadership Course on August 5, 2025.

Directors Baker, Blaskowski, Bowers, Kessler, Mandel & Warwick will be attending the WECA Directors Conference on August 6, 2025.

Director Baker, Blaskowski, Mandel & Warwick are scheduled to attend the Director's Financial Webinar on August 14, 2025.

Director Blaskowski is scheduled to attend the Safety Meeting on August 20, 2025.

The August Board Meeting is scheduled on August 27, 2025.

The office will be closed on September 1, 2025 in observance of Labor Day.

All directors are scheduled to attend the DPC Rate Education virtual training on September 16, 2025.

The NRECA Region 5 Meeting is scheduled for September 23 – 25, 2025 in Madison.

Director Baker, Blaskowski, Mandel & Warwick are scheduled to attend the Director's Financial Webinar on October 9, 2025.

Directors Effertz & Olson are scheduled to attend Board Leadership Courses on October 14 & 15, 2025.

The October Board Meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2025.

The WECA Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 12 & 13, 2025 in Wisconsin Dells.

The November Board Meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Patricia Mandel, Secretary