

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BARRON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

June 24, 2026

Call to Order

The regular board meeting of the Board of Directors of Barron Electric Cooperative was held at the cooperative headquarters on June 24, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Cook. Board members present included Baker, Blaskowski, 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.

Introduction of New Employee

Logan Bender, Seasonal Operations Assistant, was introduced to the board.

Safety Message

Director Bowers gave a safety message.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, May 27, 2026, were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #105796 through #105886 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$525,063 with capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$24,292. Total receipts in the office \$2,271,688; total receipts by wire and ACH \$1,534,803; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire \$2,809,696; transfer of funds was made for payroll \$244,305 and the power bill was paid on 06/24/2026 in the amount of \$2,267,017.

Voucher Review

A list of vouchers was reviewed by the board.

Staff Reports

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

A-Item to the 2026 Budget

Director of Operations Steines presented information to the board regarding the increase cost of cable locating for 2026. Director Effertz moved, Director Blaskowski, to approve the additional \$22,500 for cable locating to the 2026 Budget. Motion carried.

Policy Committee

Staff Members presented the suggested changes for policies: 301, 301 (Rate Table), 302, 303 (Remove), 402, 601, 602, 612, 614 (Remove), 615 add 901, 1017 & 1028. Policies 1019, 1021 and the Harassment Policy were presented as the yearly review without changes. Discussion. Director Olson moved, Director Kessler seconded, to approve all policies as presented with the amendment to Policy No. 615 under II. Content: "The PCB written plan is to be developed and maintained by the Cooperative *in accordance with OSHA standards.*" Motion carried.

Staff Dismissed.

Membership List

A membership list of 77 was presented and approved without objection.

Other Meetings Attended

Director Cook discussed the WECA Education Committee Meeting he attended on May 7, 2026. Directors Baker, Blaskowski, Bowers, Mandel, Olson & Warwick discussed the DPC Annual Meeting they attended on June 2, 2026. Director Baker discussed the DPC Board Meeting he attended on June 18, 2026. Director Mandel discussed the Safety Meeting she attended on June 23, 2026. The Monthly Safety Report from Christina Henke, Compliance Specialist was available for review.

Reports

Reports listed in the board packet were available for review 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 \$252,887.00 was presented for approval and included new services \$85,482.12, change jobs \$13,048.08, Other Work Order Projects \$154,356.80 and 4 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

Outage and Overtime

Outages year-to-date stand at 9,957.16 consumer hours off, which is 76.25% below 2025 hours of 41,926.71. Overtime year-to-date is 959.50 hours, which is 25.33% below 2025 hours of 1,285.00.