

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF BARRON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
March 25, 2026

Call to Order

The regular board meeting of the Board of Directors of Barron Electric Cooperative was held at the cooperative headquarters on March 25, 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 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, February 25, 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: #105452 through #105571 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$383,347 with capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$11,608. Total receipts in the office \$3,359,394; total receipts by wire and ACH \$2,504,248; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire \$5,246,599; transfer of funds was made for payroll \$211,567 and the power bill was paid on 03/25/2026 in the amount of \$2,513,577.

Voucher Review

A list of vouchers was reviewed by the board.

Staff Reports

General Manager Torud and staff members Steines & Straw presented a written and oral reports of their activities for the month. General Manager Torud reviewed board district information. District information will be added to the April agenda.

Policy No. 1011 – Scholarship Program

The board reviewed the current Policy No. 1011 – Scholarship Program that is in effect until June 30, 2026 and a revised version of the policy that will be effective July 1, 2026.

Director Blaskowski moved, Director Mandel seconded, to continue with the current policy for another year. Motion carried.

Staff Dismissed.

Break at 11:04 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

Membership List

A membership list of 34 was presented and approved without objection.

Other Meetings Attended

Director Baker discussed the DPC Board Meeting he attended on March 19 & 20, 2026. Director Blaskowski discussed the Safety Meeting he attended on March 10, 2026. Directors Blaskowski & Mandel discussed the Director's Financial Webinar they attended on March 19, 2026. The Monthly Safety Report from Denise Fox, Compliance Safety and Training Officer was available for review.

Reports

Reports listed in the board packet were available for review for the month of February 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 February in the amount of \$160,169.67 was presented for approval and included new services \$31.89; change jobs \$0, Other Work Order Projects \$160,137.78 and 6 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

Outage and Overtime

Outages year-to-date stand at 3,742.33 consumer hours off, which is 151.74% above 2025 hours of 1,486.58. Overtime year-to-date is 301.25 hours, which is 68.53% above 2025 hours of 178.75.

DPC Annual Meeting

The DPC Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2026 at the La Crosse Center. Directors Baker, Blaskowski, Bowers, Mandel, Olson & Warwick will be attending. Director Bowers was selected as the voting delegate.

Dairyland Power Cooperative Power (DPC) Cost Adjustment (PCA)

The board reviewed the information presented by General Manager Torud regarding the DPC PCA. Discussion. Director Effertz moved, Director Warwick seconded, to approve allocating the DPC PCA minus the Nuclear Waste Power Settlement and additional margins from January and February sales, which will be approximately an additional \$7.50 to each member with an average use of 1,200 kWh on the April bill for March usage. Motion carried.

DPC Cooperative Contributions Program

The board reviewed the guidelines for the DPC Cooperative Contributions Program. Director Bowers moved, Director Mandel seconded, to donate the \$1,000 from the DPC Cooperative Contributions Program to The Cooperative Family Fund and donate the \$1,000 each year as long as the DPC Cooperative Contributions Program is available. Motion carried.

Donation Request – Girls on the Run Chippewa Valley

The board reviewed the request from the Girls on the Run Chippewa Valley organization requesting funds to assist with their 5K run held each spring. Due to lack of motion, no action taken.

Donation Request – Blue Hills Sportsmen’s Club & Access Ability Wisconsin

The board reviewed the request from the Blue Hills Sportsmen’s Club & Access Ability Wisconsin requesting funds for the memorial trap shoot in honor of Officer Breidenbach and Officer Scheel. Director Blaskowski moved, Director Warwick seconded, to donate \$500 to the Blue Hills Sportsmen’s Club and Access Ability Wisconsin with funds to be derived from Federated Youth Foundation. Motion carried.

2026 Annual Meeting Ballot Collectors & Counters

The directors reviewed the list of the 2026 Annual Meeting Ballot Collectors & Counters.

Director Effertz moved, Director Blaskowski seconded, to go into Executive Session at 12:28 p.m. Motion carried.

Director Warwick moved, Director Kessler seconded, to return to regular session at 12:50 p.m. Motion carried.

2026 Budget

The directors reviewed the 2026 Budget.

Director Effertz moved, Director Blaskowski seconded, to approve the director’s expense reports. Motion carried.

Director Olson moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Barron Electric Cooperative's 90th Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2026.

The Annual Safety Committee Crew Visits are scheduled for April 23, 2026.

The High School to Heroes Banquet is scheduled for April 26, 2026.

The April Board Meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2026.

Directors Baker, Blaskowski and Mandel are registered to attend the Board Financial Webinar on May 14, 2026.

The office will be closed on May 25, 2026 in observance of Memorial Day.

The May Board Meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2026.

The DPC Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2026 in La Crosse.

The June Board Meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2026.

The office will be closed on July 4, 2026 in observance of Independence Day.

The WECA District 3 Meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2026 at Jump River Electric Cooperative.

The July Board Meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2026.

Directors Bowers & Cook are scheduled to attend the Power & Policy: Energy & Legal Issues Summit on August 4, 2026.

Directors Baker, Bowers & Kessler are scheduled to attend the BLC course on August 5, 2026.

Directors Baker, Blaskowski and Mandel are registered to attend the Board Financial Webinar on August 13, 2026.

All Directors are scheduled to attend Strategic Planning on August 26 & 27, 2026.

The August Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 28, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Patricia Mandel, Secretary