

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF BARRON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
May 27, 2026

Call to Order

The regular board meeting of the Board of Directors of Barron Electric Cooperative was held at the cooperative headquarters on May 27, 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.

Safety Message

Director Effertz gave a safety message.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, April 29, 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: #105684 through #105795 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$519,222 with capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$27,220. Total receipts in the office \$2,127,983; total receipts by wire and ACH \$2,275,303; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire \$3,854,556; transfer of funds was made for payroll \$236,952 and the power bill was paid on 05/27/2026 in the amount of \$2,203,509.

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. An update was given on the current Strategic Plan by Director of Member Services Beaudette.

2026 Board Tour Dates & Locations

The board reviewed the history and options for 2026 board tour locations. Suggestion to tour City of Cumberland in September, and invite them for lunch after the board meeting.

Director Districts

Director of Member Services Beaudette presented information to the board regarding director districts. Director Kessler moved, Director Mandel seconded, to retain the director districts as currently listed. Motion carried.

Staff Dismissed.

Membership List

A membership list of 57 was presented and approved with the following changes in membership districts to move from District 2: Galloway to District 1 and Buchman to District 3.

Other Meetings Attended

Director Baker discussed the DPC Board Meeting he attended on May 13 & 14, 2026. The directors also discussed the 2026 DPC Proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions for the DPC Annual Meeting scheduled for June 2, 2026 in La Crosse. Director Bowers is the voting delegate for the DPC Annual Meeting and was directed by the board to oppose all Pierce Pepin Cooperative bylaw amendments. Directors Baker, Blaskowski & Mandel discussed the Director's Financial Webinar they attended on May 14, 2026. Director Warwick discussed the Safety Meeting he attended on May 20, 2026. The directors discussed the scholarships they presented to students throughout the month. 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 April 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 April in the amount of \$102,880.16 was presented for approval and included new services (\$382.84); change jobs \$4,582.19, Other Work Order Projects \$98,680.81 and 6 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

Outage and Overtime

Outages year-to-date stand at 8,354.09 consumer hours off, which is 57.6% below 2025 hours of 19,704.24.

Overtime year-to-date is 677.75 hours, which is 2.59% below 2025 hours of 695.75.