

MEETING MINUTES



April 24, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Dakota Electric Association Board Members in Attendance

DISTRICT 1

John DeYoe
David Jones
Jerry Pittman

DISTRICT 2

Terry Donnelly
Bill Middlecamp
Clay Van De Bogart

DISTRICT 3

Ken Danner
Cyndee Fields
Margaret Schreiner

DISTRICT 4

Paul Bakken
Jenny Hoeft
Stacy Miller

Staff/Guests in Attendance

James Bever, M&H
Corey Hintz
Nicole McEathron

Jon Beyer
Andy Kalicak, CBS
Mjyke Nelson

Adam Heinen
Betty Jo Kiesow
Jeff Schoenecker

Ryan Hentges
Tim Masa, CBS
Steve Yoch

Members in Attendance

Minutes

TOPIC	DETAILS
Call to Order	Chair Bakken called the regular meeting of the Dakota Electric Association Board of Directors to order at 8:30 a.m. and presided. A quorum was present.
Agenda Adoption	✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adopt the agenda.
Consent Agenda	✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ March 27, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes▪ March 2025, Board Legal Fees
CEO Report	<p>CEO Hentges provided an overview of key considerations for 2025, as well as a scorecard strategic projects update. Hentges called upon Jeff Schoenecker, VP of Utility Services, to share details from a recent dig-in event. Hentges continued by sharing highlights from his Board Report and an update on the annual member meeting. Discussion took place around the employee engagement survey, dig-in reporting and the member mailings process and timeline.</p> <p>✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the 2025 annual member meeting agenda.</p> <p>Hentges then called upon Nicole McEathron, Director of Executive Services, to provide an update on the board management software review process. Discussion took place around public meeting and AI features, as well as training.</p>

Quarterly Financial Update	Corey Hintz, VP of Financial Services, provided an overview of financial highlights from March year-to-date 2025. Discussion took place around member billing and net metering.
2024 Capital Credit Allocations	✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the 2024 capital credit allocations Resolution 25-4-1.
Board Retreat Committee Update	Director Fields shared that the final agenda for the June retreat would be shared in May and she would work with staff on gathering any necessary information to inform discussion topics.
MREA Report	Director DeYoe provided an update from the recent work and priorities of MREA. Discussion took place around net metering and legislative happenings.
Executive Closed Session	<p>✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to move into closed session at 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>Jon Beyer, VP of Energy and Member Services, provided an update on large loads. CEO Hentges also provided a power supply update.</p> <p>✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to move into regular session at 11:41 a.m.</p>
Great River Energy Report	Directors Schreiner and Middlecamp provided a Great River Energy update on the rural energy savings program in addition to the written report
Attorney Report	Attorney Steve Yoch provided an update on an election complaint in addition to the written report.
Facility Update	Jeff Schoenecker, VP of Utility Services, provided an introduction to the facility update and guest presenters, Tim Masa, CBS and James Bever, M&H. Masa shared an overview of the design process, project estimates and timeline. Bever shared updated project renderings. Discussion took place around contract terms, bidding process, design elements and next steps.
Adjournment	✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn at 1:17 p.m.