

MEETING MINUTES



March 26, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Dakota Electric Association Board Members in Attendance

DISTRICT 1

John DeYoe
David Jones
Jerry Pittman

DISTRICT 2

Terry Donnelly (virtual)
Bill Middlecamp
Clay Van De Bogart

DISTRICT 3

Ken Danner
Cyndee Fields
Margaret Schreiner

DISTRICT 4

Paul Bakken
Jenny Hoeft
Stacy Miller Mooradian

Staff/Guests in Attendance

Kellen Garrison
Corey Hintz
Mjyke Nelson

Trevor Hauck
Betty Jo Kiesow
Jeff Schoenecker

Adam Heinen
Nicole McEathron
Jane Siebenaler

Ryan Hentges
Sara McGrane (virtual)
Parker Van Zee

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">• February 26, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes• February 2026, Board Legal Fees• 2026 Annual Member Meeting Agenda
Executive Session	✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to move into a closed executive session at 8:35 a.m. Kellen Garrison and Parker Van Zee of Eide Bailly presented the 2025 audit report. ✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to move into regular session at 8:55 a.m.

2025 Audit Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the 2025 audit report Resolution 26-3-1.
CEO Report	<p>CEO Hentges provided an overview and additional context for 2026 strategic considerations, strategic planning process, annual meeting, GRE Pilot Knob transmission project and legislative items. Hentges called upon Mjyke Nelson, VP of Information Services, to share an update on cybersecurity. Discussion took place around large loads, strategic planning open house, remote disconnection process and third-party aggregators.</p>
CIS Implementation Update	<p>Mjyke Nelson, VP of Information Services, and Jane Siebenaler, VP of Energy & Member Services, provided an update on the Customer Information System transition and implementation of SpryPoint and the MyDEA portal, including a status briefing, key metrics, benchmarks and next steps. Discussion took place around member expectations and feedback.</p>
SRSQ Update	<p>Trevor Hauck, Engineering Services Manager, shared an overview of the Safety, Reliability and Service Quality (SRSQ) Report, highlighting reliability metrics, historical outage causes and comparisons to other utilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 26-3-2 which accepts the 2025 SRSQ report and sets 2026 reliability performance goals as presented.
Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to move into a closed executive session at 10:39 a.m. <p>CEO Hentges provided a power supply update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to move into regular session at 12:09 p.m.
CoBank Lease for Bucket Trucks	<p>Corey Hintz, VP of Financial Services, provided additional context to Resolution 26-3-3 related to a CoBank lease for aerial/bucket trucks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 26-3-3 for the CoBank Farm Credit Lease for aerial trucks.
Great River Energy Report	<p>Directors Middlecamp and Schreiner provided a Great River Energy update in addition to the written report, including context from recent meetings, project management education session and risk analysis report.</p>
MREA Report	<p>Director Jones provided an overview of the recent work and priorities of MREA, including context from the recent Board meeting and legislative day. Director Jones continued by sharing a delegate report from the MREA Annual Meeting.</p>
Delegate Appointment	<p>Chair Bakken asked for volunteers to serve as a meeting delegate at the upcoming GRE annual meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to appoint Director Middlecamp as the GRE annual meeting delegate and Director Schreiner as the alternate.

Attorney Report

Attorney Sara McGrane shared additional context related to her written report.

Adjournment

✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn at 1:20 p.m.