

MEETING MINUTES



May 28, 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
Bill Middlecamp
Clay Van De Bogart (virtual)

DISTRICT 3

Ken Danner
Cyndee Fields
Margaret Schreiner

DISTRICT 4

Paul Bakken
Jenny Hoeft
Stacy Miller Mooradian

Staff/Guests in Attendance

Adam Heinen
Nicole McEathron
Pete Westerhaus

Ryan Hentges
Sara McGrane

Corey Hintz
Mjyke Nelson

Betty Jo Kiesow
Jeff Schoenecker

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.

Annual Board Reorganization

Attorney Sara McGrane presided over the annual board reorganization with the results as follows:

Chair:	Paul Bakken
Vice Chair:	Jerry Pittman
Secretary:	Terry Donnelly
Treasurer:	Cyndee Fields
GRE Director Seat 1:	Margaret Schreiner
GRE Director Seat 2:	Bill Middlecamp
MREA Director:	David Jones
*Audit Committee:	Cyndee Fields Jenny Hoeft Bill Middlecamp Clay Van De Bogart

*Unclaimed Capital Credits Committee:	John DeYoe Terry Donnelly Bill Middlecamp Stacy Miller Mooradian Clay Van De Bogart
*Board Retreat Committee:	John DeYoe Cyndee Fields Stacy Miller Bill Middlecamp Margaret Schreiner

*As Board Chair, Paul Bakken is an ex-officio member of all Committees.

The Board agreed to continue the prior year's approach by maintaining both the Election Committee and the CEO Performance Review Committee as Committees of the Whole.

The Board reviewed their compensation and discussed various options.

- ✓ A motion was made, seconded and approved by a majority vote to increase the monthly Board retainer by \$100.

Director Van De Bogart exited the meeting.

Consent Agenda

- ✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda.
 - April 23, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
 - April 2026, Board Legal Fees
 - 2027 Board Meeting Schedule

CEO Report

CEO Hentges provided an overview and additional context to the written report including 2026 strategic considerations, Customer Information System transition, disconnections process, feedback from the election, Control Center Unionization, large loads and other recent events. Discussion took place around member communication considerations.

CEO Hentges continued by providing an update on the transition to new rates, potential new solar facility within the service territory and a status update on the Minnesota Valley Montevideo situation. Discussion took place around the cooperative's approach and MREA's involvement.

CEO Hentges concluded by sharing an update on the Board Retreat and Member Appreciation Event.

- ✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to move into a closed executive session at 10:35 a.m.

Executive Session

CEO Hentges provided an overview of the proposed GRE contract amendments and wind contracts.

The Board agreed to move into regular session at 11:29 a.m.

GRE Resolutions	✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 26-5-1 related to GRE Contractual & Appendix B Amendments.
	✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve all three GRE Wind Contract Resolutions including Big Bend Wind (Resolution 26-5-2), South Deuel Wind (Resolution 26-5-3) and New Salem Wind (Resolution 26-5-4).
	The Board acknowledged the tremendous effort put forth by Dakota Electric Association staff, particularly CEO Hentges, throughout the GRE contract amendment process.
Regulatory Filing – Infrastructure Rider	Adam Heinen, VP of Regulatory Services, provided general regulatory updates. Heinen continued by sharing updates to the previously discussed potential regulatory filing and decision-making considerations.
	Discussion took place around financial impacts and timeline. The Board agreed with staff’s recommendation to take no action on the regulatory filing at this time.
2027 Cable and Distribution Transformer Purchases	✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 26-5-5 and 26-5-6 related to 2027 cable and distribution transformer purchases.
Large Load Substation Transformer Purchases	✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 26-5-7 related to large load substation transformer purchases.
2026 Post-Election Review	Pete Westerhaus, Survey and Ballot Systems, reviewed the results and various data points of the 2026 annual election. Discussion took place around voter trends, member engagement and overall election process.
Logo Refresh Update	Allie Shetler, Communication & Engagement Manager, provided an overview of the Dakota Electric Association logo history. Shetler continued by sharing the overall approach and timeline for the logo refresh project.
	Discussion took place around timing, public recognition and visual identity.
Great River Energy Report	Directors Middlecamp and Schreiner provided a Great River Energy update in addition to the written report, including context from recent meetings, Committee work and strategic planning.
MREA Report	Director Jones provided an overview of the recent work and priorities of MREA, including strategic planning efforts, Energy Summit and other upcoming meetings.
Attorney Report	Attorney Sara McGrane shared additional context related to her written report.
Executive Session	✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to move into closed session at 2:15 p.m.
	Attorney Sara McGrane conducted annual harassment and discrimination training.
Adjournment	✓ A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn at 2:40 p.m.