MEETING MINUTES

DAKOTA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

July 23, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Dakota Electric Association Board Members in Attendance

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4
John DeYoe	Terry Donnelly	Ken Danner	Paul Bakken
David Jones	Bill Middlecamp (virtual at 1:45 p.m.)	Cyndee Fields	Jenny Hoeft (virtual)
Jerry Pittman	Clay Van De Bogart	Margaret Schreiner	Stacy Miller Mooradian

Staff/Guests in Attendance

John Berge	Greg Glasson	Adam Heinen	Ryan Hentges
Corey Hintz	Betty Jo Kiesow	Nicole McEathron	Sara McGrane
Mjyke Nelson	Angie Remer	Jeff Schoenecker	Jane Siebenaler

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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. • May 28, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes • May and June 2026, Board Legal Fees
CEO Report	CEO Hentges provided an overview and additional context to the written report including 2026 strategic considerations and balanced scorecard, Customer Information System (CIS) transition, PFML impacts and a regulatory large load docket. Discussion took place around power supply contract communication, CIS member expectations and implications to the large load docket. CEO Hentges continued by providing updates on recent social media activity, strategic planning efforts and legislative happenings. Discussion took place around social media strategy and approach.
Quarterly Financial Update	Corey Hintz, VP of Financial Services, provided an overview of financial highlights from June year-to-date 2026.

		Discussion took place around weather data, PFML impacts, timing implications and delinquencies.
Deferred Revenue		Adam Heinen, VP of Regulatory Services, provided a regulatory filing update on differed margins including history, background, benefits, key considerations and staff recommendations. Discussion took place around options, budget implications, member communication and overall approach.
	✓	A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 26-7-4 authorizing staff to prepare and file a petition or other request as may be appropriate with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission seeking authorization, approval, confirmation, or other appropriate relief regarding DEA's use of deferred margins, when and as determined by the Board of Directors to be appropriate and in the best interests of the Association and its members.
Utility Services Contracts		Jeff Schoenecker, VP of Utility Services, presented additional context to the three Resolutions up for consideration.
	✓	A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve all three Utility Services Contracts Resolutions including Right of Way Clearing Contract Extension (Resolution 26-7-1), Extension of the 2023-2026 Construction Contract (Resolution 26-7-2) and Fleet Purchase (Resolution 26-7-3).
Dakota County Fair Representative		Chair Bakken noted a designee for the Dakota County Fair auction would need to be determined.
	✓	A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to appoint Director Hoeft as the designee with no changes to the previous auction budget.
Virtual Attendance at Board Meetings		Chair Bakken shared context around the addition of this agenda topic. Chair Bakken called upon Nicole McEathron, Director of Executive Services, and Attorney Sara McGrane to provide additional context and research findings. Discussion took place around options, policy implications and next steps.
Election Follow-up		CEO Hentges shared an update on the revisions made to Policy 4.6. Discussion took place around additional revisions and next steps. CEO Hentges outlined the possible use of the MyDEA portal in the election process. Discussion took place around communication and next steps.
Delegate Meeting		Chair Bakken asked for volunteers to serve as the delegate at the upcoming NRECA Regional Meeting.
	✓	A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to appoint Director DeYoe as the delegate and Director Schreiner as the alternate.
Executive Session	✓	A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to move into a closed executive session at 12:30 p.m.
		John Berge, Grid Modernization Manager, provided an overview of the New ERA Grant.

		The Board agreed to move into regular session at 1:27 p.m.
Technology Future Direction		Mjyke Nelson, VP of Information Services, provided an update on the past, present and future state of technology at the cooperative including strengths, gaps and risks. Greg Glasson, Information System Project Manager, continued by sharing an overview of the Fiber Ring project. Angie Remer, Development Operations Direction, concluded by providing an overview of the Grid Horizon project. Discussion took place around training, dig-ins, budget implications and system upgrades. Director Middlecamp exited and rejoined the meeting virtually at 1:45 p.m.
Great River Energy Report		Directors Middlecamp and Schreiner provided a Great River Energy update in addition to the written report, including legislative updates, Committee work and strategic planning.
MREA Report		Director Jones provided an overview of the work and priorities of MREA, including strategic planning efforts and updates from other recent 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 2:40 p.m. Attorney Sara McGrane conducted annual fiduciary duties training.
Adjournment	✓	A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn at 2:51 p.m.