

Utilities District of Western Indiana REMC  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Minutes for July 22, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Utilities District of Western Indiana Rural Electric Membership Corporation met at the office of the corporation, Bloomfield, Indiana, at 6:30 p.m. on July 22, 2024.

President W. Edward Cullison called the regular session meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Williams gave the invocation.

The following directors reported present:

Todd Carpenter	W. Edward Cullison	Shawn Dugan
Melinda Hendrix (7:10 p.m.)	David Kirkling	Terry McDaniel
Michael Williams		

Others present were CEO Doug Childs; COO Shane Smith; CFO Michael Sullivan; Office Manager Lydia Campbell; Dispatch Manager Britt Miller; and member Richard Nichols.

Mr. Cullison called for additions or corrections to the meeting agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Carpenter made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Dugan seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Cullison also called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 24, 2024, regular session board meeting. Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Kirkling seconded, and the motion carried.

For the Board Education Series, Ms. Miller and Mr. Smith gave a presentation on responses and lessons learned from the recent storm with no name.

She provided statistics of the storm. Wind gusts were up to 78 mph. A Category 1 hurricane ranges from 74-95 mph. Disasters were declared by local EMA in Vigo, Clay, Owen, and Monroe counties.

Approximately 80,000 people were without power in the area including members from WIN Energy REMC, UDWI REMC, SCI REMC, as well as surrounding towns of Terre Haute, Spencer, Ellettsville, and Bloomington. Some preliminary statistics showed 116 broken poles, 117 downed lines, and over 10,000 UDWI REMC meters without power. UDWI utilized all available linemen for restoration efforts. Many contractor crews were called on to assist as well. Mutual Aid from seven separate cooperatives was received and appreciated immensely.

Crafted Communications continues to assist with both traditional and social media communications.

An overview of recent projects was provided by their team.

Ms. Campbell played a video for the Board, a thank you to the members for their patience and understanding during storm restoration efforts.

Mr. Sullivan presented the cooperative monthly/quarterly financial reports.

In the Statement of Cash Flows, Receipts from Operating Activities total \$1.2 million due to increasing prepayments to Hoosier Energy using loan proceeds. General Plant Fixed Asset Purchases reflected the purchase of the new forklift. The ending cash balance was \$1.8 million.

The Balance Sheet showed a change in long-term debt as current installments were up \$1.2 million due to payments made in 2023. Equity percentages steadily increased to 73% from the last time funds were borrowed from CFC in 2015.

The 2024 Second Quarter Capital Budget was reviewed.

New construction budgets are completely member-driver. Pole replacements were up to \$226,000 through June due to the major storm. Construction work plan projects continue to increase. Vehicle purchases reflect the track machine and forklift expenditures.

The 2024 Second Quarter Variance Report was also reviewed.

Revenue was 0.6% over budget as the weather was average this year. Contractor fees were over budget due to the technology plan completion in 2023 but not billed until May 2024. Software support agreements were up due to added functionality to enterprise software. Tree trimming contractor fees were under budget as less was spent on mowing. Vehicle maintenance costs increased as a direct result of operations department unproductive time (rain/snow days) charged to the category. Total margins were within \$1,500 of 2023 totals.

The Financial Highlights report showed kWh sales trends over the last five years, with June 2024 the highest. The YTD revenue trend is directly driven by the Hoosier Energy power cost tracker.

Mr. Smith and Ms. Miller presented the operations department reports.

From the Operations and Engineering Report, Austin Pitts was promoted to the 2<sup>nd</sup>-year position. Line Superintendent Jared Pyne is reviewing resumes for a fifth apprentice and will be holding skills tests soon for potential candidates. Four linemen are set to retire over the course of the next two years.

The Outage Dashboard reflects the major storm in June.

The Vegetation Management report showed 31.9% production above target for line clearance, down from last month. Due to the storm, crews lost two full weeks of clearing work.

Mr. Childs presented the Manager's Reports.

He reported on HHM business. The Board of Directors met on July 17, 2024.

The June 2024 Hoosier Energy invoice was available for review.

He shared information on cyber intrusion trends. The report showed the attacks were focused mainly on small utility companies and local businesses, as most would not have substantial protection.

NRECA will hold the Regions 1 and 4 Meeting of the Members in Grand Rapids, MI on September 5-6, 2024 respectively. Each cooperative may participate in the director election. The voting delegate certification and credentialing form allows UDWI REMC directors and employees to vote for NRECA representatives. In 2023, Mr. Dugan was elected to be the official voting delegate. We will not have attendees this year, so it was suggested to retain the current voting delegate status. Ms. Campbell will return the proper documentation to NRECA to reflect the decision.

Mr. Childs shared notes of appreciation and thanks from members, most related to the recent storms. He also shared appreciation letters sent to the CEO of each co-op that provided mutual aid.

Mr. Cullison called for individual Director Committee reports.

Ms. Hendrix gave an update on the upcoming Community Fund Committee meeting held on June 26, 2024. The committee reviewed and approved 12 of 19 applications for a total amount awarded of \$17,450.00. Vice Chairperson Kenneth Thompson chose to step down from the committee. The trustee and officer seats are now vacant. Ms. Hendrix requested permission from the Board to present the open trustee seat to member Megan King of Springville. Ms. Hendrix made a motion to approve, Mr. Williams seconded, the motion carried.

District 2 Director Todd Carpenter reported on updates and events at Hoosier Energy.

The Board of Directors met on July 8, 2024.

Treasurer Michael Williams reported on updates and events at Indiana Electric Cooperative (IEC).

The Board of Directors met on June 28, 2024.

Mr. Cullison offered reminders for upcoming trainings and meetings.

The next three UDWI REMC board meetings were approved and scheduled for August 26, 2024, September 23, 2024, and October 28, 2024.

IEC will be hosting another Directors' Retreat. This year it is scheduled for July 26-27, 2024, at the French Lick Conference Center. Five directors will be attending this year.

The IEC Region 6 meeting will be held on August 6, 2024, at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant. Mr. Childs, Mr. Cullison, and Mr. McDaniel will attend.

The Electrify Indiana conference will be held on August 25-26, 2024 at the Westin Indianapolis. Representatives from UDWI will not be attending.

With no further business presented, Mr. Cullison adjourned the regular session meeting at 8:11 p.m. to convene into an executive session. The session included Mr. Childs, Mr. Smith, Mr. Sullivan, IT Manager Keith Burger and all directors in attendance. Mr. Cullison officially adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

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W. Edward Cullison, President

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Shawn Dugan, Secretary