

Utilities District of Western Indiana REMC
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
December 16, 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.

Vice President Melinda Hendrix called the regular session meeting to order.

Mr. McDaniel gave the invocation.

The following directors reported present:

Todd Carpenter	Melinda Hendrix	David Kirkling	Terry McDaniel
Michael Williams (arrive 7:00 pm)			

Others present were CEO Doug Childs; COO Shane Smith; CFO Michael Sullivan; Accounting Manager Miranda Hostetter; Office Manager Lydia Campbell; Dispatch Manager Britt Miller; Amanda Craft of Crafted Communications (virtual); and member Richard Nichols.

Ms. Hendrix called for a motion to excuse the absences of Mr. Dugan and Mr. Cullison. Mr. Kirkling made the motion, Mr. McDaniel seconded, and the motion carried.

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

Ms. Hendrix also called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 25, 2024, regular session board meeting. Mr. McDaniel made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Kirkling seconded, and the motion carried.

Crafted Communications continues to assist with both traditional and social media communications. An overview of recent projects was reviewed. They continue to collaborate with Hoosier Energy on awareness ad campaigns. They created a safety flyer for HHM and are working with UDWI staff to add a safety page to the Member Handbook.

For the Board Education Series, Mr. Smith gave a presentation on 2024 Statistics: Telling Stories with Numbers. He provided stats on total staking appointments, new construction, fiber optic growth updates, specific outage information, collections management progress, safety and training hours, and IT security.

Mr. Sullivan also stated that the Statement of Cash Flows and Financial Highlights reports stood as previously presented.

He reported on member account write-offs (compiled bi-annually) for uncollected member final bills for the dates of January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024. These amounts are uncollectible due to member disconnection requests, non-pay disconnections, bankruptcy, and/or death. The collections department made multiple contact attempts with no success on all the accounts. Mr. Sullivan asked for approval to write off thirty-seven (37) accounts totaling \$14,353.30. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the write-off of the presented amount. Mr. McDaniel seconded the vote and all approved. The motion carried.

Also presented for Board approval, other accounts receivable invoices for uncollected monies due the cooperative from public vehicle accidents resulting in destruction of UDWI REMC property. Mr. Sullivan asked for approval to write off three (3) invoices from June 2022 and August 2022 totaling \$7,345.53. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the write-off of the presented amount. Mr. Carpenter seconded the vote and all approved. The motion carried.

The quarterly Appendix A Rate Adjustment Schedule was presented for approval by the Board. The appendix shows the PCA Tracker rate for member billings effective from January 1, 2025, through March 31, 2025. The new rate calculation is \$.01466 per kWh, a noticeable decrease from the previous quarter. Mr. Carpenter made a motion to accept and approve the new rate. Mr. McDaniel seconded the motion, and the motion was carried out.

Mr. Smith presented the operations department reports. From the Operations and Engineering Report, he highlighted a few items. Kerry Dyer was hired two weeks ago as a Field Technician. Also, Accounting Manager Miranda Hostetter and Dispatch Manager Britt Miller graduated from the Hoosier Energy Executive Leadership Program.

Lastly, he stated that the Outage Dashboard and Vegetation Management reports stood as previously presented.

Mr. Childs presented the Manager's Reports. He reported on HHM business. The Board of Directors will meet on December 18, 2024.

The November 2024 Hoosier Energy invoice was available for review.

Mr. Hendrix called for individual Director Committee reports. The Community Fund Committee met on December 4, 2024. They reviewed 12 applications and chose to award a total of \$20,465.00 to eligible organizations.

District 2 Director Todd Carpenter reported on updates and events at Hoosier Energy. The Board of Directors met on December 16, 2024.

Treasurer Michael Williams reported on updates and events at Indiana Electric Cooperative (IEC). The Board of Directors met at the call of the President in November. Mr. Childs and Mr. Williams attended the 2024 IEC Annual Meeting on December 9-10, 2024.

Ms. Hendrix offered reminders for upcoming training and meetings.

The next three UDWI REMC board meetings were approved and scheduled for January 27, 2025, February 24, 2025, and March 24, 2025.

The UDWI REMC & HHM, LLC. Employee Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for December 23, 2024, to be held at the Greene County Community Event Center (4-H building) at 11:30 a.m.

Hoosier Energy CEO Donna Walker, along with Rob Horton, will attend the January meeting of the UDWI REMC Board of Directors.

With no further business presented, Ms. Hendrix adjourned the regular session meeting at 7:39 p.m. to convene into an executive session. The session included Mr. Childs and all directors in attendance. Ms. Hendrix officially adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

Michael Williams, Treasurer

Shawn Dugan, Secretary