

WHETSTONE VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, April 23, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Thursday, April, 23, 2026 commencing at 8:35 AM at the Whetstone Valley Electric Headquarters.

The meeting was called to order by President, Joel Adler who presided and Director , Wayne Jarman, acted as Secretary.

Directors Present: Joel Adler, Scott Niedert, Krista Atyeo-Gortmaker, Dave Behrns, Wayne Jarman,

Directors Absent: Matt Cameron, Paul Tostenson, Tom Berens, Paul Nelson,

Staff Present: Page, Christensen, Anderson

Others Present: Ashten Dewald, Star Energy, Work Plan Presentation

Review and Consideration of Agenda

- A motion and second was made to approve the agenda . The motion passed.

Review and Consideration of Minutes

- A motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 19, 2026 was seconded and carried.

Review and Consideration of estate and special capital credit retirements:

- A motion to approve the estate and special capital credit retirements was seconded and carried.

General Reports

The Board reviewed and discussed general reports including the Loss Control Report, Check Listing, Credit Card statement, Cash Flow, Cybersecurity Summary, and Capitalized Construction Work Orders.

General Manager Report

General Manager Page provided a written and oral report including. He reported that first quarter sales reached 28.5 million kWh, trailing both budget and prior year levels by about 2%. Page discussed lower than expected revenue due to an issue identified in the recent rate adjustment. He noted the discrepancy has been corrected, with the associated shortfall to be addressed in a future rate update.

Page also reviewed updated load forecasts from East River Electric. He further discussed Basin Electric's first quarter financial performance and key factors influencing margins.

Additional updates were provided on recent personnel changes within the cooperative, progress on the motel property acquisition, and current state and federal legislative matters.

Management Reports

Operations Manager, Jon Christensen submitted a written report highlighting the activities of the operations department. Jon reported on current and upcoming construction activities. He discussed the East River Switchman training and the cable factory tour he attended. Jon reported on member service activities including, DER training, high bill complaints, and the load controller project. Jon then covered the financials and work that the Contracting department has been doing. He reported on personnel changes as well.

Office Manager, Bridget Anderson submitted a written report of the office services activities and financials. First quarter 2026 financial results show operating power sales were 5% below budget, with total sales down by 502,168 kWh, while power costs remained on target. Operating and maintenance expenses came in 3% under budget, because several planned costs have not yet occurred and are expected later in the year. Customer and sales expenses were also below budget due to an unfilled staff position, while administrative expenses remained in line with projections. Despite lower expenses, operating margins were 28% under budget because of reduced revenue. Management also reviewed the possibility of capitalizing interest on projects but determined the limited financial benefit would not outweigh the added administrative complexity for WVEC.

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Reports:

East River Behrns reported on activities of East River. He provided updates on new employees, new construction, CoBank capital credits, and construction of a backup operations center.

SDREA Atyeo-Gortmaker reported on SDREA activities including highlights from NRECA initiatives, the new Loss Control Manager, recent legislative developments, and Youth Tour excursions.

Other Business and Action Items:

- Ashten Dewald, Engineer with Star Energy and Operations Manager, Christensen presented the 2027-2030 Construction Work Plan. The work plan includes non-site-specific projects such as new services, transformers, poles and service upgrades as well as site-specific projects such as line upgrades and replacements of line and sectionalizing equipment. The total estimated work plan cost is \$10,222,225 or \$2.556M per year.
- A motion to approve the 2024-2030 Construction Work Plan as presented was seconded and carried.

- A motion to approve the donation of \$4,000 to Building Our Families and request matching funds from the CoBank Sharing Success program was seconded and carried.
- A motion to approve the donation of \$3,000 to the Grant County Veterans Food Fund and request matching funds from the CoBank Sharing Success program was seconded and carried.
- A motion to approve the donation of \$3,000 to the Roberts County Veterans Food Fund and request matching funds from the CoBank Sharing Success program was seconded and carried.

- The Board viewed the Governance Video regarding the Director's role in Grassroots initiatives.
- The Board reviewed upcoming events and meetings.

Executive Session:

At 11:40 AM a motion to enter executive session was seconded and carried.

At 12:23 PM a motion to exit executive session was seconded and carried.

Resolution for Next Regular Board Meeting:

- The next regular board meeting was set for Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 8:00 AM at the Cooperative Headquarters .

Adjournment:

- A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried.

President

Secretary