

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OZARK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
February 27, 2026

Opening

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ozark Electric Cooperative was held February 27, 2026, at the Cooperative's office in Mount Vernon, Missouri. The meeting was called to order by President, Steve Stone. The invocation was given by Ryan Post. Steve Stone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors

Board Members present: Wendall Bolin, Daren Bowles (Remote),

Present

O.D. Cope, Kolby Kallweit, Scott Mahaffey, Ryan Post, Misty Skinner, and Steve Stone. Mitch Sims was absent due to a medical excuse until April 1.

Others  
Present

Included were Patrick Oehlschlager, General Manager; Tori Morris, Chief Financial Officer; Steve Swearingen, Manager of Operations; Holly Hodgson, Manager of Billing Services; Jon Davis, Manager of Member Services; Ken Raming, Manager of Engineering; Logan Haden, Assistant Manager of Engineering; Shawn Battagler, Legal Counsel; and Julie Marquis, who recorded the minutes of the meeting.

January  
Reports

There were no corrections to the minutes of the January 2026 board meeting.

The Finance Committee minutes was presented by Tori Morris. There were no corrections.

Staff  
Reports

1. Tori Morris, CFO, presented the Operating report for January. She also gave her annual Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) review.
2. Jon, Manager of Member Services, began his presentation by updating on the approval of a REDLG grant. He summarized the CO-OP 101 held on February 9. Jon reviewed the AECI 2025-2026 Satisfaction Survey results. He finished his presentation with calendar and communications updates.
3. The three directors who attended the legislative conference spoke about their experiences at the Capital. Misty Skinner, Kolby Kallweit, and Wendall Bolin all had positive experiences. Kolby stated: Watching relationships build influence build results was incredible to watch. Seeing how Patrick has those relationships that extend beyond Ozark Electric was incredible to watch.
4. Ken Raming, Manager of Engineering, presented the 2026-2027 Construction Work Plan. A motion was made and second to accept

the work plan as presented. On vote, the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
**OZARK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., AT**  
BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Ozark Electric Cooperative, Inc., has reviewed the 2026-2027 Construction Work Plan completed by Kenneth M. Raming, P.E. of Ozark Electric Cooperative, Inc. The 2026-2027 Construction Work Plan is designed to serve 36,548 members with a projected summer peak demand of 182.9 MW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Ozark Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby approves and adopts the 2026-2027 Construction Work Plan as the guide for financial forecasts and distribution capital expenditures through the 2026-2027 Construction Work Plan period.

5. Billing, Operations, Engineering, and Member Services had departmental training from NISC. Each manager gave a summary of what was covered for their departments and how they tie together.
6. Holly Hodgson, Billing Services Manager, started with disconnects. They started the letters in August and have moved 43 members to Prepay, and 39 members are still active. She went on to review her monthly numbers of remote disconnects, write-offs, calls, and prepay disconnects.

Lunch Break 12:15-12:45

7. Steve Swearingen, Manager of Operations, reported on the ROW progress. They are doing well. While talking about ROW, he talked about TGR that is an annual contract. He reviewed the negotiations and introduced the resolution. This is cost savings to the Co-Op. A motion was made to accept the proposal as recommended. The motion was seconded and on vote the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
**OZARK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., AT**  
BOARD MEETING OF February 27, 2026

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Ozark Electric Cooperative, Inc., has received a proposal for the 2026 Right of Way Tree Growth Regulator (TGR) (MO-30-26-ROW-TGR) and hereby accepts and approves the proposal of Kenny Singer Construction. The amount is based on the projects assigned by the Cooperative with a not to exceed amount of \$100,000.00. Work to be completed by December 31, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and Secretary have been authorized, directed, and empowered for and on behalf and in the name of the Cooperative to execute a Contract with Kenny Singer Construction to be referred to as the MO-30-26-ROW-TGR 2026 Right of Way Tree Growth Regulator (TGR), all in accordance with the form of contract submitted to this meeting.

8. Steve went on reviewing KIOWA pole change out. They are making great progress. He informed the board about an automobile accident near Clever. The accident resulted in a contact incident. There was an investigation and all the necessary reports were made. The person refused to go to the hospital at the time.
9. He continued with introducing a new office constructed for the warehouse out in the warehouse to utilize the office space inside the main building. And he presented the Safety Meeting minutes dated February 12, 2026.
10. Patrick Oehlschlager started the General Manager's Report with his calendar and what meetings he has attended recently. He asked for

thoughts on biofuel. And he went into Spring training talks and what to look for in email.

11. He continued his presentation in executive session.

Executive session ended at approximately 2:20 p.m.

KAMO Update Steve Stone presented the KAMO Board Summary.

Legal Update Shawn reported in Executive session.

Adjournment There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made and seconded that the meeting adjourns. On vote, the meeting adjourned.

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President

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Secretary