

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OZARK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
March 27, 2026

Opening

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

Directors Present

Board Members present: Wendall Bolin, Daren Bowles, O.D. Cope, Kolby Kallweit, Scott Mahaffey, Ryan Post, Mitch Sims, Misty Skinner, and Steve Stone.

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; and Shawn Battagler, Legal Counsel who recorded the minutes of the meeting.

February Reports

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

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

NRECA Power Exchange

Board members who attended the NRECA Power Exchange Reported on the event and educational and informational presentations they attended.

CFC Power Vision Loan

Tori Morris, CFO, presented information on the CFC Power Vision Loan. On motion made, seconded and passed, the board passed a Resolution to approve the loan. A copy of the resolution will be attached to the minutes as approved.

Staff Reports

1. Tori Morris presented the Operating report for February.
2. Steve Swearingen, Manager of Operations, reported on operations including: work being done by KIOWA; vegetation management; spray bids; AMEC line superintendent and engineers meeting; safety meeting; and safety committee meeting.

**Spray Contract Award** – On motion made, seconded, and passed, the board approved awarding a spray contract to Progressive as presented.

3. Drew Meier joined the meeting to show the board and explain how the linemen use wearable specialized voltage detectors. Following his presentation Drew left the meeting.
4. Logan Haden gave an engineering report. He discussed: construction work plan prioritization; projects in progress; new subdivision design; and the upcoming net metering report.
5. Holly Hodgson, Billing Services Manager, reported on the following: unclaimed capital credits; landlord communications; and NISC training in April.

Anna Eley and Jennafer Mayfield joined the meeting.

6. Jon Davis, Manager of Member Services, and Jennafer Mayfield reported on Annual Meeting plans.

[Following their report, Jennafer left the meeting.]

7. Anna Eley gave a presentation on a REDL&G grant proposal related to a project at the Hootentown Access.

**Approval of REDL&G Application** – On motion made, seconded and passed unanimously, the board approved proceeding with application to the USDA for a \$300,000 REDL&G grant for the project.

8. Jon Davis, Manager of Member Services, reported on the following: director nominations; unclaimed capital credit communications; OEC Community Trust Operation Round-Up program; member concerns regarding easement and right-of-way matters; and lineworker appreciation.

**Creation of the Ozark Electric Cooperative Community Trust** – On motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously, the board approved the creation of the Ozark Electric Cooperative Community Trust.

9. Patrick Oehlschlager gave the General Manager’s Report discussing: updates on Fiocchi,; Nelson Mill substation; discussions with the City of Willard; MECIP; and the new Scooters project on Republic Road.

10. He continued his presentation in executive session.

Following Executive Session, the board returned to regular session.

KAMO Update Steve Stone presented the KAMO Board Summary.

Legal Update Shawn Battagler, outside general counsel, 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