

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OZARK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
November 21, 2025

Opening The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ozark Electric Cooperative was held November 21, 2025, at the Cooperative's office in Mount Vernon, Missouri. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Stone. Invocation was given by Patrick Oehlschlager. Steve Stone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Others Present 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; Shawn Battagler, Legal Counsel; Joshua Gregg, IT.

October Reports There were no corrections to the minutes of October 2025 board meeting.

The operating reports for October 2025 were presented and reviewed by Tori Morris.

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

2026 Budget and Rates The proposed 2026 Budget and Finance committee recommendation for no rate structure changes were reviewed. A motion was made to maintain the current rate schedule and blend of kWh, kW, and facilities fee. The motion was seconded; Following discussion; a roll call vote: Ryan Post- Yes; O.D. Cope- Yes; Kolby Kallweit- Yes; Misty Skinner- Yes; Mitch Sims- No; Scott Mahaffey- Yes; Wendall Bolin- Yes; Darren Bowles- Yes; Steve Stone- Yes, the proposed 2026 Rate Schedule was approved as presented.

November Special Board Meeting There were no corrections to the Special Board Meeting of November 3, 2025.

Staff Reports

1. Ken Raming, manager of Engineering, discussed the lake crossing projects, Fiocci expansion project, and the wildfire mitigation plan. The Board approved the wildfire mitigation plan with the following resolution:

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
OZARK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., AT
BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Ozark Electric Cooperative, Inc., has received proposals for the Bridgeport and Buttermilk Springs Lake Crossings Contract (MO30-BCBSC.2510.PC) and hereby accepts and approves the proposal of Kilian Power, LLC. The

Contract amount for Labor and Owner Furnished Materials is not to exceed \$ 759,514.67.
Work is to be completed by January 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 Kilian Power, LLC to be referred to as the Bridgeport and Buttermilk Springs Lake Crossings Contract (MO30-BCBSC.2510.PC) and hereby accepts and approves the proposal all in accordance with the form of contract submitted to this meeting.

- 2. Steve Swaeringen, Manager of Operations presented his budgetary overview.
- 3. Steve presented the Safety Meeting minutes from November 20.
- 4. Joshua Gregg gave an IT update. He informed the board of plans to improve security services.
- 5. Jon Davis, Manager of Member Services, discussed the Co-Op 101 set for December 8.
- 6. Jon discussed the upcoming Legislative Conference in February and presented the schedule for any Board members interested in attending.
- 7. Jon discussed Operation Round-Up and reviewed the monthly communications.
- 8. Anna Eley presented an update on the Marabella project and REDL&G procedures.
- 9. Holly Hodgson, Billing Services Manager, reviewed the capital credits and abatements process, billing calls, prepay disconnects, remote disconnects and the write-offs through 2025.

<u>Manager’s Report</u>	Patrick Oehlschlager presented the General Manager’s Report.
<u>KAMO Update</u>	Steve Stone presented the KAMO Report.
<u>Region 8 Report</u>	Those who attended the Region 8 meeting reported on their attendance.
<u>Legal Update</u>	Shawn Battagler gave a legal update.
<u>Adjournment</u>	There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion was made and seconded that the meeting adjourns. On vote, the meeting adjourned.

_____ President	_____ Secretary
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