

WHITE RIVER VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

August 19, 2025

The regular meeting of the White River Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, beginning at 10:56 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Neal Crum and roll call was taken. The following Directors were present:

Neal Crum	President
Lyle Rowland	Vice-President
Jim Kyle	Secretary/Treasurer
Jim Britt	
Jim Burns	
John Cooper	
Joey Glenn	
Jeff Hyatt	
Jenny Whorton	

Said persons, being the Board of Directors of the White River Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., with those attending present in-person, establishing quorum. The following persons were also in attendance:

Chris Hamon	CEO, White River Valley Electric Coop.
Beau Jackson	CEO, White River Fiber/Connect
Christiaan Horton	Legal Counsel
Angie O'Dell	VP/Chief Administration Officer
Tim Shafer	VP/Chief Financial Officer
John Combs	VP/Chief Operations Officer
Rick Johnson	VP/Chief Engineering Officer
JC Zalog	VP/Chief Technology Officer
Cassie Cunningham	VP/Chief Growth Officer
Ryan Hill	Manager of Procurement

Consent Agenda Items:

The following items were approved under the consent agenda:

- August Board Meeting Agenda
- July Board Meeting Minutes

Committee Reports

Director Jeff Hyatt, Chair of the Finance and Equity Management Committee, announced that the next Committee meeting is scheduled for September 23rd. He noted that all Directors are encouraged to attend, as the 2026 Budget will be reviewed during this session.

Director Lyle Rowland, Chair of the Bylaw, Governance, and Member Engagement Committee, stated that the Committee has not met recently and therefore has no report at this time.

Officer Reports

President Crum requested the submission of reports. There were no Officer reports or Member

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Alliance Program submissions.

Executive Reports

Several departmental reports were shared, representing Finance, Growth, Operations, IT, Engineering, and Administration. Key points covered included an overview of July's WRVEC and consolidated financials, initiatives to track procurement savings, reductions in safety stock, improvements in material relocation and reordering lead times, as well as updates on solar and EV charging credits. Ongoing economic development efforts, preparations for the Annual Meeting, IT system maintenance, upgrades to security cameras and entrances, cybersecurity monitoring, vendor confidentiality agreements, right-of-way quality control, fleet management progress, reliability metrics, Smart Grid Technology roadmap developments, WRVEC Family Day, and upcoming meetings were also highlighted.

During the Engineering Officer's report, Vice President Johnson requested Board approval to secure a surety payment bond related to the Cooperative's performance of contractual obligations for the City of Branson Hwy 76 Project. A motion was made to authorize obtaining the surety bond and to also authorize the Cooperative's CEO and his designees to execute those documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution. The motion received a proper second and was approved. #08-19-2025-001

Vice President Chief Administration Officer Angie O'Dell stated that the date for the November Board Meeting needed to be changed because of scheduling conflicts. O'Dell proposed Tuesday, November 25th as the new meeting date, and the Board approved this change. #08-19-2025-002

CEO Hamon delivered his report to the Board.

Other Reports given to the Board:

- Sho-Me Report
- KAMO Report
- Legal Report

As this was Director Jenny Whorton's final official board meeting, President Neal Crum and others in attendance acknowledged Whorton's period of service and expressed appreciation for her work representing the Cooperative's membership. Her participation over the years contributed to the board's activities. Throughout her tenure, Whorton was recognized for her thoughtful leadership, steadfast commitment to the Cooperative's mission, and her ability to guide the board through both challenges and successes. She championed member engagement initiatives and fostered a collaborative spirit among colleagues, leaving a legacy that will positively influence the Cooperative for years to come.

An Executive Session began at 12:34 p.m. with President Crum, the Board, and Attorney Horton in attendance. The session focused on confidential personnel topics. It ended at 1:30 p.m.

The White River Valley Electric Board of Directors is scheduled to conduct its Reorganizational meeting on Friday, August 22, 2025, following the adjournment of the WRVEC Annual Meeting.

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35p.m.