

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MENARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
PETERSBURG, ILLINOIS
MARCH 25, 2025

The monthly Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of Menard Electric Cooperative was called to order at 8:00 A.M. at the Headquarters of the Cooperative, 14300 State Highway 97, Petersburg, County of Menard and State of Illinois.

On roll call the following Directors were present: President Warren D. Goetsch, Directors D. Jay Frye, Gary Holloway, Gary L. Martin, Rex Muir, Jr., Michael E. Patrick, Dennis Ryan, Jodine Tate, and Steve L. Worner. Also present were Operations Manager Dalton Whitley, Engineering Manager Brady Smith, Director of Finance & Accounting Julie Atwater, General Manager Alisha Anker and Attorneys Charles K. Smith and Kyle Barry.

The Agenda of the meeting was read. Thereafter, with President Goetsch presiding and with these minutes being transcribed by or under the direction of Secretary Patrick, the following procedures were had (all action being first duly moved and seconded, and all action taken being upon the unanimous vote of the Board, or without dissenting vote or abstention, unless otherwise stated).

President Goetsch reviewed the Consensus Agenda. It was moved and seconded the Consensus Agenda be approved. Motion carried.

Operations Manager Whitley and Engineering Manager Smith reviewed the 2025 Electric System Construction Contract, as well as the 2025 Power Line Right of Way Clearance and Vegetation Management Contract. They advised that The L.E. Meyers Company had provided the low bid for the construction contract and that Asplundh provided the low bid for the right-of-way clearance contract. It was moved and seconded that the Board adopt management's recommendations to approve and award the Electric System Construction Contract, as well as the Power Line Right of Way Clearance and Vegetation Management Contract, on the terms as discussed and set forth. Motion carried.

Dalton Whitley left the Board room.

Engineering Manager Smith reviewed the 2025 Load Forecast Study to be used during development of the RUS Construction Work Plan 2026-2029. He discussed the expectations for weather, population and other demographics data which drive the expected energy and system capacity requirements of the Cooperative system. It was moved and seconded that the Board adopt management's recommendations and approve the Load Forecast Study. Motion carried.

Brady Smith and Julie Atwater left the Board room.

General Manager Anker discussed the PPI Load Modifying Resource (LMR) Service Agreement for PY2025-26. After review, it was moved and seconded that the PPI Load Modifying Resource (LMR) Service Agreement for PY2025-26 be approved. Motion carried.

General Manager Anker presented the Manager's Report. She reviewed the Operating Statement, Balance Sheet and Budget. General Manager Anker presented the Member Services Report, past due notices, generated cut-off tickets and write-offs. She reviewed the Operations Report and Reliability Report for the Month and advised there were 18 outage incidents, the longest duration of an outage was 151 minutes (wind storm), and the largest number of Members affected by a single outage was 1,155 (transmission outage). She presented the Irrigation Report, Safety Report and the Insurance Claim Report. She discussed the contents of the April Connect Newsletter. She provided an update with regard to a proposed Solar Farm in Mason County. It was moved and seconded that the Manager's Report be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Director Frye reported on the status of plans for the 2025 Annual Meeting.

President Goetsch reported on AIEC and NRECA Activities. Directors Patrick and Holloway were certified as primary and alternate voting delegates, respectively, to the 2025 AIEC Annual Meeting. President Goetsch was elected as MEC's Director for the AIEC Board of Directors and Director Worner was elected as MEC's Alternate Director to serve on the AIEC Board of Directors, effective August 2025.

Director Martin reported on Prairie Power, Inc. He reviewed the President's Report and the Energy Charge Summary.

General Manager Anker presented the Capital Credit Estates Refund Report.

It was moved and seconded that the Board enter into Executive Session. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Board reconvene the monthly Board Meeting. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded that the Board ratify all actions taken in Executive Session. Motion carried.

President Goetsch advised the next regular Board Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Under Other Business, President Goetsch discussed the CoBank Central Regional Meeting on March 27-28, 2025, IL Electric Co-op Lobby Day scheduled for April 10, 2025, and the NRECA Legislative Conference scheduled for April 27-30, 2025.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved and seconded the Meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President

MENARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

MONTHLY OPERATING REPORT

	Year to Date			February 2025		This Month		
	Last Year	This Year	Budget	Variance	Last Year	This Year	Budget	Variance
1. Operating Revenue	4,616,443	4,908,966	4,463,575	445,391	2,006,712	2,260,189	2,033,453	226,736
kWhr Sold	28,155,673	27,471,456	24,191,023	3,280,433	12,045,173	12,326,593	10,997,217	1,329,376
2. Cost of Power	449,653	1,143,849	1,181,297	37,448	449,180	1,143,220	1,174,326	31,106
kWhr Purchased	30,558,066	29,788,186	26,464,902	(3,323,284)	13,106,157	13,409,976	12,032,931	(1,377,045)
3. Operation Expense	420,149	517,694	427,066	(90,628)	185,416	230,160	202,956	(27,204)
4. Maintenance Expense	417,258	480,460	519,574	39,114	163,853	263,902	248,137	(15,765)
5. Consumer Accounts & Coll. Exp.	95,850	143,498	110,260	(33,238)	46,207	62,458	50,404	(12,054)
6. Member Service Expense	55,821	52,141	64,008	11,867	26,783	19,224	30,750	11,526
7. General Office Expense	101,234	107,303	147,114	39,811	45,692	46,691	68,077	21,386
8. Outside Professional Services	10,519	4,033	8,134	4,101	7,532	488	3,667	3,179
9. Insurance, Employee & Welfare	10,687	3,276	3,720	444	10,586	5,531	1,860	(3,671)
10. Director's Fee & Mileage	16,010	15,995	24,569	8,574	8,904	8,960	7,170	(1,790)
11. Dues - Assoc. Organizations	23,167	22,488	22,490	2	11,583	11,244	11,245	1
12. Other Misc. General Expense	62,578	29,253	46,711	17,458	32,129	16,154	22,343	6,189
13. Depreciation Expense	461,946	482,039	485,881	3,842	231,258	241,408	243,250	1,842
14. Tax Expense - Property	55,850	60,840	60,840	0	27,925	30,420	30,420	0
15. Tax Expense - Other	3,714	3,917	3,691	(226)	1,637	1,802	1,687	(115)
16. Interest Expense on L-T Debt	245,006	278,550	274,007	(4,543)	119,456	140,117	135,428	(4,689)
17. Total Expense less Power	1,979,789	2,201,487	2,198,065	(3,422)	918,961	1,078,560	1,057,394	(21,166)
17a. Total Operating Cost	2,429,442	3,345,336	3,379,362	34,026	1,368,141	2,221,780	2,231,720	9,940
18. Operating Margins	2,187,001	1,563,630	1,084,213	479,417	638,571	38,408	(198,267)	236,675
19. Non-Operating Margins	10,644	4,677	4,407	270	4,932	1,776	2,073	(297)
20. G & T Capital Credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21. Other Capital Credits	0	0	3,000	(3,000)	0	0	0	0
22. Total Margins	2,197,645	1,568,307	1,091,620	476,687	643,503	40,185	(196,194)	236,379

Balance Sheet Analysis

Menard Electric Coop

2/28/2024 - 2/28/2025

20-Mar-25

	Prior Yr Balance 2/28/2024	Current Yr Balance 2/28/2025	End of Yr Balance 12/31/2024	Change YTD
ASSETS:				
Utility Plant in Service	88,942,847	92,380,500	91,761,758	618,742
Construction Work in Process	1,545,629	1,353,791	1,035,749	318,042
Total Utility Plant in Service	90,488,476	93,734,291	92,797,507	936,784
Accumulated Depreciation	(24,656,667)	(25,531,236)	(25,244,550)	(286,686)
Net Utility Plant	65,831,809	68,203,055	67,552,957	650,098
Nonutility Property - Net				0
Inv.in Assoc.Org.-Pat.Cap.	15,584,656	16,761,374	16,761,374	0
Inv.in Assoc.Org.- General Funds	0	0	0	0
Inv.in Assoc.Org.-Non Gen Funds	680,032	680,070	680,070	0
Investments in Economic Dev. Projects	0	0	0	0
Other Investments	0	0	0	0
Special Funds	165,904	172,777	233,275	(60,498)
Total Other Prop. & Investments	16,430,592	17,614,221	17,674,719	(60,498)
Cash-General Funds	1,181,372	1,429,413	659,147	770,266
Cash-Constr.Fund Trustee	454	454	454	0
Special Deposits	3,653	4,073	3,602	471
Temporary Investments	0	0	0	0
Notes Receivable - Net	0	0	0	0
Accounts Receivable-Net-Energy	2,276,579	2,652,790	2,854,685	(201,895)
Accounts Receivable-Net-Other	2,708	(4,055)	3,561	(7,616)
Materials & Supplies	979,491	773,426	906,449	(133,023)
Prepayments	218,107	274,916	331,486	(56,570)
Other Current & Accrued Assets	13,193	13,106	9,784	3,322
Total Current & Accrued Assets	4,675,557	5,144,123	4,769,168	374,955
Regulatory Assets	149,076	248,757	259,573	(10,816)
Deferred Debits	1,128	0	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS	87,088,162	91,210,156	90,256,417	953,739
OWNER'S EQUITY:				
Memberships	338,620	346,195	344,995	1,200
Patronage Capital	28,596,284	30,073,364	30,098,573	(25,209)
Operating Margins-Prior Years	2,598,289	3,279,984	0	3,279,984
Operating Margins-Current Year	2,197,645	1,568,307	3,279,984	(1,711,677)
Non-Operating Margins	0	0	0	0
Other Margins & Equities	3,182,419	3,369,384	3,296,082	73,302
Total Margins & Equities	36,913,257	38,637,234	37,019,634	1,617,600
LIABILITIES:				
Long Term Debt-RUS	640,256	567,308	579,574	(12,266)
Long Term Debt Other - RUS Guar.	36,291,746	39,779,923	38,779,923	1,000,000
Long Term Debt - Other	8,811,696	7,977,370	8,129,794	(152,424)
Long Term Debt Other - Adv Payments	0	0	0	0
Total Long Term Debt	45,743,698	48,324,601	47,489,291	835,310
Accumulated Operating Provisions	862,377	1,013,174	1,044,747	(31,573)
Total Other Noncurrent Liabilities	862,377	1,013,174	1,044,747	(31,573)
Notes Payable	1,000,000	0	0	0
Accounts Payable	788,352	1,511,520	2,857,909	(1,346,389)
Deposits	230,842	232,217	232,883	(666)
Other Current & Accrued Liabilities	754,219	694,478	522,831	171,647
Total Current & Accrued Liabilities	2,773,413	2,438,215	3,613,623	(1,175,408)
Deferred Credits	795,417	796,932	1,089,122	(292,190)
Miscellaneous Operating Reserves				0
TOTAL LIAB.'S & OTHER CREDITS	87,088,162	91,210,156	90,256,417	953,739

MENARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

	This Month				
	February21	February22	February23	February24	February25
1. Operating Revenue	2,169,400	2,032,376	2,066,080	2,006,712	2,260,189
kWhr Sold	15,996,173	14,622,378	12,711,570	12,045,173	12,326,593
2. Cost of Power	1,418,588	956,259	1,497,574	449,180	1,143,220
kWhr Purchased	17,211,161	15,779,777	13,863,809	13,106,157	13,409,976
3. Operation Expense	120,112	165,833	149,699	185,416	230,160
4. Maintenance Expense	168,016	202,406	208,889	163,853	263,902
5. Consumer Accounts & Coll. Exp.	32,700	32,037	35,061	46,207	62,458
6. Member Service Expense	12,692	20,739	21,794	26,783	19,224
7. General Office Expense	57,620	63,481	30,323	45,692	46,691
8. Outside Professional Services	2,313	3,538	3,298	7,532	488
9. Insurance, Employee & Welfare	2,750	644	1,223	10,586	5,531
10. Director's Fee & Mileage	4,577	7,569	6,283	8,904	8,960
11. Dues - Assoc. Organizations	11,772	11,788	10,762	11,583	11,244
12. Other Misc. General Expense	26,492	29,153	16,889	32,129	16,154
13. Depreciation Expense	199,144	201,439	210,009	231,258	241,408
14. Tax Expense - Property	24,925	29,056	26,695	27,925	30,420
15. Tax Expense - Other	1,875	10,127	1,745	1,637	1,802
16. Interest Expense	94,006	90,072	104,080	119,456	140,117
17. Total Expense less Power	758,994	867,882	826,750	918,961	1,078,559
17a. Total Operating Cost	2,177,582	1,824,141	2,324,324	1,368,141	2,221,779
18. Operating Margins	(8,182)	208,235	(258,244)	638,571	38,410
19. Non-Operating Margins	2,571	16,253	4,135	4,932	1,776
20. G & T Capital Credits	0	0	0	0	0
21. Other Capital Credits	0	6,064	0	0	0
22. Total Margins	(5,611)	230,552	(254,109)	643,503	40,186