From the WCE boardroom

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors held Sept. 24, 2026.

A meeting of the board of directors of West Central Electric Cooperative was held at the offices of the cooperative in Higginsville, Mo. at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 24, 2026, pursuant to the bylaws of the cooperative and previous resolution of the board of directors. The meeting was called to order by President Densil Allen Jr. Attorney Sheri Smiley caused the minutes of the meeting to be kept. The following directors were present: Allen Jr., Clark Bredehoeft, Richard Strobel, Dale Jarman, Robert Simmons, Jeremy Ahmann, Elizabeth Houtsma, Stan Rhodes and Colby Dowell. Also present was General Manager Michael Newland.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved its consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting on Aug. 27, 2026; expenditures for the month of August 2026; new membership applications and membership terminations, and the treasurer's report.

FINANCING AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Newland presented the August 2026 operating report (RUS Form 7) and comparative operating statement. He reviewed the financial and statistical report and treasurer's report with monthly and annual budget comparisons. He also gave the investment report. He presented and reviewed statistical data pertaining to operating revenue, expenses, margins, assets, liabilities, cash flow management, and KWH sales and ratios. He reported on interest rates, borrowing funds, and projections for August. He gave updated budget numbers and reviewed investments. Equity was reported on. The cash-flow statement was reviewed. New services connected were reported on. The financial reports were accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF STAFF REPORTS

The following staff reports were approved:

Operations Report

Operations Manager Scott Gard provided an oral report to supplement his written operations report. He reported on crews, mechanic and fleet, and outages. He gave an update on pole inspections. He reported on the digger truck that was involved in a rollover accident. He reported the new small bucket truck was received. Right-of-way and brush crew updates were given.

Engineering Report: Engineering Manager Pete Nelson provided an oral report to supplement his written engineering report. He reported on OO Highway, bids for the Lone Jack Substation that have been received and that large load rates are being reviewed. He will attend the AMEC Line Superintendent/Engineering Conference.

Safety Report

Safety and Compliance Manager Cody Brock provided an oral report to supplement his written safety report. A safety meeting was held on live line tools and cover ups. He reported on an equipment damage investigation and property damage. He reported on crew visits. As of Aug. 31, employees had worked 1,398 days without a lost-time accident and had driven 38,875 miles for the month. He is working on pamphlets for first responders

Member Services Report: Member Services Manager Brent Schlotzhauer provided a member services report. He provided updates on Operation RoundUp and the communication department activities. The surveys collected at the annual meeting were reported on, and he discussed how the survey will be available to all members. He gave a report on solar and wind, net metering and rebates. He reported on chamber meetings. Member Services Supervisor Brandy Dukes reported on member service key metrics and payment options regarding how members currently pay their bills. She also reported on prepay applications, automated transitions and cross training.

NW BOARD REPORT

Simmons and Newland gave the NW Board report. They reported on the NW Board Retreat. They reported on margins, equity, right-of-way expenses, Lone Jack and outages.



Schedule Board Retreat Dates

The 2027 board retreat will be held Jan. 27-28, 2027.

Approve Bid for All Pro Technology, Inc.

A bid was approved for All Pro Technology, Inc.

Budget Change to Purchase New Digger Truck

Newland discussed the need to purchase a new digger truck which will require a change to the budget of $318,725.00. The digger truck that was involved in the accident will be paid for by insurance after the cooperative replaces it. The board voted to amend the budget by $318.00

October Board Meeting Date Change

The October board meeting was moved to Oct. 29, 2026.

CFC Voting Delegate

Simmons was named the CFC voting delegate and Newland, alternate.

Federated Voting Delegate

Simmons was named the Federated voting delegate and Newland the alternate.

CFC Missouri Statewide Conference Report

Jarman and Simmons gave a report on the conference they attended.

Policies 2.6, 4.5, 5.3 and 5.6

The Policy Committee had reviewed the policies and recommended passage. The policies were approved.

Policy Committee Report

The Policy Committee gave a report on policies being reviewed.

LEGAL REPORT

Smiley gave the legal report for the month.

MANAGERS REPORT

Newland gave the manager's report. He reported on meetings attended. He gave an update on progress being made on the strategic plan. He reviewed survey results from the annual meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session was called at 11:06 a.m. and was out at 12:40 p.m. Following executive session, the board voted to increase the board per diem to $450.00 effective Sept. 25, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

FINANCIAL REPORT

August 2026

Statement of Operations

	This month	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Revenue	**$3,614,759**	**$28,215,707**	**$28,840,595**
Power Bill Expense	2,144,144	16,748,768	17,437,446
Operation & Maintenance Expense	812,906	6,384,855	6,140,179
Depreciation Expense	233,981	1,831,342	1,743,477
Interest Expense	170,867	1,221,588	1,116,492
Total cost of Service (Total Expenses)	**3,361,898**	**26,186,553**	**26,437,594**
Operating Margins (Revenue less Expenses)	252,861	2,029,154	2,403,001
Other Margins	41,141	344,113	239,629
TOTAL MARGINS	**$294,002**	**$2,373,267**	**$2,642,630**