McDONOUGH POWER COOPERATIVE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 22, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of McDonough Power Cooperative was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 3:00 PM, in the Cooperative Board Room.

The following Directors were present in person or remotely:

Bryson Bedwell	Steve Hall
Courtney Chandler	Walt Lewis
Michael Cox	Ryan Litchfield
Robert Dwyer	David Lueck
Nancy Erlandson	

Chairman Lewis arrived after the Attorney Report. The meeting convened in regular session with President Mike Smith, Finance and Accounting Manager Tracy Camden, Line Superintendent Doug Bear, Energy Services Manager Carrie Van Vleet and Attorney Ryan Baxter also present in person.

Vice Chairman Lueck stated the first item on the agenda was the Board Reorganization. This was tabled until the full Board was present.

Vice Chairman Lueck asked if anyone had corrections for the August Board meeting minutes. Director Hall made a motion to approve the August 25, 2026 Board meeting minutes, as printed. Director Dwyer seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote.

Vice Chairman Lueck stated that the Board needed to take action on the Uncollectible Accounts. Director Litchfield made a motion to transfer the Uncollectible Accounts, in the amount of $601.78, to the written-off category. Director Chandler seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote.

President Smith reviewed the financials for the month of August. Mike noted that August sales were very good and the heat and humidity helped kWh sales, which were above budget. Our operating margins were also above budget. Year-to-date margins are good and puts us in a good spot financially. Two-thirds of the year is done, but mild temperatures coming up increase power cost. Director Cox made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Director Bedwell seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Directors present voted aye.

Vice Chairman Lueck called upon Attorney Baxter for the Attorney Report. Ryan reported that the BNSF hearing was scheduled for September 16, 2026, with the ALJ was continued to October 14, 2026. We should be done with the transfer of the Switch

Station to PPI. There was a hearing for Edison 356 in which a judgement was entered against Edison 356. The new CoBank Financing Statement has been mailed to the Illinois Secretary of State for filing after some delays.

Chairman Lewis stated that the next item on the agenda was the Board Reorganization. Attorney Baxter distributed the ballots, so that the Board members could select officers by casting secret ballots, first for Chairperson, then for Vice Chairperson, then for Secretary and finally for Treasurer. At the conclusion of balloting, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Chairperson	Walter Lewis
Vice Chairperson	David Lueck
Secretary	Steve Hall
Treasurer	Mike Cox

Chairman Lewis called upon Director Litchfield, Chairperson of the Wage and Benefit Committee, to give his report and the Committee Recommendations with respect to employee compensation. Ryan reported that the committee met, reviewed historical compensation information and comparisons to other cooperatives, and that the committee was recommending a 3.5% increase for employees, effective October 1, 2026, plus an increase to the HSA Contribution by $50 for employees only and $100 for employees with dependents, such increase contribution to be effective January 1, 2027. Additionally, it was decided to increase Journeyman pay by 50 cents an hour and Foreman pay by $1 an hour. After discussion, Chairman Lewis called for action upon the Committee Recommendation. On a roll call vote, all Directors present voted aye.

Director Cox reported there was no AIEC meeting this month.

Director Lueck reported that he attended a meeting of the PPI Board on September 15 and 16. David presented the graph showing the wholesale power sources for the month of July. For the month of August, generation was provided by Prairie State Energy campus, Alsey units and Pearl, creating significant ancillary revenue. David reported more information regarding the load issue MISO experienced on July 15. Wind turbine output was only 5% and Load Management Restrictions were deployed. MISO prices hit $10,000 per MWh during the emergency.

Under new business, President Smith reported there was no new business to discuss.

Under Miscellaneous business, Mike discussed the annual meeting and asked if there were any comments, concerns or recommendations. Mike brought up the potential of a drive thru to allow members to register, be entered into the drawings, receive their door prize, and get food.

President Smith also reported it was time to elect the Trustees for Operation Round Up. Director Cox made a motion to retain the prior Trustees. Director Lueck seconded that motion, which passed on a voice vote.

CEO evaluations have been sent out and some still need to complete them. Also, a food truck will be at the Cooperative on October 16, 2026 from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 pm.

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Steve Hall, Secretary

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