



Joe Wilkinson of Associated Electric Cooperative presents to the SEMO Electric Cooperative Board of Directors, sharing updates on generation resources, system reliability, and how the three-tiered cooperative system—local distribution cooperatives, generation and transmission cooperatives, and Associated Electric—works together to deliver safe, reliable, and affordable power to member-owners.

Board Hears Updates on System Reliability

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of SEMO Electric Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the “Cooperative”) was held on Monday, March 16, 2026, at the office of the Cooperative in Sikeston, Missouri. The meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m. by President Richard Faulkner. The following Directors were present: Richard Faulkner, John Bledsoe, James Deneke, Carl Eftink, Myron Hawes, Carla Moore, Dicky Hanor, Keith Haynes, Dennis Fowler, Field LaPlant, Tim Coppage, and Von Priggel. Directors absent: none. Staff members present: Brad Milam, Jared Kelley, Becky Ivester, Loyd Rice, Amanda Burnett, and Angie Byford. Also present were Sean Vanslyke, CEO/General Manager; via Zoom, Megan McCord, Attorney for the Cooperative; Joe Wilkinson of Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AECI); and John Singleton of M&A Electric Power Cooperative. A prayer of invocation was offered by Coppage.

The Chair called for approval of the agenda. Upon motion made and passed, the agenda was approved. The Board considered its consent agenda, consisting of: the minutes of the regular meeting of February 16, 2026; new membership applications; membership cancellations; initial review of Policy 231 – Manager Compensation from Other Sources; and initial review of Policy 232 – Education Assistance. Kelley presented the monthly safety report, including the safety topic of tornado preparedness and the lost-time and injury summary for the previous month.

Wilkinson reported that Associated Electric Cooperative maintains a diverse generation portfolio that includes coal, natural gas, liquid fuel, wind, and hydropower. This balanced mix provides flexibility to respond to changing weather and market conditions while delivering reliable, lowest-cost power to members. Coal-fired baseload plants continue to provide consistent, around-the-clock generation, while wind and hydropower support environmental goals but are dependent on weather conditions. Singleton emphasized that a resilient, high-voltage transmission system is essential for reliable power delivery. Associated and its six G&Ts, including M&A, continue to plan, protect, and invest in the system to ensure it performs under all conditions and meets North American Electric Reliability Corporation standards.

Under old business, the Board reviewed its schedule of meetings and confirmed registrations for attendance. The Board reviewed Policy 229 – Delegation of Authority and Policy 230 – Employee Identification Badge Policy. Vanslyke reviewed plans for the annual meeting and Directors discussed the timeline of events. Under new business, the Board reviewed and discussed district updates. Burnett reviewed the financial summary for February 2026, including revenue and expense analysis and budget comparisons. Compared to budget, year-to-date revenue is up 1.80%, expenses are down 12.43%, and power costs are down 1.28%. She also provided an update on FEMA and patronage allocation. Upon motion made, seconded, and passed, the financial report was accepted.

Eftink reported on his attendance at a recent M&A board meeting, noting discussions on safety and reliability. Haynes reported that no AMEC meeting had been held since the last Board meeting. The Board reviewed and discussed written staff reports, supplemented by additional oral presentations from staff members. Staff members then left the meeting, and the Board entered executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.