

# CENTRAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

February 24, 2026

The regular meeting of the Central Rural Electric Cooperative board of trustees was held February 24, 2026.

**RECOGNITION OF DIRECTOR GOLD RECERTIFICATION** *Shane Burgess*  
Shane Burgess presented Sid Sperry with his Director Gold Recertification.

**FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT** *Ken Starks*  
Ken Starks reviewed the February 5<sup>th</sup> Finance and Audit Committee Meeting.

**CONFERENCE/MEETING UPDATE** *Sid Sperry*  
Melanie McGuire virtually attended the NRECA Director Duties and Liabilities course.

James Wells attended a legislative breakfast in Stroud featuring Senator Grant Green and Representative Jim Shaw.

Sid Sperry attended a virtual CFC webinar focused on AI and data centers.

**KAMO REPORT** *Sid Sperry*  
Sid Sperry presented the KAMO report, including the following:

- Operating Margins for December
- Data Center Drivers
- AECI Update
- Turbine/Generator Update

**OAEC REPORT** *James Wells*  
James spoke on the update that was given by special guest Dan Bryan regarding an OG&E wildfire and OG&E's request to OAEC to file an Amicus Brief.

He also spoke on the turnout from the Out of the Gate dinner and noted the Trust on the Line workshop being held on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**CYBER SECURITY UPDATE** *David Freeman*  
David Freeman gave an update on cyber security including:

- 2025 SAPA Results
- Organization Risk Score and where CREC ranks
- NRECA Coop Cyber Goals Program
- AI-Enabled Cyber Security Risks

**COBANK INDUSTRY UPDATE** *Kyle Perry*  
Kyle Perry and Scott Shoemaker with CoBank provided an update on industry trends, challenges, and opportunities facing cooperatives nationwide.

**COMMUNICATIONS REPORT** *Jillianne Tebow*

Jillianne discussed the following:

- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Central Community Foundation
- Youth Tour Participants

**FINANCE REPORT** *Sondra White*

Sondra White presented the financial report.

**SAFETY REPORT** *Shane Burgess*

Shane Burgess reviewed the Safety Report.

**CEO REPORT** *Shane Burgess*

Shane presented the CEO report with updates including:

- Department Updates
- Vegetation Management Standard
- Legislation Watchlist
- Large Load Negotiations

**POLICY 603 WORK SCHEDULE OVERTIME** *Shane Burgess*

Policy 603 Work Schedule Overtime was approved as published.

**POLICY 619 ANNUAL LEAVE** *Shane Burgess*

Policy 619 Annual Leave was approved as published.

**POLICY 621 SICK LEAVE** *Shane Burgess*

Policy 621 Sick Leave was approved as published.

**BUDGET DEVIATION – BROADBAND OPERATIONS FOREMAN** *Shane Burgess*

The budget deviation was approved as presented.

**LEGAL REPORT** *Max Myers*

Max Myers presented the legal report to the Board of Trustees.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS AND TRAVEL** *Erin Talley*

Erin Talley reviewed the upcoming meetings and travel.