

## FROM THE BOARD ROOM

# March 2026 Board Meeting Highlights

### Monthly Reports:

The CEO/General Manager provided an overview of the cooperative's current issues, including the current policies up for review and approval, line extension cost changes, a close call crews experienced, a PCA charge, and other items for open session.

The CFO report discussed last month's financials, the Dairyland Power pass-through PCA charge, the spent nuclear fuel settlement funds, and different rate adjustment options.

The Operations report contained a report on the work crews are doing, including work on transformer oil sampling, a recap of the Emergency Load Reduction drill, and the progress the brushing contractor is making.

The Engagement report included a recap of the final Power Connection class of the year, prepaid metering option roll-out and training, and scholarship drawings.

The Information Technology report discussed replacing one of the servers, additional MFA security, and transformer verifications as crews take oil samples.

Energy Services reported router issues and possible fixes, the volume of high bill concerns after the cold snaps in January and February, and routine facility maintenance.

The Human Resources report contained updates on onboarding, staff recruitment and transitions, and the celebration of National Employee Appreciation Day.

### The following items were approved:

- Capital credit estate payout for deceased members.
- Audit committee report on all checks, ACH payments, wire transfers, credit card statements, and investment accounts.
- Approval of policies 207-Single Phase Construction, and 208 – Three-Phase Construction.
- A pass through PCA charge from Dairyland Power Cooperative.
- Changes to rates 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9 and 19.
- Spent Nuclear Fuel funds allocation.
- 2025 Annual Audit results.
- Change to the April board meeting date.

### Other Business:

- Reviewed the monthly report of new Cooperative members.
- Reviewed the Safety Committee Report





## The Power Connection: Plugged In

### *Dunn Energy Moves into The World of Podcasting*

Dunn Energy Cooperative is pleased to announce a new way for members to learn about what's happening with their cooperative! With a foray into the world of video podcasts, you can catch Dunn Energy CEO Jesse Singerhouse, along with Jolene Fisher, Director of Engagement, recap the monthly board meeting and tackle other topics that affect the cooperative and members.

At the beginning of each month Singerhouse and Fisher will spend 6-10 minutes recapping the board meeting. "We want to keep the board recap short and sweet," said Fisher. "We know people's time is valuable and want to respect that, but we also want to make sure our member-owners know what's happening in the board room."

Taking a bit of a deeper dive into topics, the duo will present a longer format mid-month. "Our goal is to use the mid-month session to talk about bigger issues, like demand billing and what you can do to reduce the cost of that charge on your bill, or to promote our annual meeting or member appreciation events," said Fisher.

The tone of the video podcasts will be conversational, breaking down industry jargon in a way that every member will be able to understand. This is truly an extension of the cooperative's educational series, "The Power Connection: Conversations with Your Cooperative."

Finishing up her thoughts, Fisher said, "We want to be approachable. We want our member-owners to know what's happening. We can only fit so many people in our board room for our educational series, so this is a way to meet our members where they are."

Singerhouse and Fisher hope you join them in the conversation, by commenting on the posts or by emailing your thoughts and questions to [info@dunnenergy.com](mailto:info@dunnenergy.com). You can find their video podcast on their Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn feeds.

## 6 Ways to Save Energy This Spring

Spring is here. The weather is getting warmer, and the days are growing longer. It's the perfect time to start those outdoor projects you've been planning and explore new ways to make your home more energy efficient. The following home improvements and lifestyle changes will help lower your energy bills and reduce your environmental impact.

### 1. Tackle spring cleaning

While you're chasing those dust bunnies around, look for ways to save energy. Clean under and behind your refrigerator to keep it operating efficiently. Dust light bulbs to get more light for your money. If you have a sliding glass door, wash the track. Dirt buildup can damage the door seal and create gaps where cool air can escape.

### 2. Check your cooling system

Hire a qualified professional to inspect and clean your air conditioning system. Replace the system's air filter and adjust thermostat settings for warmer weather. If you haven't done so already, install a smart thermostat. It will optimize savings and add convenience by adjusting the temperature to fit your schedule automatically. You'll also have access to other advanced features, such as remote control.

### 3. Use ceiling fans

Ceiling fans circulate air, making rooms feel cooler, which means you can raise the temperature by up to 4°F without compromising comfort. Remember that ceiling fans only make you feel cooler, not the room. Turn them off in empty rooms to avoid wasting energy.

### 4. Seal air leaks

Gaps and cracks in doors and windows send conditioned air, and your energy dollars, outside. Weatherstrip exterior doors and seal windows with caulk. Check for any gaps around outdoor plumbing and wiring access and seal with expanding foam insulation.

### 5. Plant some shade

Arbor Day is coming. Celebrate by planting a shade tree along the south- or west-facing side of your home. Trees help shield your home from the sun in summer, keeping you cool and reducing your energy bill. They are good for the environment, too. Remember to call 811 before you dig and consider the mature height of trees; select a location away from power lines.

### 6. Live greener

Spring is the perfect time to renew your commitment to living a greener lifestyle. Walk or ride a bike instead of driving a car whenever possible. Start a compost bin for recycling kitchen and yard waste. Install a rain barrel to save water for landscaping. Also, remember to reduce, reuse and recycle whatever you can!

By taking these steps, you can save energy and live more sustainably this spring and all year long.