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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



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All trustees were present during roll-call. Chairman Schnipke called the meeting to order. Randy Price, Renee Hull, and Nick Eltzroth were also in attendance.

A Safety Moment was shared, spotlighting the benefits of exercise. Being physically active can improve brain health, help manage weight, reduce risk of disease, strengthen bones and muscles, and improve the ability to do everyday activities.

Strategic-Financial - Operation Updates

- Minutes from the January Board Meeting and other consent agenda items were approved as presented.
- Legal reviewed the January draft minutes and February's agenda and has no concerns.
- Ms. Hull shared that the 2025 financial audit is underway with the new audit firm, BHM.
- Staff reviewed the progress on the construction of the fiber build out, including drops to member and non-member homes and businesses

President and CEO Report – Randy Price

- Mr. Price's information was provided prior to the meeting.
- Mr. Price shared that staff is intentionally working to spend their time in alignment with the 7 Cooperative Principles.

Committee Reports:

- The Strategic Initiative committee met and reviewed the Risk Assessment matrix started by staff and would like the charter updated to include annual review of the risk assessment.
- The policy committee met virtually to review the Credit Card policy update recommended by staff based on new banking institutions.
- The facilities committee reviewed the appraisal performed on the Columbus Grove facility.

Chairman's Report – Adam Schnipke:

- Chairman Schnipke led a discussion on director trainings.
- Chairman Schnipke reminded the trustees of the goal to have quarterly board meetings during the day so that additional staff may attend to give an update.

Indiana Statewide Association (IEC) – Steven McMichael

- Trustee McMichael's material was shared prior to the meeting.
- Trustee McMichael shared that there have been some staff reorganizations at IEC which he believes will help all members.

Ohio Statewide (OEC) – John Saxton

- Trustee Saxton's material was shared prior to the meeting.
- Trustee Saxton discussed the legislative report and advised all board members to read it in full detail.

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Buckeye Power - Randy Price

- Mr. Price shared financial updates, including positive results compared to the budget which may result in credits later this year back to the members.

Executive Session:

Entered: 7:22 PM

Exited: 7:58 PM

New & Old Business: None

Payment of Bills: The trustee's bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Adjournment

There was no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned.

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