



# MARCH 2026

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Thursday, March 26, 2026

Paulding Putnam

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All trustees were present, two attending virtually, 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.

## **Annual Board Reorganization**

Chairman of the Board: Adam Schnipke

Vice Chairman of the Board: William 'Bill' Beckman

Secretary/Treasurer of the Board: Tim Derck

Regular Board Meeting Times, Dates, & Location: Regular meetings will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 5 PM at the co-op HQ office, except March, June, September, and December will be held at 9 AM at the co-op HQ office, and November and December will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

## **Strategic-Financial - Operation Updates**

- Minutes from the February Board Meeting and other consent agenda items were approved as presented.
- Legal reviewed the February draft minutes and March's agenda and has no concerns.
- The February financials, IT, and Safety Reports were provided and reviewed.
- Broadband update shared that almost 600 aerial miles of fiber have been installed with 101 accounts installed and over 70 more in queue.
- An update was shared regarding the recent weather events Paulding Putnam has been experiencing.

## **President and CEO Report – Randy Price**

- Mr. Price's information was provided prior to the meeting.

## **Chairman's Report – Adam Schnipke:**

- Chairman Schnipke led a discussion on director trainings.

## **Indiana Statewide Association (IEC) – Steven McMichael**

- Trustee McMichael's material was shared prior to the meeting.
- Trustee McMichael shared some details about the rate conversation in Indiana.

## **Ohio Statewide (OEC) – John Saxton**

- Trustee Saxton's material was shared prior to the meeting.
- Trustee Saxton & Randy Price attended the Ohio Statehouse visit on March 4<sup>th</sup> and had great interactions with legislators and staff.

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## **Buckeye Power - Randy Price**

- Mr. Price shared news of 745 upgrades planned from Ohio, as well as Rate Committee updates.

**Executive Session:** The board declined the need to enter executive session.

**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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