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2026 Annual Meeting Broadcast

MARCH 28, 2026

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc.
90th annual meeting of members broadcast.

Saturday, March 28, 2026
beginning at 10 a.m.

Streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the members of Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative will be broadcast starting at 10 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

***The following matters will be discussed
and acted upon:***

1. Reports of the trustees and officers.

2026 ANNUAL MEETING BROADCAST AGENDA

1. Call to order Board Chairman Adam Schnipke
2. Approve minutes from last year Board Chairman
Adam Schnipke
3. Treasurer's report Board Secretary-Treasurer
Tim Derck
4. Chairman's report Board Chairman
Adam Schnipke
5. President's report CEO Randy Price
6. Trustee election results CEO Randy Price
7. New/old business
8. Adjourn

PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC CO-OP

2025 Official Annual Meeting Minutes — March 22, 2025

The Annual Meeting was held at Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. headquarters building, Paulding, Ohio. Mr. Randy Price, President and CEO, welcomed members and led the meeting with an invocation.

Mr. Joseph Kohnen, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held as a virtual/video conference. The meeting was being broadcast on the internet via Facebook Live and YouTube. Chairman Kohnen began the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Kohnen noted the meeting notice had been mailed to all members in the February issues of Ohio Cooperative Living (Ohio) and Indiana Connection (Indiana) magazines, and this notice contained the meeting agenda. He stated he was dispensing with the reading of the notice as it had been certified as mailed to all members. He stated the agenda would be approved as mailed.

Chairman Kohnen noted the minutes to the meeting held on March 23, 2024, had been mailed to all members in the same recent issue of the above magazines. He dispensed with the reading of the minutes as they were certified as mailed to all members and the minutes would stand approved as printed.

Mr. Timothy Derck gave the Treasurer's Report. He stated his written report appeared in the cooperative's Annual Report, and members could obtain a copy at the office or review the audit report upon request. Mr. Derck shared remarks on the overall cost of power and effects of the rate increase, hitting on the increasing rates of transmission. In 2024, Paulding Putnam returned over \$2 million in capital credits to its members. He further stated the audit was completed by the local firm of Bashore, Reineck, Stoller & Waterman.

Chairman Kohnen discussed the Annual Meeting theme as we celebrate 90 Years of Service: 'A Legacy of Power - A Future of Connection.' He shared that this investment in fiber internet will transform lives by empowering businesses, educators, healthcare providers, and families. The fiber network will also strengthen our electric grid for better reliability. Chairman Kohnen informed the audience of the upcoming Member Appreciation event to be held at Paulding Putnam headquarters on July 12, 2025. Watch for details, updates and more on our social media channels, website and monthly magazine.

Mr. Price introduced a video message given by Craig Grooms, President and CEO of Buckeye Power and Ohio Electric Cooperatives. Mr. Price shared the co-op's concern for the public and employees' drive to follow the standards we

use in designing and maintaining the distribution system, emphasizing that safety, reliability, and affordability will always be top priorities. He also shared that some of Paulding Putnam's staff volunteered to work for several weeks in North Carolina following Hurricane Helene's devastation. Mr. Price thanked the members and employees for their dedication to the cooperative.

Mr. Price welcomed Paulding Putnam's CFO Renee Hull to assist in announcing 2025 scholarship winners:

- Laney Hedrick of Ottawa-Glandorf will go on to Columbus to compete statewide for additional scholarships.
- At large winners include: Lillian Wyatt, Destiny Pier, Elizabeth Meyer, Leyna Nagel, Wesyn Ludwig, Nicholas Sinn, Morgan Hoersten, Allison Richman, Evan Crosby, and Rose Turnwald

The co-op selected two delegates to attend Youth Tour in 2025. Ella Crosby from Wayne Trace and Noah Brinkman from Ottawa Glandorf High School will be traveling to Washington, D.C. in June.

Mr. Brian Gorrell, Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative's Attorney, was called upon to present the election results.

Three (3) Districts (2, 4, and 5) were up for election: Trustees William Dowler (District 2), William Beckman (District 4), and Steven McMichael (District 5) all submitted petitions for re-election. District 5 was the only district with an additional member running for election, Stephan Poiry. Thus, Trustees Dowler and Beckman were re-elected by affirmation.

A contested election was held through Survey and Ballot Systems for the District 5 seat. After all eligible ballots were counted, incumbent Steven McMichael was re-elected to the board by the membership. Through this election, members voted on all four changes proposed to the Code of Regulations. All changes were approved by the membership.

Chairman Kohnen congratulated Mr. Dowler, Mr. Beckman, and Mr. McMichael for their re-election. Mr. Poiry was thanked for his willingness to run for the board and serve the members.

Chairman Kohnen said there was no Old or New Business to report on.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Chairman Kohnen declared the meeting adjourned.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

UNAUDITED

For the year ending Dec. 31, 2025

Revenue:

Sales of Electricity/Fiber	\$52,525,904
Interest Income	\$111,568
Other Income	\$14,059
Capital Credits	\$1,661,708
Total Revenue	\$54,313,239

Expenses:

Cost of Purchased Electric/Fiber	\$33,326,543
Cost of Maintenance on Lines, Poles, Rights-of-Ways, etc.	\$4,330,757
Cost of Billing and Consumer Records	\$890,440
Cost of Member Services	\$829,837
Cost of Administration and Office Operations	\$3,514,456
Depreciation Expense	\$4,206,879
Business Taxes	\$1,385,163
Interest on Long-Term Debt	\$2,054,027
Interest on Current Debt	\$564,890
Total Expenses	\$51,102,992

Net Patronage Capital or Margins **\$3,210,247**



One of our Cooperative Principles Economic Participation

As a co-op, PPEC is upfront and transparent with its member-owners about finances. Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital remains the common property of the co-op.

Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing the cooperative; setting up reserves; benefiting members in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative; and supporting other activities approved by the membership.

Capital credits are retired each year based on each member's patronage. This decision is made by the PPEC Board of Trustees, again, elected democratically by the membership.

Please note these financial reports are pre-audit, due to printing time constraints. A complete copy of the audit report as presented by the firm of BHM, Inc., certified public accountants of Columbus, Ohio, is available for examination at the cooperative's office during normal business hours.

BALANCE SHEET

UNAUDITED

For the year ending Dec. 31, 2025

Assets

Plant Property and Investments:

Total Plant	\$136,281,156
Construction work in progress	\$18,589,222
Accumulated Depreciation	\$(29,583,086)

Net Plant

\$125,287,292

Investments:

Invest. in Assoc. Org. - Patronage Capital	\$20,423,113
Associated Organization	\$2,981,625

Total Plant and Investments

\$148,692,030

Current Assets and Debits:

Cash	\$3,927,561
Temporary Investments/Special Deposits	\$72,366
Receivables	\$5,501,011
Merchandise Inventory	\$4,964,781
Other Current Assets	\$440,521

Total Current Assets and Debits

\$14,906,239

Deferred Debits

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Total Assets and Debits

\$163,598,269

Liabilities and Equity

Current Liabilities and Credits:

Accounts Payable	\$7,087,363
Short-term Notes Payable	\$23,639,052
Consumer Deposits	\$153,300
Other and Accrued	\$2,473,766

Total Current Liabilities and Credits

\$33,353,481

Noncurrent Liabilities and Credits:

Long-term Debt	\$48,386,573
Deferred Liabilities and Credits	\$315,716

Total Liabilities and Credits

\$82,055,770

Equity:

Operating Margins Prior/Other	\$5,748,045
Memberships	\$58,233
Patronage Capital	\$75,736,221

Total Equity

\$81,542,499

Total Liability and Equity

\$163,598,269