

## Board Meeting Highlights

JUNE 2025

Crow Wing Power's Board of Directors conducted its regular monthly meeting Thursday, June 26, 2025. A quorum of directors was present.

President Mark Ronnei opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following reports were given:

- CEO Report
- COO Report
- CFO Report
- Directors reported on meetings they attended on behalf of the cooperative.

The following actions were taken:

- Approved June Consent Agenda.
- Accepted the Financial Report.
- Approved Minutes of May 22, 2025, regular board meeting.
- Approved revision to Policy No. 102 Director Remuneration and Insurance
- Approved bylaw revision to Policy No. 106 Qualifications for Eligibility for Service on the Cooperative's Board of Directors
- Approved Resolution Authorizing Execution and Delivery of Documents in Connection With Sale of Real Property
- Approved purchase of a new piece of ROW equipment
- Adopted new Policy No. 417 Wage Compensation Philosophy
- Approved revisions to Policy No. 409 Employee Benefits
- Approved Director Expense Reports for May 2025.

Members can review detailed minutes by logging into their SmartHub account. Log in is located on the homepage of our website.

## The Current Corner

### BALANCING RELIABILITY AND COST: WHAT NEW GENERATION MEANS FOR CROW WING POWER MEMBERS

As a member of Basin Electric, Crow Wing Power depends on our wholesale power provider to deliver reliable electricity every day. One of Basin's most significant planned investments is the [Bison Generation Station](#), a natural gas-fueled facility that will serve as a cornerstone for long-term reliability. This new generation project is part of a broader effort to meet increasing demand across the cooperative network.

This investment isn't just about infrastructure—it's about you. Each member plays a role in supporting a power supply system that is dependable during every season. More demand means more generation is needed, and those facilities come with higher costs than existing resources. Still, they're necessary to ensure we can power your home, farm, or business with the reliability you've come to expect.

Recently, COO Eric Quale and I attended the Basin Electric Member Managers' meeting, where we heard initial figures related to a wholesale rate increase in 2026. Managers from across the region voiced their concerns, and Basin leadership listened. The Basin board will make final decisions at their next board meeting, with final adjustment announcements expected at their Annual Meeting in mid-August.



Several factors are driving this potential increase: new planning reserve requirements from the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) to ensure adequate power supply, rising maintenance costs, and the need for Basin to strengthen its financial position with higher margins to maintain favorable credit ratings. All of this is in addition to the long-term investment in generation like Bison.

Crow Wing Power remains actively engaged with Basin Electric through regular communication, participation in key meetings, and by contributing to their annual load forecasting process—an essential part of long-term energy planning. Additionally, our district representative serves as the Chair of Basin's Board of Directors, ensuring that our cooperative has a strong voice in decisions that influence the power we provide to our members.

## THE CURRENT CORNER CONTINUED..

Here at home, our Board and staff have recently completed strategic planning and are in the early stages of our budget process and rate study. While we can't say exactly how these wholesale changes will impact local rates, we can say that adjustments will be necessary. We're doing everything we can to absorb as much of the rising costs as possible and will continue evaluating every part of our operation to make the most responsible decisions for our members.

We're committed to keeping you informed, advocating for the best outcomes possible, and delivering the safe, reliable service you expect from your cooperative.

Your Cooperative, our commitment,



## Summer Lobby Hours to Continue

As part of our efforts to align operations with seasonal needs, Crow Wing Power, People's Security and Crow Wing Power Credit Union adopted summer lobby hours beginning June 1, 2025.

These hours will now continue year-round:

- Lobby Hours: Monday–Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Credit Union Drive-Thru:  
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This consistent schedule supports both operational efficiency and member convenience. You can continue to reach us during business hours by stopping in, calling, or emailing. For account access, payment options, and outage reporting, please visit our website—available 24/7.

We look forward to continuing to serve you with safe, reliable, and responsive service.

## Celebrate You At the Zoo

ENJOY FREE  
ADMISSION,  
EXCLUSIVE  
DISCOUNTS, AND  
A FUN-FILLED DAY  
AS OUR WAY OF  
SAYING THANKS  
FOR BEING A  
VALUED MEMBER.

SEPTEMBER  
20 OR 21

PARK HOURS  
9 AM - 6 PM



To verify membership, please bring a picture of your electric bill, your Co-op Connections Card, or simply show us your SmartHub app at the entrance.



# 2026 Member Calendar Contest

Deadline September 26