

Meeting Highlights

June 2026

Crow Wing Power's Board of Directors conducted its regular monthly meeting Thursday, June 25, 2026. 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
- IT Report

Directors reported on meetings they attended on behalf of the cooperative.

The following actions were taken:

- Approved June Consent Agenda.
- Approved the Minutes of May 28, 2026, Regular Meeting.
- Accepted the June Financial Report.
- Approved New Bank for Banking Services.
- Approved Revision to Policy No. 314 Security Deposits.
- Approved Director Expense Reports for May 2026.

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

At the Table for Our Members

As we move from summer into fall, I have spent time with our cooperative peers and our wholesale power provider discussing the issues that will shape our industry and, ultimately, how we serve you.

I recently attended the Minnesota Rural Electric Association's Energy Issues Summit with several members of our board. This is one of the best opportunities each year to hear about industry trends, emerging challenges, and the political landscape surrounding energy. As expected, data centers were a major topic of conversation. Rural electric cooperatives across the country are being approached by data center developers, and we are having important discussions about what that could mean for our systems and our members.

At our August board meeting, our board adopted a position outlining how Crow Wing Power would respond if a data center developer expressed interest in connecting to our system. The bottom line is simple: We would only enter into an agreement if adequate power supply could be confirmed. The data center would be responsible for the infrastructure and planning required to serve its operation, and any agreement would provide fair rates without compromising the reliability of the grid. Most importantly, there would be no financial burden or long-term risk placed on our current members.

I also attended Basin Electric's Member Managers Meeting and Annual Meeting. As a member of District 9, Crow Wing Power is actively involved in discussions that help guide Basin's direction. We are at the table, listening, asking questions and helping shape decisions that affect our future power supply. We received

updates on major generation and transmission projects, as well as Basin's upcoming rate increase. While the final amount will not be approved until September, it is expected to be approximately 0.5 cents per kilowatt-hour beginning in 2027. This follows last year's annual meeting, when members encouraged smaller, consecutive increases rather than one significant increase.

The good news is Basin's rate forecast is expected to level out after 2027, with much of the increase supporting investments in generation assets, including the Bison Generation Station.

There is a lot happening in our industry, and we will continue to stay engaged, ask the right questions and plan carefully. We are already looking ahead to our 2027 budget and how we can continue to safely, reliably and responsibly serve you, our members.

Your Cooperative, Our Commitment,



Tim Thompson

Chief Executive Officer



P.S. I hope to see you at our Member Appreciation Event on September 19 or 20 for Celebrating YOU at the Zoo!

Goodbye Paper, Hello Convenience

By now you've probably heard us talking about paperless billing, and we wanted to take a minute to explain why we're so excited about it.

Every month, thousands of paper bills go out to our members. They travel through the mail, sit in mailboxes, and for lots of folks, end up in a stack on the kitchen counter or desk, waiting to be opened. It works, but it's not exactly convenient, and it's usually not fast either.

Paperless billing changes that. Instead of waiting on the mail, your bill shows up in your email inbox as soon as it's ready. There's nothing to file, nothing to lose in a stack of papers, and nothing to worry about if you're out of town when it arrives.

Because it's tied to your online account, you can use your phone or computer to check your balance or make a payment anytime - from your kitchen table, your car, or your couch.

If you've been thinking about simplifying things, now's a great time to try paperless billing. Ready to switch? Log in to your SmartHub account (cwpower.com and click on MEMBER LOG IN at the top), go to **SETTINGS**, go to **PAPERLESS BILLING**, and switch the toggle to "on" under go paperless! You're all set. If you need additional help, there are visual how-tos at cwpower.com/gopaperless or you can call us at 218-829-2827 or 1-800-648-9401 for assistance.

As always, thank you for being a member of Crow Wing Power. We're proud to serve you and glad to make things just a little more convenient.



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Cold Weather Rule Guidelines on Disconnection of Service

Cold weather and the cost to heat a home can have impacts on a member's electric bill. Crow Wing Power makes every effort to work with members to resolve past due accounts. In order to be protected from electric service disconnection for non-payments, residential members can apply for Minnesota Cold Weather Rule protection. During the period of time from October 1 to April 30, you can receive protection if certain conditions are met and the disconnection would affect your main heating source.

1. The household income of the member is at or below 50% of the state median household income. We may verify income on forms we provide or obtain verification of income from the local energy assistance provider. That member is deemed to meet that requirement if they are receiving public assistance consistent with income guidelines.

*2. A member must enter into and make reasonable timely payments under a payment agreement both the member and Crow Wing Power agree to.
Note, your service will be subject to disconnection if you do not make the agreed upon payments. **If you get a disconnect notice – DO NOT IGNORE IT – and call Crow Wing Power immediately at 218-829-2827 or 1-800-648-9401.***