MINUTE RECORD – BOARD OF DIRECTORS – GRAND VALLEY RURAL POWER LINES, INC.

Regular Meeting

July 15, 2026

I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

The Board of Directors ("Board") of Grand Valley Rural Power Lines, Inc. ("Grand Valley Power"), met in regular session on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 845 22 Road, Grand Junction, Colorado. President Brian Woods called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Attendees recited The Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:	
Joe Burtard	present
Kyle Coltrinari	present
Gary De Young	present
Andrew Golike	present
Lindsay Gray	present
Joe Landini	absent
Jesse Mease	present
Janie VanWinkle	arrived during Guests and Public comments
Brian Woods	present

Others present: Chrystal Dean, Chief Executive Officer; Derek Elder, Chief Operating Officer; Donnie Schell, Chief Financial Officer; Rita Sanders, Director of Member Services & Communication; Mike Kansgen, Director of Information Technology; Walter Fees, Manager of Engineering; Chance Semones, Energy Services Technician; Lane Karo, Intern; Kobi Webb, Attorney.

II. Approve Minute Record of June 17 Regular Board Meeting

MOTION: Motion by Golike second by Mease to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2026 regular meeting; unanimously carried.

III. Approve Agenda

MOTION: Motion by Mease second by Gray to approve the agenda with an amendment to change the HopeWest presenters to Terri Jones and Rachel Simpson; unanimously carried.

IV. Guests and Public Comments

Terri Jones, HopeWest's director of donor relations, and Rachel Simpson, HopeWest's outreach coordinator, and Steve Balcerovich and Tim Coleman, contract lobbyists for Grand Valley Power, introduced themselves.

Jones and Simpson shared HopeWest's mission and how the nonprofit's end-of-life and illness support services fill a critical need in Mesa County. Jones said that over 24 years Grand Valley Power has collectively donated $65,000 to the organization in support of its services. Jones presented expansion plans to HopeWest facilities.

Balcerovich and Coleman presented the 2026 legislative summary. They said legislators introduced more than 700 bills despite Colorado experiencing a $1 billion budget shortfall. Balcerovich and Coleman engaged on behalf of Grand Valley Power on 34 bills, including the Clean Energy Plan, potential outage notification legislation, proposed data center bills, drone regulation proposals, and two bills that became law: House Bill 26-1007 directing utilities to authorize member use of plug-in solar and mandating allowances for meter collar adapters, and House Bill 26-1101 increasing criminal penalties associated with the theft and illegal sale of critical metals. They reviewed the results of the primary election. The consultants anticipate that in 2027, legislators will introduce bills on outage notifications, wildfire liability, clean energy standards, data centers, and net metering. Discussion ensued about elections and legislation.

V. Staff Reports

Information Technology – Kansgen presented considerations for using artificial intelligence at work. He shared how employees securely use the platform to enhance their work and productivity. Dean said Kansgen is drafting an AI policy for review and eventual adoption by the Board of Directors.

Member Services and Communication – Sanders reported that a request to participate in the Touchstone Energy Member Perspectives survey on Community Engagement will be sent to 5,000 members in early August. The survey offers an incentive to acquire the 50 qualified responses necessary to achieve valid results.

Sanders said Grand Valley Power received three applications for the CMU Tech Electric Lineworker scholarship. All applicants were from outside Mesa County. The committee of Grand Valley Power lineworkers chose Jovanny Angel of Brush as the recipient.

Sanders noted that last month's wildfire risk mitigation email initiated two tree trimming requests, which were promptly addressed by Grand Valley Power crews.

Sanders reported that financial disclosures from director candidates are posted weekly on the Grand Valley Power website. She said that preparations continue for the annual meeting. She noted that with three weeks to go, 135 members have submitted their RSVP for the meeting, which would meet the quota requirement to conduct the election and business meeting.

Operations – Elder introduced Lane Karo, a 2026 graduate of Grand Junction High School. Karo shared his experience at the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. Karo also presented about his participation in a new Grand Valley Power summer internship designed to introduce participants to the electric cooperative business model and industry careers. He said he appreciates the experience he has gained and what he has learned about electric cooperatives.

Semones reported that he is revising Grand Valley Power's Interconnection Policy for compliance with HB26-1007. He noted it is timely because the policy is due for its five-year review. He said the revision is a rewrite to make it clear, concise, and digestible for members and separate policy from operations. He said that to comply with new legislation, they're adding requirements for members who want to install meter collars and plug-in photovoltaic (portable solar) systems and rules for member-owned equipment. After staff and counsel review the policy, it will be brought before the Board in August for approval. Discussion ensued about plug-in systems and net metering.

Elder reported that Grand Valley Power is considering contracting a fourth crew to trim vegetation on the Grand Mesa. The work would be budgeted to wildfire risk mitigation. In response to a director's question, Elder noted that crews worked throughout the past winter due to the low snowfall on the Mesa.

Elder said Grand Valley Power didn't lose any equipment in the Snyder Fire and only de-energized service to a single line tap, causing minimal impact to members, to protect firefighters and property.

Finance – Schell provided a summary of the monthly financials and reported on the disconnects and write-offs. He noted that Grand Valley Power's TIER, OTIER, and MDSC 12-month rolling average ratios are satisfactory despite recent lower monthly ratios. He anticipates the ratios will improve as margins increase with higher kilowatt-hour sales during the summer. Schell said the ratios are likely impacted by higher expenses caused by inflation and by the mild weather resulting in fewer kilowatt-hours sold. Directors asked several questions about the presented ratios and anticipated projections, discussed collections and that Grand Valley Power writes off what it does not recover.

VI. CEO Report

Dean thanked Webb for her input on the revision of CREA's mutual aid agreement.

Dean presented Grand Valley Power's Emergency Action Plan, which staff have updated and revised to incorporate Business Continuity Planning. She said the plan covers what to do in response to several possible emergency situations and is reviewed every two to three years.

Dean said Grand Valley Power received an inquiry from a venture capital firm that is gathering data about the availability of electricity from distribution systems. Fees said the venture capital firm is seeking information for companies such as portable data centers that want to expand into areas where electricity is available for purchase. He said Grand Valley Power does not have the capacity they are seeking at this time.

MOTION: Motion by Coltrinari second by Gray to accept the CEO report; unanimously carried.

VII. Director Reports on Conference and Training Activities

Dean shared upcoming director's training opportunities, including a CFC KRTA training. Director Golike asked what training he should consider as a new director.

Revisiting a prior topic, Director Golike asked if Grand Valley Power considers seasonal fluctuations in kilowatt-hour sales when it projects expenses and revenue. Schell said yes, and in general over the past few years, revenues have decreased and expenses have stayed the same or increased. Golike requested more information so the Board can consider if a rate increase is necessary or if the recent margins are seasonal.

Dean said Grand Valley Power is engaging the consulting firm PSE to do a light cost-of-service study analysis since the last rate increase in November 2025. Director Coltrinari said he took note that kilowatt-hour sales have been down. Schell said a weather-related decline in power usage has a big impact on revenues. He said in previous years Grand Valley Power has passed savings to members and absorbed cost increases. Schell said he anticipates that in 2026 the cooperative will use some deferred revenue to stay within the covenant range. Directors discussed the budget outlook for the rest of 2026.

VIII. Consent Agenda

MOTION: Motion by Golike second by De Young to approve the consent agenda items; unanimously carried.

IX. Attorney's Report

Webb reported that the Election Supervisory Committee will attend the annual meeting to oversee the uncontested election process.

X. Executive Session – Personnel Matters, Power Supply, Privileged Legal Report

MOTION: Motion by Golike second by Gray to convene an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, the 2026 Pat Kanda memorial golf tournament, Q2 strategic plan updates, for receiving a power supply update and for receiving a privileged legal report; unanimously carried.

Executive session convened at 12:00 p.m.

Regular session reconvened at 2:03 p.m.

XI. Colorado Rural Electric Association Director's Report

Woods reported the next CREA meeting will be in August.

XII. Western United Electric Supply Director's Report

Mease reported that Western United is completing year-end financials. Projections indicate the cooperative brought in more than $300 million in sales for the second consecutive year. It is maintaining a backorder of $100 million and continues to right-side inventory, which is at $60 million.

XIII. Continuing Business

None.

XIV. New Business

Dean reported that Alpine Bank set up an account to benefit the families of the three firefighters who died and the two who were injured in the Snyder Fire near the Colorado - Utah border. Per policy, the Board can make contributions from unclaimed capital (CashBack Credits) to charitable 501(c)(3) organizations; however, the account benefiting the firefighter families is not 501(c)(3) eligible. Dean noted that another budget line for community donations has been expended for 2026.

Director VanWinkle offered that wildfire prevention and protection is important to people in rural communities. She said when you've seen what the firefighters do and know that some have given their lives to protect our communities, you see that this is a worthy cause. VanWinkle suggested a $5,000 to $10,000 donation to benefit the firefighters and their families. Directors discussed how Grand Valley Power decides what to donate and to whom.

Director Coltrinari asked if the Board could amend the budget to reappropriate funds from the unclaimed capital (CashBack Credits) account. Grand Valley Power leadership said that it isn't possible under the cooperative's bylaws.

Director Mease suggested donating from the general fund, noting that the cooperative did not spend money to mail ballots for the uncontested election and saved money by building rather than purchasing a prefabricated demonstration trailer. Director Coltrinari asked if it's a responsible amount given Grand Valley Power's financial situation. Schell responded to the affirmative.

MOTION: Motion by Mease second by Golike to donate $15,000 from general fund cost savings to the Snyder Fire Fighter Families Benefit Account set up by Alpine Bank; unanimously carried.

Board members directed staff to prepare a press release for the media to announce the Snyder Fire Firefighter donation when it is made to the fund.

MOTION: Motion by Mease second by Golike for Grand Valley Power to establish its own 501(c)(3) organization for future charitable and educational purposes in coordination with counsel; unanimously carried.

XV. Adjourn

MOTION: Motion by Golike second by Mease to adjourn; unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Rita Sanders, Assistant Secretary

Brian Woods, President