

**IRC Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2026 at the Hendricks County Hamfest**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Atkinson at 12:16 p.m. local time.

The meeting was presided over by Bill (NF9K), Vice Chairman Bob Burns (AK9R), Secretary / Treasurer Mike Sercer (WA9FDO).

Mike (WA9FDO) read the meeting minutes from the November 15th, 2025 meeting. There were no corrections or additions. The meeting minutes were accepted as read.

Mike (WA9FDO) presented the treasurers report. As of February 6 we have \$5083.95. The only expenditure during 2025 was \$159.00 for the ZOOM subscription. There were no corrections or additions and the treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Motions to accept both reports were made and seconded and passed by voice vote.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Bill Atkinson reported on several ongoing projects.

1. The membership portal is ready for release. It will allow members to login and view their status, update information, etc. the portal URL is "membership.ircinc.org". Initially you login with your call sign. All members will receive a password notification which will allow you to enter a new password and then login. A sample member record was presented and reviewed. If you do have any changes or suggestions, please contact the IRC staff via the help desk.
2. OCR conversion of the bylaws still continues. It has turned out to be a more laborious than thought. The effort continues. There is a PDF version available on the website.
3. Our FLEXWEB coordination software is running on an outdated Lenux computer. The operating system needs to be updated and that will require changes to the FLEXWEB software. Bill is working with the author on themodification.
4. An effort is underway to investigate the possibility of creating a new coordination program using A.I. tools available. More information will be provided at our ZOOM meeting later this year.

Coordinator's Report: Patrick was out of town and not able to report. He and Bob have had conversation regarding changes that are needed in the coordination parameters. Discussion continues and will be reported on at our ZOOM meeting.

OFFICER ELECTIONS:

There were no nominations for offices from the floor. The current officers were re-elected by a voice vote of members present. They are as follows:

CHAIRMAN: Bill Atkinson, NF9K

CO-CHAIRMAN: Bob Burns, AK9R

SECRETARY-TREASURER: Mike Sercer, WA9FDO

NEW BUSINESS:

The summer 2026 meeting will be conducted over the internet via ZOOM. The date will be published on the website and communicated by email to the membership..

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Tony Tolbert addressed the issue of the close spacing of his uncoordinated 146.745 repeater to the 146.76 repeater in Indianapolis. He has submitted an engineering study that indicates no interference to the 76 repeater. The IRC policy does not allow adjacent channel, close spacing of repeaters. Mike Sercer commented that He is more concerned with the users of the 76 repeater not being to hear it, rather than the repeater not hearing them. Tony commented that the Illinois repeater council had considered the issue in the 1990's and would approve if the two trustees agreed. Tony suggested that we consider a similar policy. Bill reminded everyone that the coordination policy is there to serve the group and that it is up to the group to put forth any changes that they may feel needed. Discussion continued regarding ways to reclaim dormant coordination's which might allow new coordination's in areas that are currently full. In summary, the issue was tabled and the staff will consider ways to resolve short comings in the current policy and make proposed changes at future meetings.

With no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 13:08 p.m.

Submitted,

Mike Sercer, WA9FDO
Secretary/Treasurer