

**41B.026 TELEPHONE OR ELECTRONIC MEETING.**

(a) Notwithstanding section 13D.01, the Rural Finance Authority may conduct a meeting of its members by telephone or other electronic means so long as the following conditions are met:

(1) all members of the authority participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location, can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

(2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the authority can hear all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the authority;

(3) at least one member of the authority is physically present at the regular meeting location; and

(4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be identified and recorded.

(b) Each member of the authority participating in a meeting by telephone or other electronic means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and participating in all proceedings.

(c) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a meeting, the authority, to the extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a remote location. The authority may require the person making such a connection to pay for documented marginal costs that the authority incurs as a result of the additional connection.

(d) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or emergency meeting, the authority shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the fact that some members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and of the provisions of paragraph (c). The timing and method of providing notice is governed by section 13D.04.

**History:** 1997 c 154 s 3