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**Clinton County Electric Cooperative**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012**  
**Central Community High School**  
Route 50 West, Breese, IL 62230

■ Registration begins  
at 6:30 p.m.

■ Entertainment by  
Duane Grapperhaus

■ Business meeting  
begins at 7:30 p.m.

■ Numerous  
attendance prizes

■ Four cash prizes

■ Capital Credit checks  
will be available

**Official Registration**

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please provide current phone number)

**Please Bring This Card To The Meeting**

*Please cut out and bring to the  
meeting for registration and  
drawing of prizes.*

**\$10 credit**  
*on your next electric bill  
for all members attending  
the Annual Meeting!*

## Official Meeting Notice

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held at the Central Community High School, Rt. 50 West, Breese, Illinois, at 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, March 15, 2012, to take action upon the following matters:

- (1) The reports of officers, trustees and committees;
- (2) The election of three trustees of the cooperative.

In connection with the election of three trustees for this meeting, the following members have been certified for trustees by the Election & Credentials Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Cooperative and nominated by petition pursuant to the Bylaws.

- District No. 1** John White, Carlyle, IL  
**District No. 2** Vernon Mohesky, Breese, IL  
**District No. 3** Ronald Becker, Trenton, IL

No additional nominations for trustee may be made at the meeting.

  
Ronald Lee Becker, Secretary

## Capital Credit checks to be distributed at the 2012 Annual Meeting

If you were a member of the Cooperative in 1989, you may have a Capital Credit check waiting for you!

Come to the 2012 Annual Meeting on Thursday, March 15 to pick up your check. The remainder will be mailed at a later date. Only checks worth more than \$10 will be available.

## Annual Meeting Agenda

|   |  |
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| Registration and music by Duane Grapperhaus, .....        | 6:30 p.m.                              |
| Call to Order, 7:30PM .....                               | Cary Dickinson, Chairman               |
| Report on Number of Members (to determine a quorum) ..... | Ronald L. Becker, Secretary            |
| Invocation .....  | Vernon Mohesky, Trustee                |
| National Anthem.....                                      | Duane Grapperhaus                      |
| Rules of the Meeting.....                                 | Cary Dickinson, Chairman               |
| Introductions.....  | Cary Dickinson, Chairman               |
| Reading of Notice of the Meeting .....                    | Ronald L. Becker, Secretary            |
| Reading of 2011 Minutes.....                              | Ronald L. Becker, Secretary            |
| Chairman's Report .....                                   | Cary Dickinson, Chairman               |
| Treasurer's Report .....                                  | Ronald L. Becker, Treasurer            |
| President's Report .....                                  | Mike R. Johnson, President             |
| Acceptance of Reports of Officers .....                   | Cary Dickinson, Chairman               |
| Report of Election and Credentials Committee .....        | Ronald L. Becker, Treasurer            |
| Election of Trustees.....                                 | Ronald L. Becker, Treasurer            |
| Any and All Other Business .....                          | Cary Dickinson, Chairman               |
| Adjournment.....  | Cary Dickinson, Chairman               |
| Awarding of Attendance Prizes .....                       | Ahren Langhauser, Operations Assistant |

## Candidates For Trustee

Certified by the Election & Credentials Committee on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012

We, the undersigned members of the Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. being appointed to an Election & Credentials Committee by the Board of Trustees of the Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., 475 North Main Street, Breese, Illinois, 62230, do hereby certify the following list of candidates as meeting the qualifications for trustee, three of whom are to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Members, March 15, 2012, and serve for a term beginning on March 15, 2012, and ending at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Cooperative to be held in 2015, at which time they or their successors shall be duly elected, or appointed and have qualified.

- DISTRICT NO. 1:** John White, Carlyle, IL  
**DISTRICT NO. 2:** Vernon Mohesky, Breese, IL  
**DISTRICT NO. 3:** Ronald Becker, Trenton, IL

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Guile  
Linda Dieters  
Janet Heimann  
Nelson Arrowsmith  
Richard Buss  
Dennis Fohne

## Chairman's and President's Report



Cary Dickinson  
Chairman



Mike Johnson  
President

Nobody knows you better than the friends and neighbors you grew up with. And since 1939, Clinton County Electric has been growing up with you. We now serve almost 5,900 accounts in Clinton County and parts of Fayette, Madison, Marion, St. Clair and Washington counties.

Clinton County Electric operates on a not-for-profit basis for the mutual benefit of its owners and we are democratically governed, and you, the member, control us. In short, Clinton County Electric is a business owned and controlled by you, the member.

You have the opportunity to become engaged in the democratic process controlling your cooperative by attending your Annual Meeting on March 15. Matters of interest concerning your cooperative will be discussed and you can participate in the election process for the Board of Trustees.

From the beginning, Clinton County Electric has had one central mission – to enhance the quality of life of our members. Your cooperative is committed to safe, reliable and reasonably priced electricity.

Clinton County Electric is a company that cares about the people it serves. That service goes a long way beyond keeping the lights on. It is neighbors helping neighbors. That is what it is all about – that is the electric cooperative tradition that started almost three quarters of a century ago.

Clinton County Electric has continued to develop our two main initiatives; “Enhance our Member Communications” and “Infrastructure Improvements.” We worked vigorously on these in 2011 and will continue to work on further development of these initiatives in 2012. Remember, all initiatives we embark on always have our members’ best interest in mind.

At Clinton County Electric’s Oct. 25, 2011 Regular Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved an increase in electric rates effective with January 2012 consumption. We have communicated to the membership the reasons for that increase in many articles, letters and a bill stuffer during the past few months. The rate increase will undoubtedly be the main topic of discussion at the Annual Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at your Annual Meeting on March 15.

# Balance Sheet

(As of December 31, 2011)

### ASSETS (What We Own)

|                                     |           |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Cash                                | \$        | 707               |
| Other Investments & Other Property  | \$        | 2,002,714         |
| Notes & Accounts Receivable         | \$        | 190,495           |
| Materials & Supplies                | \$        | 543,893           |
| Prepayments & Other Deferred Debits | \$        | 154,959           |
| Total Utility Plant                 | \$        | 26,381,170        |
| Accumulated Depreciation            | \$        | 9,297,778         |
| Net Utility Plant                   | \$        | 17,083,392        |
| <b>Total Assets (We Own)</b>        | <b>\$</b> | <b>19,997,357</b> |

### LIABILITIES & EQUITIES (What We Owe)

|  |           |                   |
|--|-----------|-------------------|
| Borrowed from NRUCFC                             | \$        | 22,199,421        |
| Paid Back to NRUCFC                              | \$        | 13,694,007        |
| Owe NRUCFC                                       | \$        | 8,505,414         |
| Patronage Capital Credits                        | \$        | 8,057,881         |
| 2011 Margins                                     | \$        | 826,980           |
| Total Members' Equities                          | \$        | 8,884,861         |
| Other Margins & Equities                         | \$        | 281,856           |
| Notes Payable (including Line of Credit)         | \$        | 1,214,539         |
| Accounts Payable                                 | \$        | 393,259           |
| Consumer Deposits                                | \$        | 157,362           |
| Other Liabilities                                | \$        | 415,632           |
| Deferred Credits                                 | \$        | 144,434           |
| <b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equities (We Owe)</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>19,997,357</b> |

# Revenue and Expenses

(January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011)

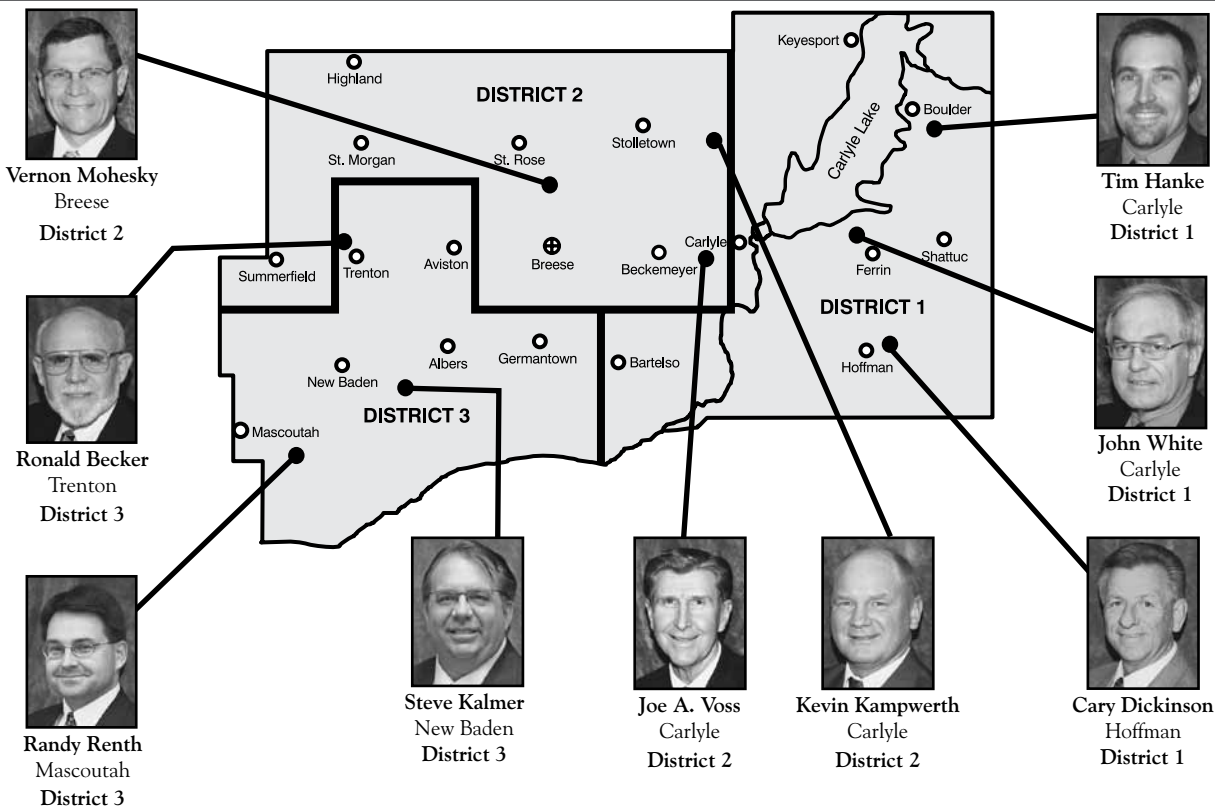
### REVENUE:

|   |           |                   |
|---|-----------|-------------------|
| Electric Service Sold & Other Income    | \$        | 13,734,476        |
| Other Capital Credits & Interest Income | \$        | 472,960           |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                    | <b>\$</b> | <b>14,207,436</b> |

### EXPENSES:

|  |           |                   |
|--|-----------|-------------------|
| Electric Power                           | \$        | 8,935,819         |
| Operations & Maintenance Expenses        | \$        | 1,784,757         |
| Consumer Accounts Expenses               | \$        | 317,667           |
| Sales & Consumer Expenses                | \$        | 150,082           |
| General Office & Administrative Expenses | \$        | 879,898           |
| System Depreciation (this year)          | \$        | 784,414           |
| Tax Expense                              | \$        | 8,926             |
| Interest to NRUCFC & others              | \$        | 518,893           |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                    | <b>\$</b> | <b>13,380,456</b> |
| <b>Total Margins for the Year</b>        | <b>\$</b> | <b>826,980</b>    |

## Your neighbors serving as your cooperative's trustees



## Board Candidate Profiles



**John White – District No. 1**

The Election and Credentials Committee certified John White from District No. 1 for re-election to the Board of Directors. He was first elected to the board in 1994. John is a 1969 graduate of the University of Illinois and has been a farm management consultant and tax practitioner for 37 years. John and his wife Sherry live in Carrigan Subdivision, north of Huey, and are the parents of two sons, Mark 33, and Michael 27. He is presently trustee-treasurer of Huey-Ferrin-Boulder Fire District and trustee-vice chairman of Clinton County East Public Water District.



**Vernon Mohesky – District No. 2**

The Election and Credentials Committee certified Vernon Mohesky from District No. 2 for re-election to the Board of Directors. Vernon just completed his second 3-year term on the board. He has earned the NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate and will complete the required training for the Board Leadership Certificate in the near future. Vernon is retired from AT&T and Tellabs, Inc. of Naperville, Ill. and is a USA Army Veteran from 1966-1968. Vernon's pastime is collecting, restoring and showing antique tractors. He is also an avid bicycle rider, riding daily, and hosts two 42 mile events each year. Vernon and his wife Ann live north of Breese and have two sons, two daughters and 10 grandchildren.



**Ronald L. Becker – District No. 3**

Ron Becker has just completed his seventh 3-year term as a member of the Board of Directors for Clinton County Electric Cooperative. He has been certified by the Election and Credentials Committee for re-election from District No. 3. Ron currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board. Ron has earned both a Bachelors and Masters Degree from SIUE and is a retired mathematics teacher. He is also a Vietnam Veteran. Ron has received the CCD as well as the BLC from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. He is currently serving as a board member for Southern Illinois Power Cooperative. Ron has an active interest in farming and enjoys collecting cars and farm tractors. He and his wife Christine live north of Trenton and are the parents of one daughter, Barbara, one son, Aaron. They have two grandchildren.