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**Clinton County Electric Cooperative** 

# ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Central Community High School • 7740 Old U.S. Hwy 50 • Breese, IL 62230



- Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.
- Entertainment by Duane Grapperhaus
- Business meeting including Trustee elections begins at 7:30 p.m.
- Attendance prizes
- Four cash prizes



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

PLEASE BRING THIS CARD TO THE MEETING

# Official Meeting Notice

he Annual Meeting of the Members of Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held at Central Community High School, 7740 Old U.S. Hwy 50, Breese, Illinois, at 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, March 15, 2018, to take action upon the following matters:

- (1) The reports of officers, trustees, and committees;
- 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: Robert Gerstenecker, Carlyle, IL DISTRICT NO. 2: Vernon Mohesky, Breese, IL DISTRICT NO. 3: Kevin Wiegmann, Trenton, IL

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

Randy Renth, Secretary

# Please note,

This year's checks were mailed in late February and should arrive shortly before Clinton County Electric's 2018 Annual Meeting on March 15. If your retired patronage dividends are under \$10, they will be held until the accumulated amount is over \$10.

# Annual Meeting Agenda

Registration and music by Duane Grapperhaus, 6:30 p.m.	
Call to Order, 7:30 p.m.	Vernon Mohesky, Chairman
Report on Number of Members (to determine a quorum)	Randy Renth, Secretary
Invocation	Steve Kalmer, Trustee
National Anthem	Duane Grapperhaus
Rules of the Meeting	Vernon Mohesky
Introductions	Vernon Mohesky
Reading of Notice of the Meeting	Randy Renth
Reading of 2017 Minutes	Randy Renth
Election of Trustees	
Chairman's Report	Vernon Mohesky
Treasurer's Report	
SIPC's Report	Paul Furtak, V.P. of Risk & Strategic Planning
President's Report	Bob Kroeger, President
Acceptance of Reports of Officers	Vernon Mohesky
Any and All Other Business	Vernon Mohesky
Adjournment	Vernon Mohesky
Awarding of Attendance Prizes	Ahren Langhauser, Technical Services Supervisor

# Candidates For Trustee

Certified by the Election & Credentials Committee on Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Te, the undersigned members of Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. being appointed to an Election & Credentials Committee by the Board of Trustees of Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., 475 North Main Street, Breese, Illinois, 62230, do hereby certify the following list of candidates as meeting the qualification for trustee, three of whom are to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Members, March 15, 2018, and serve for a term beginning on March 15, 2018 and ending at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Cooperative to be held in 2021, at which time they or

their successors shall be duly elected or appointed and have qualified.

**DISTRICT NO. 1:** Robert Gerstenecker, Carlyle, IL **DISTRICT NO. 2:** Vernon Mohesky, Breese, IL **DISTRICT NO. 3:** Kevin Wiegmann, Trenton, IL

Respectfully Submitted,

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# Chairman's and President's Report





obody 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 6,000 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 by the membership. 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 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 2017 and will continue to work on further development of these initiatives in 2018. Please take the time to read your monthly newsletter in the Illinois County Living magazine that we provide to you. Remember, all initiatives we embark upon always have our members' best interest in mind.

At Clinton County Electric's December 18, 2017 regular board meeting, the board of trustees approved the implementation of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system. This new system will improve the efficiency and reliability of our electric system. It will also improve service to our members buy providing accurate, timely meter readings while also allowing for enhanced service offerings in the future. Undoubtedly, the topic of AMI will be discussed at the upcoming annual meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at your annual meeting on March 15.

# **Balance Sheet**

(As of December 31, 2017)

# **ASSETS (What We Own)**

Cash		\$ 76,338
Other Investments & Other Property	\$ 4,662,528	
Notes & Accounts Receivable		\$ 794,176
Materials & Supplies		\$ 297,536
Prepayments & Other Deferred Debits		\$ 85,683
Total Utility Plant	\$ 36,166,900	
Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 11,815,883	
Net Utility Plant		\$ 24,351,017
Total Assets (We Own)		\$30,267,278
LIABILITIES & EQUITIES (What We Owe)		
Borrowed from NRUCFC	\$ 31,649,421	
Paid Back to NRUCFC	\$ 16,032,836	
Owe NRUCFC		\$ 15,616,585
Patronage Capital Credits	\$ 10,894,641	
2017 Margins	\$ 1,324,527	
Total Members' Equities		\$ 12,219,168
Other Margins & Equities		\$ 370,481
Notes Payable (including Lines of Credit)		\$ 1,227,335
Accounts Payable		\$ 82,910

# Revenue and Expenses

160,959

481,034

108,806

\$30,267,278

\$ 1,324,527

(January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

## **REVENUE:**

**Total Margins for the Year** 

**Consumer Deposits** 

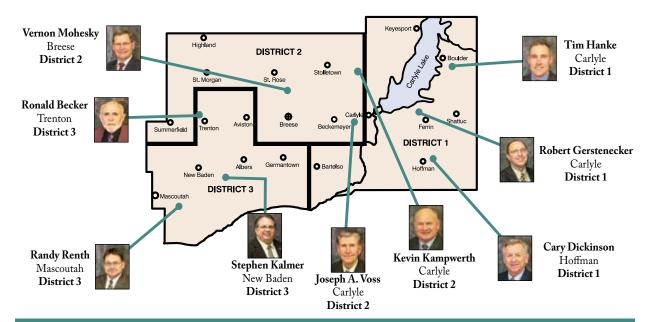
Other Liabilities

**Deferred Credits** 

**Total Liabilities & Equities (We Owe)** 

Electric Service Sold & Other Income		16,515,774
Other Capital Credits & Interest Income		704,038
Total Revenue		17,219,812
EXPENSES:		
Electric Power	\$	10,977,167
Operations & Maintenance Expenses	\$	1,589,970
Consumer Accounts Expenses		440,231
Sales & Consumer Expenses		74,013
General Office & Administrative Expenses		901,940
System Depreciation (this year)	\$	1,126,861
Tax Expense	\$	6,585
Interest to NRUCFC & Others	\$	778,518
Total Expenses		15,895,285
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# Your neighbors serving as your cooperative's trustees



# **Board Candidate Profiles**



Robert Gerstenecker has been married to his wife Tamra for 20 years. They have two children, Courtney and Ryan. Robert farms with his parents in Clinton

and Marion counties. He also works for Country Financial as a Crop Insurance Specialist.

Robert is finishing his first three-year term as a Trustee for Clinton County Electric, representing District 1. He has obtained his Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate and has attended three AIEC annual meetings and three national annual meetings.

He has served as a director on Clinton County Farm Bureau Board since 2001, where he was on the committee that organized and implemented the Agriculture Literacy Program. He is also on the Agriculture Advisory Committee for Kaskaskia College.

For the last nine years, he has been involved with the Carlyle Boy Scout Troop 281 as Assistant Scoutmaster and has helped coordinate their electronic recycling drive. Robert is a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ferrin where he has served on many committees, taught junior and senior high Sunday school classes, and volunteered as coordinator of the high school youth group.



Vernon Mohesky is a Trustee for Clinton County Electric Cooperative, representing District 2 and currently serves as the Chairman

of the Board. Vernon has earned his NRECA 'Director Gold' Cooperative Director Certificate and Board Leadership Certificate. He is a graduate of Mater Dei High School and United Electronics Institute in Louisville, Ky. Vernon is retired from AT&T & Tellabs Inc. and is a U.S. Army Veteran having served from 1966-1968. He is actively involved in St. Dominic Parish, a member of the Vietnam Veterans Association, Knights of Columbus and American Legion.

Vernon and his wife Ann have four married children and ten grandchildren. Vernon's pastime is showing his restored antique tractors, which he enters in approximately 10 parades each year. He is also an avid bicycle rider and rides daily.



Kevin Wiegmann was raised on a dairy farm south of Trenton and is the son of the late William and Elsie Wiegmann. He resides north of Trenton

with his wife Carol (Huelsmann). They have been married for 33 years and have three children Alex (wife Lacey Kraft), Lindsey and Kari Wiegmann.

Kevin is running for the Clinton County Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees, representing District 3.

Kevin attended Mater Dei High School and is a 1980 graduate of St. Louis University with a bachelor's degree in engineering. He has worked as an engineer in the aviation industry for 33 years, working for Ozark, TWA and American Airlines for 23 years, and then 10 years for The Boeing Company.

Kevin has served on CCEC's Advisory Committee for the past two years. He has previously served on the Industrial Commission for the City of Trenton. Kevin is an active member of the St. Mary Parish, serving in several capacities: lector, Eucharistic Minister, choir and on Pastoral Council. He is currently a member of the Finance Council, serving for the past 22 years, and is a member of the Trenton Knights of Columbus. He enjoys woodworking, traveling and spending time with family and friends.