

# Illinois Country Living

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**Clinton County Electric Cooperative**

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

**Thursday, August 19, 2021**

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



- Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.
- Business meeting and Trustee elections begin at 7:30 p.m.
- Attendance prizes
- Four cash prizes



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### **Official Registration**

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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

The 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, August 19, 2021, 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:** Robert Gerstenecker, Carlyle, IL
- DISTRICT NO. 2:** John Becker, Breese, IL  
Jared Kampwerth, Carlyle, IL  
John Winter, Breese, IL
- DISTRICT NO. 3:** Matt Albat, Trenton, IL  
Kevin Wiegmann, Trenton, IL

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

Kevin Kampwerth, Chairman

**Please note,**

*If you were a member between 1994-1996, your capital credit check was mailed back in February. If your retired patronage dividends are under \$10 they will be held until the accumulated amount is over \$10.*

## Annual Meeting Agenda

Call to Order, 7:30 p.m.....	Kevin Kampwerth, Chairman
Report on Number of Members (to determine a quorum).....	Kevin Wiegmann, Trustee
Invocation.....	Vernon Mohesky, Trustee
National Anthem	
Rules of the Meeting.....	Kevin Kampwerth
Introductions.....	Kevin Kampwerth
Reading of Notice of the Meeting.....	Kevin Wiegmann
Reading of 2019 Minutes.....	Kevin Wiegmann
2020 Election of Trustees.....	Whitney Kampwerth Luebbers, Attorney
2021 Election of Trustees.....	Whitney Kampwerth Luebbers
Chairman's Report.....	Kevin Kampwerth
Treasurer's Report.....	Kevin Wiegmann
AIEC Report.....	Nick Reitz, V.P. of Government Relations
SIPC Report.....	Paul Furtak, V.P. of Risk & Strategic Planning
President's Report.....	Bob Kroeger, President
Acceptance of Reports of Officers.....	Kevin Kampwerth
Employee & Trustee Updates.....	Bob Kroeger
Report of Election Results.....	Whitney Kampwerth Luebbers
Any and All Other Business.....	Kevin Kampwerth
Adjournment.....	Kevin Kampwerth
Awarding of Attendance Prizes.....	Ahren Langhauser, Technical Services Supervisor

## Candidates For Trustee

*Certified by the Election & Credentials Committee on Tuesday, July 6, 2021*

We, 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 qualifications for trustee, three of whom are to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Members, August 19, 2021, and serve for a term beginning on August 19, 2021, and ending at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Cooperative to be held in 2024, at which time they or their successors shall be duly elected, or appointed and have qualified.

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Respectfully Submitted,

*David Rind      David Simpson*  
*Nick Steckhart      T S*  
*Kenneth Holman      Linda Dietter*

## Chairman's and President's Report



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 6,131 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 member-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 August 19. 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 2020 and will continue to work on further development of these initiatives in 2021. 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 22, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved retirement of 2020 margins in the amount of \$700,000. Current members saw this refund in the form of a one-time bill credit on the bill received in January 2021. At the same meeting, the board also approved managements recommendation of implementing additional reductions in the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) that could be seen on the bill they received in February. This PCA will remain in effect through 2021. The board and CCEC management are committed to providing safe and reliable services to benefit our member-owners while maintaining reasonable rates and financial stability. Undoubtedly these topics and many more will be discussed at the upcoming Annual Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at your Annual Meeting on August 19.

## Balance Sheet

(As of December 31, 2020)

### ASSETS (What We Own)

Cash	\$ 1,257,716
Other Investments & Other Property	\$ 6,433,834
Notes & Accounts Receivable	\$ 1,180,670
Materials & Supplies	\$ 311,492
Prepayments & Other Deferred Debits	\$ 128,932
Total Utility Plant	\$ 39,630,160
Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 13,419,723
Net Utility Plant	\$ 26,210,437
<b>Total Assets (We Own)</b>	<b>\$ 35,523,081</b>

### LIABILITIES & EQUITIES (What We Owe)

Borrowed from NRUCFC	\$ 35,049,421
Paid Back to NRUCFC	\$ 17,664,684
Owe NRUCFC	\$ 17,384,737
Patronage Capital Credits	\$ 13,917,537
2020 Margins	\$ 1,266,606
Total Members' Equities	\$ 15,184,143
Other Margins & Equities	\$ 434,364
Notes Payable (including Lines of Credit)	\$ 507,318
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,052,104
Consumer Deposits	\$ 164,436
Other Liabilities	\$ 675,469
Deferred Credits	\$ 120,510
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equities (We Owe)</b>	<b>\$ 35,523,081</b>

## Revenue and Expenses

(January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020)

### REVENUE:

Electric Service Sold & Other Income	\$ 16,462,998
Other Capital Credits & Interest Income	\$ 628,730
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$17,091,728</b>

### EXPENSES:

Electric Power	\$ 10,737,761
Operations & Maintenance Expenses	\$ 1,650,801
Consumer Accounts Expenses	\$ 297,583
Sales & Consumer Expenses	\$ 54,548
General Office & Administrative Expenses	\$ 1,045,273
System Depreciation (this year)	\$ 1,238,045
Tax Expense	\$ 7,997
Interest to NRUCFC & Others	\$ 793,114
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$15,825,122</b>
<b>Total Margins for the Year</b>	<b>\$ 1,266,606</b>

# Board Candidate Profiles

## District 1



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

Robert is finishing his second three-year term as a Clinton County Electric Cooperative (CCEC) Board of Trustee representing District 1. He has obtained his Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate and has attended numerous AIEC Annual Meetings and 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 many years, Robert 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 numerous committees, taught junior and senior high Sunday school classes, and volunteered as coordinator of the high school youth group.

## District 2



**John Becker** has been a member of the Clinton County Electric Cooperative (CCEC) since 2007, member of the CCEC Advisory Board since 2015 and is currently vying for a spot on the CCEC Board of Trustees representing District 2. He married Melissa Richter 17 years ago and together they have a 15-year-old son and 11-year-old

daughter.

John graduated from Mater Dei Catholic High School in 1998 and Ranken Technical College in 2000 with an associate degree in refrigeration, air conditioning and heating. He has been working at Spire, formerly Laclede Gas, for 20 years. Spire is the natural gas company for the St. Louis, Missouri metropolitan area. Seventeen of those years were spent as a member of the Local 11-6 Gas Workers Union. The last three years John has worked in management.

John is an active member of St. Dominic's Catholic Church and a member of the Breese Knights of Columbus. His hobbies include taking his kids hunting and ATV riding. He also enjoys spending time outside and taking Jeep rides through the country.



**Jared Kampwerth** is the son of Steve and Carolyn Kampwerth and is a lifelong resident of Carlyle. He married Hannah Alexander five years ago and together they have three children. He has been a cooperative member since 2016 and is seeking a spot on the Clinton County Electric Board of Trustees representing District 2.

Jared graduated from Mater Dei Catholic High School in 2008 and earned an associate degree for construction management from John A. Logan College in 2010. He is currently a site superintendent for Poettker Construction, a member of the St. Louis – Kansas City Carpenters Regional Council and a Union member of the Carpenters Local 662 out of Freeburg.

Jared's hobbies include: spending time with friends and family, SXS riding and hunting.



**John Winter** is competing for a spot on the Clinton County Electric Cooperative (CCEC) Board of Trustees representing District 2 and is bringing with him 32 years of cooperative experience. He worked at CCEC for 24 years doing a variety of things including member service advisor, staking engineer and assisting with the rate structures. John worked 8 years at Southwestern

Electric Cooperative as the director of member programs, managing the propane plus program as well as the dispatch center.

John graduated from Mater Dei Catholic High School and Kaskaskia College. He has been married to his wife Deborah for 33 and together they have raised two sons. He is a lifelong resident of Clinton County and has previously served on the Clinton County Board.

John recently retired from Enertech, in Greenville, where he was a manufacturer marketing manager and sales representative. John still consults for Enertech, but in his spare time enjoys restoring old cars, including upholstery work. John is also a model train enthusiast.

## District 3



**Matt Albat** has been a member of Clinton County Electric Cooperative (CCEC) for 25 years. He grew up between Carlyle and Beckemeyer, and currently lives

near Trenton with his wife Jennifer and son Logan. Matt is a 1996 graduate of Carlyle High School, a 1998 graduate of Kaskaskia College, a 2000 graduate of McKendree University where he received a bachelor's degree in history and a 2003 graduate of Southern Illinois University Carbondale. There, he earned a master's degree in educational administration and higher education.

From 2003-2014, Matt taught at Kaskaskia College as an adjunct instructor. He worked in both the Germantown School District and the Regional Office of Education. Currently, Matt teaches in the Edwardsville District 7 school district and has been there since 2005. He just completed his 21st year of teaching.

Matt is running for a seat on the CCEC board representing District 3.



**Kevin Wiegmann** currently serves as one of three Clinton County Electric Cooperative (CCEC) Trustees representing District 3. He was raised on a family 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 three children: Alex (wife Lacey Kraft), Lindsey and Kari Wiegmann and two grandchildren, Aubrey and Reed.

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 36 years, working for Ozark, TWA, American Airlines, the Boeing Company and Defense Contract Management Agency. He is presently working for the Corps of Engineers at Scott Air Force Base.

Kevin has served on CCEC's advisory committee for the two years prior to becoming a Trustee, and is currently working toward receiving his Credentialed Cooperative Director Certification from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Kevin has previously served on the Industrial Commission for the City of Trenton. He is an active member of St. Mary's Parish in Trenton, serving in several capacities including Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Finance Council member for the past 25 years, Capital Campaign Committee member, and is a member of the Trenton Knights of Columbus. In his spare time, Kevin enjoys woodworking, traveling and spending time with family and friends.