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Attend the

Clinton County Electric Cooperative

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, August 15, 2024

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

- **Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.** *(Please note, the doors to the gym will not open until 6:30 p.m.)*
- **Business meeting and trustee elections begin at 7:30 p.m.**
- **Attendance prizes**
- **Four cash prizes**

Official Registration

Phone Number (_____)_____

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 15, 2024, 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
DISTRICT NO. 3:	Kevin Wiegmann, Trenton, IL

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

Kevin Wiegmann, Secretary

Please note,
If you were a member between 2003-2004, 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. ..... Tim Hanke, Chairman
Report on Number of Members
(to determine a quorum) ..... Kevin Wiegmann, Secretary/Treasurer
Invocation ..... Bob Kroeger, President
National Anthem .....
Rules of the Meeting ..... Tim Hanke
Introductions ..... Tim Hanke
Reading of Notice of the Meeting ..... Tim Hanke
Reading of 2023 Minutes ..... Kevin Wiegmann
2024 Election of Trustees ..... Jeff Mollet, Attorney
Chairman's Report ..... Tim Hanke
Treasurer's Report ..... Kevin Wiegmann
President's Report ..... Bob Kroeger
Acceptance of Reports of Officers ..... Tim Hanke
Employee & Trustee Updates ..... Bob Kroeger
Any and All Other Business ..... Tim Hanke
Adjournment ..... Tim Hanke
Awarding of Attendance Prizes ..... Ahren Langhauser, Technical Services Supervisor

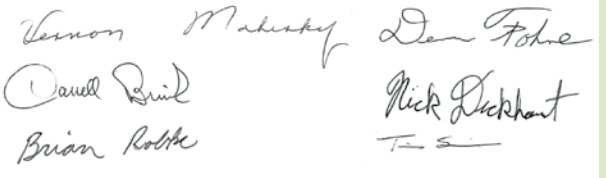
Candidates for Trustee

Certified by the Election & Credentials Committee on Tuesday, July 2, 2024

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 N. Main St., 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 15, 2024, and serve for a term beginning on August 15, 2024, and ending at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Cooperative to be held in 2027, 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:	John Becker, Breese, IL
DISTRICT NO. 3:	Kevin Wiegmann, Trenton, IL

Respectfully Submitted,



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 6,238 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 Aug. 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 85 years 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 2023 and continue to work on further development of these initiatives in 2024. 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 interests in mind.

At the Dec. 19, 2023, regular meeting of the Clinton County Electric Cooperative (CCEC) Board of Trustees, the board approved the 2024 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget, which incorporated a new wholesale rate for the power we purchase from Southern Illinois Power Cooperative. The new wholesale rate is better aligned with today's energy market and will give CCEC the ability to offer new types of rates and programs that will give the membership the ability to better manage energy costs. 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 Aug. 15.

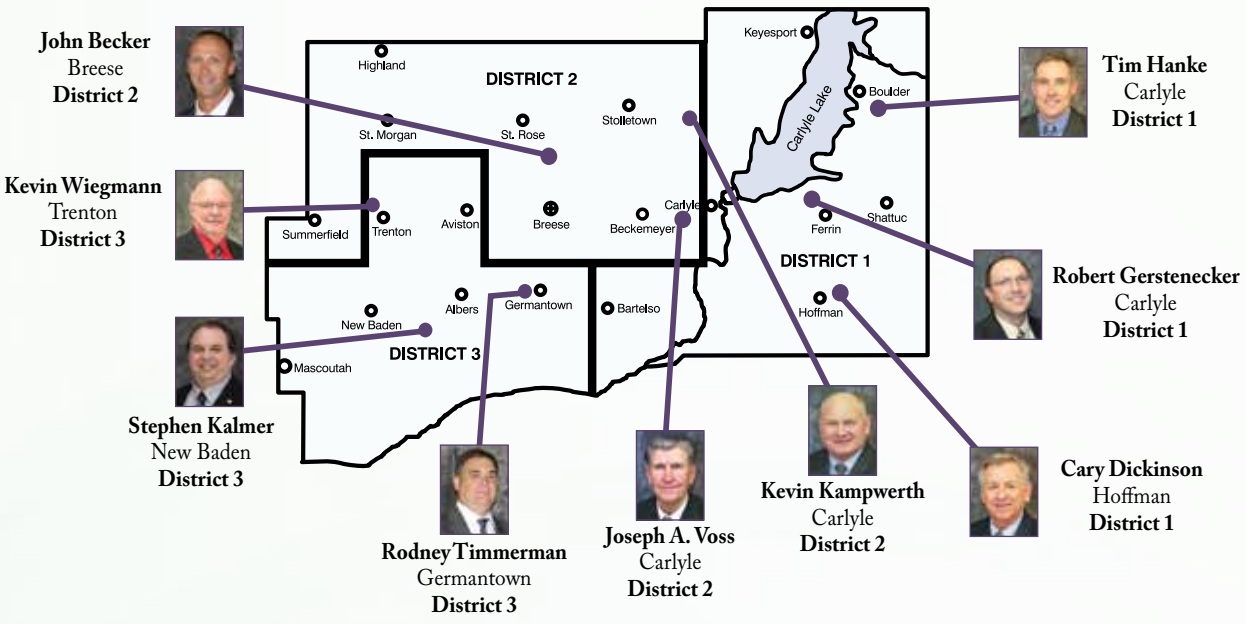
Balance Sheet (As of December 31, 2023)

ASSETS (What We Own)		
Cash		$ 294,647
Other Investments & Other Property		$ 7,682,030
Notes & Accounts Receivable		$ 1,740,896
Materials & Supplies		$ 530,359
Prepayments & Other Deferred Debits		$ 183,280
Total Utility Plant	$ 42,261,898	
Accumulated Depreciation	$ 15,051,750	
Net Utility Plant		$ 27,210,148
Total Assets (We Own)		**$ 37,641,360**
LIABILITIES & EQUITIES (What We Owe)		
Borrowed from NRUCFC	$ 37,349,421	
Paid Back to NRUCFC	$ 19,788,665	
Owe NRUCFC		$ $17,560,756
Patronage Capital Credits	$ 15,571,763	
2023 Margins	$ 1,102,352	
Total Members' Equities		$ 16,674,115
Other Margins & Equities		$ 543,425
Notes Payable (including Lines of Credit)		$ 727,322
Accounts Payable		$ 1,042,549
Consumer Deposits		$ 164,473
Other Liabilities		$ 859,811
Deferred Credits		$ 68,909
Total Liabilities & Equities (We Owe)		**$ 37,641,360**

Revenue and Expenses (January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023)

REVENUE:	
Electric Service Sold & Other Income	$ 17,848,535
Other Capital Credits & Interest Income	$ 556,243
Total Revenue	**$ 18,404,778**
EXPENSES:	
Electric Power	$ 11,435,574
Operations & Maintenance Expenses	$ 2,160,296
Consumer Accounts Expenses	$ 297,384
Sales & Consumer Expenses	$ 69,661
General Office & Administrative Expenses	$ 1,145,550
System Depreciation (this year)	$ 1,297,695
Tax Expense	$ 7,656
Interest to NRUCFC & Others	$ 888,610
Total Expenses	**$ 17,302,426**
Total Margins for the Year	**$ 1,102,352**

Your neighbors serving as your cooperative's trustees



Board Candidate Profiles

District 1

Robert Gerstenecker has been married to his wife Tamra for over 30 years. They have two children and two grandchildren. Robert farms with his parents in Clinton and Marion counties.

Robert is finishing his third 3-year term as a Clinton County Electric Board of Trustee representing District 1. He has obtained his Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate and Board Leadership certification. Robert 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, served on the CCEC Advisory Board for six years prior to being elected to the CCEC Board of Trustees in 2021, representing District 2. He married Melissa Richter 20 years ago, and together they have an 18-year-old son and 14-year-old daughter.

John graduated from Mater Dei Catholic High School in 1998 and Ranken Technical College in 2020 with an Associate's Degree in Refrigeration, Air Conditioning, and Heating. He has been working at Spire, formerly Laclede Gas, for 23 years. Spire is the natural gas company for the St. Louis metropolitan area. Seventeen of those years were spent as a member of the Local 11-6 Gas Workers Union. The last six 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.

District 3

Kevin Wiegmann currently serves as Board Secretary/Treasurer and one of three CCEC Trustees representing District No. 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. They have three children and three grandchildren.

Kevin attended Mater Dei High School and is a 1980 graduate of St. Louis University with a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering. Prior to retirement, Kevin worked as a Project Engineer in the aviation industry for 36 years.

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, 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.