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Clinton County Electric Cooperative

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, August 21, 2025

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 21, 2025, 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:	Cary Dickinson, Hoffman, IL
	Brad Knolhoff, Carlyle, IL
DISTRICT NO. 2:	Justin Detmer, Highland, IL
DISTRICT NO. 3:	Stephen Kalmer, New Baden, IL

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

Kevin Wiegmann, Secretary

Please note:
If you were a member between 2004-2005, your capital credit check was mailed 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. ..... Rob Gerstenecker, Chairman
Report on Number of Members
(to determine a quorum) ..... Kevin Wiegmann, Secretary/Treasurer
Invocation ..... Bob Kroeger, President
National Anthem .....
Rules of the Meeting ..... Rob Gerstenecker
Introductions ..... Rob Gerstenecker
Reading of Notice of the Meeting ..... Rob Gerstenecker
Reading of 2024 Minutes ..... Kevin Wiegmann
2025 Election of Trustees ..... Jeff Mollet, Attorney
Chairman's Report ..... Rob Gerstenecker
Treasurer's Report ..... Kevin Wiegmann
President's Report ..... Bob Kroeger
Acceptance of Reports of Officers ..... Rob Gerstenecker
Employee & Trustee Updates ..... Bob Kroeger
Report of Election Results ..... Jeff Mollet
Any and All Other Business ..... Tim Hanke
Adjournment ..... Rob Gerstenecker
Awarding of Attendance Prizes ..... Ahren Langhauser, Technical Services Supervisor

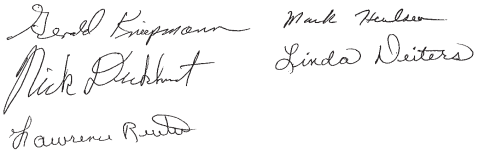
Candidates for Trustee

Certified by the Election & Credentials Committee on Wednesday, July 9, 2025

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 21, 2025, and serve for a term beginning on August 21, 2025, and ending at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Cooperative to be held in 2028, at which time they or their successors shall be duly elected or appointed and have qualified.

DISTRICT NO. 1:	Cary Dickinson, Hoffman, IL
	Brad Knolhoff, Carlyle, IL
DISTRICT NO. 2:	Justin Detmer, Highland, IL
DISTRICT NO. 3:	Stephen Kalmer, New Baden, 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 6,259 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 Aug. 21. 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 for 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 2024 and continue to work on further development of these initiatives in 2025. 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. 17, 2024, regular meeting of the Clinton County Electric Cooperative (CCECI) Board of Trustees, the board approved the 2025 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget that incorporated the second and final phase of 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 CCECI 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 CCECI 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. 21.

Balance Sheet (As of December 31, 2024)

ASSETS (What We Own)		
Cash		$ 137,002
Other Investments & Other Property		$ 8,176,790
Notes & Accounts Receivable		$ 1,879,544
Materials & Supplies		$ 562,578
Prepayments & Other Deferred Debits		$ 163,684
Total Utility Plant	$ 44,094,122	
Accumulated Depreciation	$ 16,055,592	
Net Utility Plant		$ 28,038,530
Total Assets (We Own)		**$ 38,958,128**
LIABILITIES & EQUITIES (What We Owe)		
Borrowed from NRUCFC	$ 38,074,421	
Paid Back to NRUCFC	$ 20,540,345	
Owe NRUCFC		$ 17,534,076
Patronage Capital Credits	$ 16,155,827	
2023 Margins	$ 995,843	
Total Members' Equities		$ 17,151,670
Other Margins & Equities		$ 592,632
Notes Payable (including Lines of Credit)		$ 1,379,186
Accounts Payable		$ 1,174,276
Consumer Deposits		$ 164,008
Other Liabilities		$ 889,463
Deferred Credits		$ 72,817
Total Liabilities & Equities (We Owe)		**$ 38,958,128**

Revenue and Expenses (January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024)

REVENUE:	
Electric Service Sold & Other Income	$ 18,456,296
Other Capital Credits & Interest Income	$ 507,482
Total Revenue	**$ 18,963,778**
EXPENSES:	
Electric Power	$ 11,663,383
Operations & Maintenance Expenses	$ 2,389,785
Consumer Accounts Expenses	$ 306,809
Sales & Consumer Expenses	$ 89,130
General Office & Administrative Expenses	$ 1,232,060
System Depreciation (this year)	$ 1,345,590
Tax Expense	$ 8,334
Interest to NRUCFC & Others	$ 932,844
Total Expenses	**$ 17,967,935**
Total Margins for the Year	**$ 995,843**

Board Candidate Profiles

District 1

Brad Knolhoff has been a member of Clinton County Electric Cooperative (CCEC) since 2013 and has lived on CCEC lines his entire life. He resides north of Carlyle with his wife Erika and his sons, Bennett (10), Clark (8), Evan (6), Addin (4) and Wyatt (2).

Brad is a 2007 graduate of Ranken Technical College with a degree in electrical automation technology. He later returned to Ranken and received a bachelor's degree in management in 2015. For the past 17-plus years, he has been employed by a global leader in electrical safety, Underwriters Laboratories (UL). With UL, he has worked as a field engineer and most recently as a program/project manager and field supervisor.

In 2018, Brad was elected to the Clinton County Board. In 2022, his fellow board members unanimously elected him Chairman of the Board. In the past six years, he has overseen more than $10 million of capital projects, negotiated agreements benefiting Clinton County more than $2 million, and has implemented budgets that have decreased the county's property tax levy each of the past four years.

Brad's intent is to ensure the success of his community. He currently serves as treasurer of Carlyle North Water District, on the St. Mary's Church Finance Council and on the St. Joseph Hospital Foundation Board. Brad has previously served as the president of the Clinton County Township Officials Association and as a member of the Clinton County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

When Brad was asked for his reason for running for the CCEC Board, he stated: "I have the skills required to help the cooperative improve every aspect of its day-to-day operations. But most importantly, we are at a stage in Illinois where board members cannot just 'show up.' Board members must be engaged and be able to use their resources to ensure the future success of our cooperative. If the cooperative does not take a proactive approach in lobbying for good energy policy within the state, our members will suffer from high rates and an unreliable electrical grid. I have the desire, resources and skillsets to ensure Clinton County Electric is a leader in energy policy in Illinois."

District 1

Cary Dickinson has represented District 1 as a trustee of the Clinton County Electric Cooperative (CCEC) Board since 1996. He was a previous chairman of the CCEC Board and a previous treasurer of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) Board of Directors. Cary has completed two years as chairman of the Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC) Board, where he still serves as a director.

After many hours of training, Cary is a National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Credentialed Cooperative Director, earning his Board Leadership Certificate and is "Director Gold" status.

Cary and his wife Sharon live in Hoffman. They are the parents of two sons, Kyle of Nashville, Tenn., and Brett of Hoffman, Ill. They have two grandsons and two granddaughters. Cary retired from Monken Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram and Nissan in Centralia.

District 2

Justin Detmer - A lifelong resident of Clinton County, Justin Detmer is proud to seek election to represent District 2 on the Clinton County Electric Cooperative (CCEC) Board. He and his wife Lisa live in rural St. Rose, where they are raising their four children. Deeply rooted in his community, Justin has long demonstrated a commitment to service through leadership roles in several local organizations. He has been a member of the St. Rose Fire Protection District for 25 years, serving as Assistant Chief for over a decade. In this capacity, he has helped secure grants, managed departmental projects and worked alongside District trustees on budgeting and tax appropriations.

Justin also serves as acting President of the St. Rose Development Club, a group focused on maintaining the community center and park, coordinating volunteer efforts, and spearheading fundraising initiatives. His passion for community development was further exemplified by his key role in the incorporation of the Village of St. Rose, where he served as a board trustee until recently. Professionally, Justin manages the Breese location of Midwest Tractor Sales (MTS), one of the five MTS dealerships across Illinois. Under his leadership, the Breese branch — celebrating its 10th anniversary this year — has contributed to MTS becoming one of the largest New Holland farm equipment dealers in the Midwest and a top-ranking dealership nationwide.

With years of leadership experience and a strong record of civic involvement, Justin is eager to bring his dedication, insight and business acumen to the CCEC Board. He looks forward to the opportunity to serve and support the cooperative's members.

District 3

Steve Kalmer is a current CCECI trustee representing District No. 3. Steve was raised on a family grain and cattle farm located west of Damiansville and is the son of Jerome and Rose Kalmer (departed). Steve attended St. Damian's grade school and Mater Dei High School and achieved his aircraft mechanics license and a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from St. Louis University and a Master of Arts & Science degree in business operations, graduating cum laude.

Steve worked for HQ Air Mobility Command as the chief of the Energy Management and Utilities Engineering branch. He is a licensed Certified Energy Manager and Demand Side Management Professional and was responsible for managing all utilities and contracts related to energy and water at nine Air Force installations with an annual budget of over $150 million.

He is a National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Credentialed Cooperative Director, earning his Board Leadership Certificate and is "Director Gold" status to better serve the CCECI membership. Steve currently serves as vice president of the CCECI board, as a director on the Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC) board, and is the chairman of the Marketing & Power Delivery Committee.

Steve is an active member of the community and belongs to several personal and professional organizations. In his spare time, he enjoys sports, farming, pecan cracking and spending time with his wife Barb and two sons, Calvin and Christopher.