CLINTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
Minutes of the Meeting of the
Board of Trustees held
Tuesday March 24, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held at the cooperative office on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Steve Kalmer, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Cooperative at 7:00 p.m. and began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

At the time Secretary-Treasurer Wiegmann called the roll, the following trustees were present:

Kevin Wiegmann
John Becker
Justin Detmer
Robert Gerstenecker
Steve Kalmer
Jeff Schulte
Rodney Timmermann
Brad Knolhoff
Tim Hanke

said trustees being all the trustees of the Cooperative. Also in attendance was Cooperative President/COO, Bob Kroeger.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Trustee Knolhoff, seconded and a vote taken thereon, the Consent Agenda, with the following items, was approved:

1. Minutes of February 24, 2026 Clinton County Electric Regular Meeting as posted;
2. Delinquent account write off; electric (a/c 904);
3. Memberships to be Terminated
4. Capital Credit Estates –(11) $5,930.59
5. President's Report, including the prior month's correspondence, issues and complaints, and the SIPC power bill for last month's usage. Also included under the President's Report: President Kroeger reminded the board of the President's upcoming over night travel request, which has been previously approved including; none at this time.
6. Important dates to remember:
    - SIPC Annual Meeting: March 26, 2026
    - Advisory Committee Annual Meeting: April 7, 2026 @ 7:00 pm—Breese KC Hall
    - AIEC Lobby Day: April 14, 2026—Springfield, IL
    - NRECA Legislative Conference: April 26-28, 2026—Washington D.C.
    - ACES Member's Conference: May 28-29, 2026—Indianapolis, IN
    - CFC Forum: June 15-17, 2026—Chula Vista, CA (San Diego)
    - NRECA BLC 928 Class: July 29, 2026—Peoria, IL
    - AIEC Annual Meeting: July 30-31, 2026—Peoria, IL
    - CCEC Annual Meeting: August 20, 2026—Breese Central High School, Breese, IL
7. Member Correspondence
    - Returned Surveys—None

TRUSTEE, LEGAL COUNSEL & PRESIDENT/COO EXPENSES

Upon motion by Trustee Gerstenecker, seconded and a vote taken thereon, the Trustees, Legal Counsel and President/COO expenses were approved.

CHECKS, WIRE TRANSFERS, ACH

The board then reviewed the checks/wire transfer/ACH list for the month of February 2026.

FINANCIAL REPORT

At this time, the board reviewed the financial report for the month ending February 28, 2026.

MONTHLY OPERATIONAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT

President Kroeger then reported on the monthly Operational and Statistical Report.

ACCIDENT & SAFETY REPORT & OUTAGE REPORTS

The Accident & Safety Report, as well as the Individual and Line Outage Reports, were received by the Board of Trustees at this time. Upon motion by Trustee Detmer, seconded and a vote taken thereon, both the written and oral Accident/Safety Report and the Individual and Line Outage Reports for the month of February 2026, presented by Cooperative President Bob Kroeger, were approved. The written reports are made a part of these minutes.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

The board received the new memberships list at this time (itemized in the February 2026 Board Minutes addendum and made a part of these minutes).

2026 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

President Kroeger explained an error in the 2026 Operating Budget that resulted in the rate per kilowatt hour for the CCEC PCA billing component being too high for 2026. CCEC management recommended reducing the CCEC PCA rate from 0.02232 per kWh to 0.01116 per kWh for 2026. Upon motion by Trustee Hnake, seconded and a vote taken thereon, the board approved CCEC management's recommendation.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF 2025 AUDIT

At this time, President Kroeger presented the results of the 2025 Audit. After some discussion, the board deferred approval until the April board meeting.

CCEC RATE TRANSITION

President Kroeger reviewed the progress on CCEC's communication plan and the next steps to be taken. He also shared upcoming email correspondence, mailings and ICL article regarding CCEC's transition to cost-based rates in 2027. There was some discussion regarding how the rate transition will affect the net metering and net billing structures of members with solar. Upon motion by Trustee Detmer, seconded and a vote taken thereon, the board approved CCEC management's recommendation to transition all members with solar installations of less than 40 kW to a net metering billing structure and any unused credits to expire March 31st. This change will become effective January 1, 2027.

FACILITIES REPLACEMENT / IMPROVEMENTS

Next, the Facilities & Infrastructure Committee provided an update on the discussions of CCEC's facilities replacement / improvements possibilities.

CCEC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Committee presented a list of recipients selected for the Clinton County High School Scholarships. The committee also reported that they would be meeting on March 26th to interview and select the recipient of the Kevin Kampwerth Memorial Scholarship.

NRECA CLASS BLC 928 "ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES"

Upon motion by Trustee Hanke, seconded and a vote taken thereon, the board approved all CCEC Trustees to attend the NRECA Class BLC 928 "Artificial Intelligence and Electric Cooperatives" to be held in East Peoria, IL on July 29, 2026.

AIEC ANNUAL MEETING

Upon motion by Trustee Becker, seconded and a vote taken thereon, the board approved all CCEC Trustees to attend AIEC's Annual Meeting to be held in East Peoria, IL on July 30-31, 2026.

VOTING DELEGATES FOR THE AIEC ANNUAL MEETING

Upon motion by Trustee Becker, seconded and a vote taken thereon, Trustee Wiegmann was approved as the Voting Delegate and Trustee Gerstenecker as the Alternate Voting Delegate for the AIEC's Annual Meeting, to be held on July 30-31, 2026.

DIRECTOR & ALTERNATE DIRECTOR FOR AIEC BOARD

Upon motion by Trustee Hanke, seconded and a vote taken thereon, Trustee Wiegmann was elected as Director and Trustee Gerstenecker as Alternate Director for two-year terms on the Board of Directors of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives.

2026 NRECA ANNUAL MEETING

Next, there was a discussion of the 2026 NRECA Annual Meeting attended by the CCEC Trustees Hanke, Kalmer, Knolhoff, Schulte, Timmermann, Wiegmann and President Kroeger.

AREA MEETINGS

At this time, there was a discussion concerning the recent CCEC Area Meetings.

AIEC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Trustee Wiegmann reported on the meeting this month.

SIPC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Trustees Hanke, Timmermann and Kalmer in addition to President Kroeger, reported on no SIPC board meeting since last CCEC board meeting.

SISTER COOPERATIVE

At this time, President Kroeger shared some information regarding sister cooperatives.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH PRESIDENT/COO

Executive Session with President Kroeger was not needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WITHOUT PRESIDENT/COO

Executive Session without President Kroeger was not needed.

FORM 990

Forms to record Form 990 hours were then circulated.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this board, upon motion by Trustee Knolhoff, seconded and a vote taken thereon, Chairman Kalmer adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Kevin Wiegmann, Secretary

APPROVED:

Steve Kalmer, Chairman