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Amid political set-backs, Allen tells members co-ops will continue to fight for them

In his 2015 address to cooperative members, Board President Densil Allen said that no matter what happens in the political arena, cooperatives will continue to fight for their



Densil Allen, Jr.

members' welfare.

"When we say members are our priority, we mean that in every sense of the word," Allen said. "In the past couple of years, there have been many issues that have threatened the security and well-being of our members -- and that doesn't sit well with us.

"We are in this for you, and when issues such as the (recent) EPA coal regulations come to light that can raise your electric rates, rest assured, we will fight to keep your electricity safe, reliable and affordable."

Allen told members part of that fight includes being proactive, and went on to describe various ways the cooperative system has been using renewables to supplement electricity production. He said that although right now, coal remains the cheapest and most reliable source of energy for our members, cooperatives have spent more than \$1 billion through the efforts of power supplier Associated Electric, to reduce emissions and improve air quality.

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A NEW FRIEND...Emaline Schwagerman, 8, of Kingsville and Rural Missouri's Buddy Bear become fast friends at West Central Electric Cooperative's 76th Annual Meeting of Members held Aug. 21 in Warrensburg.

Members gather for 76th annual meeting

West Central Electric Cooperative's 76th annual meeting drew its traditional large crowd as members came together to hear about the state of their cooperative, vote on directors and two bylaw proposals and receive information from area vendors ranging from energy efficiency to heart health.

A total of 711 members registered for the meeting held Aug. 21 at the UCM Multipurpose Building in Warrensburg, with a total attendance of more than 1,300.

Director Election and Bylaw Proposals

Three incumbents were elected to serve for an additional three years. In District 1 and District 2, Jeremy Ahmann and Clark Bredehoeft ran unopposed and were re-elected by acclamation. In the evening's only race, District 4 incumbent Dale Jarman defeated Ralph Connell 312-125.

Members also approved two bylaw proposals up for consideration. (See related story, this page.)

Proposition A amended the bylaws to eliminate proxy voting and allow for voting by mail and other forms of voting established by the board of directors.

Proposition B eliminated the disqualification of director candidates holding or being a candidate for an elective public office.

Other Meeting Highlights

Other highlights of the meeting included a presentation of WCE's winning Youth Tour essay by Britnee

Morris of Chilhowee High School. Morris attended the 2015 Rural Electric Youth Tour as a representative of WCE, and delivered her winning essay titled, "Members' Power" in which she described the benefits of belonging to an electric cooperative.

Informational booths where members

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Bylaw change abolishes proxy voting, establishes mail-in voting for members

WCE members passed two propositions changing cooperative bylaws dealing with voting procedures and director qualifications during the 76th annual meeting of members Aug. 21 in Warrensburg.

Proposition A (378-yes/177-no) amended the bylaws to eliminate proxy voting and allow for voting by mail and other forms as established by the board of directors.

During the meeting, members questioned the intent of the original proposal, which did not specify certain additional forms of voting other than in person at the annual meeting, stating only "in addition to those voting by any other lawful means established by resolution of the board of directors of the cooperative..."

Attorney Rod Widger responded to the questioning that the intent was to allow more members the opportunity to vote, rather than fewer, and to eliminate the "looseness" of proxies, which allows members the power to vote another member's ballot. He called upon WCE Board Treasurer Dale Jarman who offered an amendment to the proposal.

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Max Swisegood, Director
Richard Strobel, Director
Sandra Streit, Director
Jeremy Ahmann, Director

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"Because we have set a higher standard regarding air quality emissions, Associated not only meets, but exceeds the emission requirements currently in place," he said.

Allen also described the cooperatives' investment in six wind farms which last year produced power for 1 percent, or 181,000 member households.

"This is a great support system for our power production, and even though it costs more to produce than coal generation, we use it because it is good for the environment," he said.

Another "clean" method he talked about was hydropower and the fact that

approximately 4 percent of our power last year was generated by federal dams in Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

"That said, we have to realize that we absolutely must have our fossil fuel-based generators ready for back-up when the wind isn't blowing, the sun isn't shining and the rain isn't falling," he said.

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Allen also talked about issues in addition to environmental that cooperative officials are monitoring to make sure

they are favorable to cooperative members. He discussed the proactive approach WCE

has taken to helping members reduce energy consumption, such as energy-saving rebates, participation in the Take Control and Safe program, and mate-

rials such as the booklet "101 Low-Cost/No-Cost Home Energy Saving Measures."

"So, as we embark on this next year in the life of your cooperative, rest assured that looking out for our members' best interests and continuing to provide you with the most affordable, reliable and safest electricity is the top priority of your board, management and employees," he said. "Because, you see, we're in this for the long haul. We never quite reach that goal of making life the best it can be for our members. There is always a little more we can do, and we will keep doing it as long as there is a cooperative to serve you."

Board elects officers, Allen will stay on as president

Three incumbents were elected to serve for an additional three years during the business meeting at the 75th WCE Annual Meeting Aug. 21 in Warrensburg.

In District 1, Jeremy Ahmann and in District 2 Clark Bredehoeft ran unopposed and were elected by acclamation. In District 4, incumbent Dale Jarman (312) defeated challenger Ralph Connell (125). All seats are for three-year terms.

During their re-organizational meeting, all officers retained their

positions as voted on by the board. Densil Allen, Jr. of Warrensburg will remain as president; Clark Bredehoeft of Blackburn, will remain as vice president; Dale Jarman of Holden will remain as treasurer Robert Simmons of Warrensburg will remain as secretary and Stan Rhodes of Corder will remain as assistant secretary.



Allen



Directors re-elected for a three-year term include (l-r) Clark Bredehoeft, Jeremy Ahmann and Dale Jarman.

ANNUAL MEETING MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS

During the annual meeting Aug. 21, a short survey regarding annual meeting procedures was distributed to members in attendance. Following are the results of that survey:

1. How long have you been a member of WCE?

Answer	
More than 15 years	339
5 to 15 years	70
Less than 5 years	33

2. What day and time would you prefer your annual meeting to be held?

Answer	
Friday 5pm-8pm	379
Weekday (Mon-Thurs) 5pm-8pm	16
Saturday 11am-2pm	13
Weekday (Mon-Thurs) 11am-2pm	12
Saturday 5pm-8pm	12
Friday 11am-2pm	5

3. How would you like to receive your capital credits?

Answer	
Credit applied to your account	423
Check in mail	16

4. When it comes to the meal and your energy credit (currently \$25) which of the following do you agree with?

Answer	
I like the way it is now	313
I would like a smaller meal and larger energy credit	74
I would like a larger meal and smaller energy credit	25

5. When it comes to entertainment, which of the following would you prefer?

Answer	
Background piano music during meal	312
I would prefer no entertainment	74
Live band during meal	25
Entertainer or motivational speaker during business meeting	19

6. When it comes to the business meeting, which of the following would you prefer?

Answer	
Brief oral reports with a large amount of information included in the printed program	272
No oral reports given but written copies in the printed program instead	131
Extensive oral reports with a summary included in the printed program	23

7. During the business meeting, would you like to have guest speakers talk about current issues and trends happening in the electric industry?

Answer	
Yes	266
No	142

Gray reports a good year and a strong cooperative

In his annual report to the members, General Manager Mike Gray reported that the cooperative is in good shape both physically and financially, and that directors and employees continue to work to upgrade and improve things so members are provided with the most



WCE General Manager Mike Gray reports on the state of the cooperative.

reliable service at the lowest possible cost.

"I have always had a good group of directors to work with who take their positions very seriously and are always looking out for what is best for the co-op as a whole," he said.

Gray also noted that as of the annual meeting, employees had worked 1,913 days without a lost-time accident.

"That says a lot about the type of people we have working here," he said. "These employees are the ones who get the job done on a daily basis. They are the reason West Central is in as good of shape as it is."

Operations

Gray reported the addition of 143 new services in 2014, which he told members was above average for the past three years.

To date in 2015, the cooperative has added 70 new services, which is on pace to match the previous few years' totals.

"Growth continues to be steady, and hopefully with the slowly-improving economy, we should see these numbers increase over the next few years.

Gray told members the cooperative continues to focus on maintenance and system improvements recommended in the construction work plan.

In 2014, crews changed out nearly 650 poles and replaced more than 16 miles of conductor. Contractor crews working for WCE just completed a rebuild of more than six miles of original 1939 electric line between Holden and Kingsville. Crews will also be upgrading

line northwest of Higginsville and building a new substation north of Mayview.

"It is crucial to replace and upgrade our system each year to maintain the reliability that you expect from us," Gray said.

He told members that with last winter's closer-to-average temperatures, the peak set this past winter was about 6,000 kw less than the peak set last year, and will help keep the demand cost lower in 2016.

He mentioned that no weather events over the past year have caused prolonged outages, and that the cooperative's outstanding system performance is the result of years of ongoing maintenance and upgrades on which WCE crews are constantly working. This includes an aggressive right-of-way and spraying program.

Gray told members in an effort to control costs, the cooperative is now converting dusk-to-dawn lights to LED.

Finances

On the financial side, Gray told members that 2014 was solid with Kwh sales close to the past five years' average.

With high peaks set in 2014, board members knew the cooperative would see a significant increase in this year's demand cost.

"Rather than raise your rates, (the board) decided to defer \$900,000 of 2014 margins into 2015 to offset these increases," Gray said.

He said early estimates indicate that demand charges for 2016 will decrease, but there are many other factors, such as the recent EPA regulations affecting coal-fired plants, that could still cause wholesale power costs to increase.

"Later this fall, we will get solid numbers from AEI, and will determine if any rate increase will be necessary in 2016," he said.

Gray assured members staff, employees and directors would do everything possible to keep rates as low as possible.

In an effort to save money, WCE directors refinanced about \$16,000,000 worth of debt which Gray said will save members almost \$4,000,000 over the next 20 years.

Customer Service

Gray reminded members that members have several ways to conduct business with the cooperative, including paying online or with a mobile device using the SmartHub app, or by signing up for auto draft or prepaid billing.

During extended outages, members can also use Facebook or the website to keep updated on progress.

Conclusion

In conclusion, Gray thanked the board and employees of the cooperative for their service to members over the past year.

"I would like to say thanks for another year of outstanding service," he said.



WCE Youth Tour delegate Britnee Morris, a senior at Chilhowee High School, and Rural Missouri Mascot Buddy Bear at the 76th Annual Meeting of Members.

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could have their blood pressure checked, learn about gardening and insulation and how to make their homes the most energy-efficient they can be were set up throughout the evening. WCE linemen were on hand to give live demonstrations on electrical safety and how power outages are located and repaired.

Staff from the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives were on hand to help members sign the most receive

petition regarding the EPA's ruling on carbon emissions which, according to those in the electric industry, will significantly raise rates, especially for cooperative members in rural Missouri.

Members could also receive information on the WCE rebate program and Exede satellite internet services. Upon arrival, members were registered for prizes, including a free month of electricity (won by Tommy Thompson of Warrensburg) and several energy certificates.



WCE Staking Technician Jeff Rhoades (left) points out details on the WCE mapping system to member Hugh Proctor of Odessa.

From the Boardroom...

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors held June 26, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Densil Allen, Jr. Robert Simmons, secretary of the cooperative, caused the minutes of the meeting to be kept. The following Directors were present: Densil Allen, Jr., Clark Bredehoeft, Max Swisegood, Dale Jarman, Robert Simmons, Sandra Streit, Jeremy Ahmann, Stan Rhodes and Richard Strobel. Also present were General Manager Mike Gray, and Administrative Assistant Kim Lewis.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

After discussion, the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The unapproved minutes of the regular meeting of the board of directors held May 28, 2015 were approved.

REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES FOR MAY

An itemized list of expenditures for May was presented to the board, and the payment of the bills was ratified.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The following May 2015 reports were approved: Operating Report (RUS Form 7) and Comparative Operating Statement including the Financial Statistical Report with month and budget comparisons and statistical data pertaining to operating revenue, expenses, margins, assets, liabilities, and KWH sales; Treasurer's Report and the written monthly Construction, Retirement, Maintenance and Operations Report.

SAFETY REPORT

Gray reported no lost-time accidents for the month of May.

MEMBERSHIPS

The applications submitted for membership in the cooperative were accepted and approved. Directors reviewed a list of requests for termination of membership in the cooperative which, along with their requests that their billings be deducted from their deposits and the remainder, if any, be refunded to them, were accepted and approved.

AMEC REPORT

Bredehoeft and Gray reported on their attendance at the AMEC board meeting. Highlights included department reports and legislative updates.

N.W. ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. REPORT

Gray and Swisegood reported on their attendance at the N.W. meeting. Highlights included financial and department reports.

AECI ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Simmons, Bredehoeft and Jarman reported their attendance at the AECI annual meeting. Highlights included the Clean Power plan and its impact on the membership, and comments on various speakers who presented at the meeting..

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Allen reported on the activities of the Building Committee. The committee met June 16, and are weighing several factors and waiting on the Strategic Plan to be completed to guide their decisions. A member satisfaction survey will be inserted into the members' bills later this year.

CFC INTEGRITY FUND CONTRIBUTION

Gray explained the Integrity Fund, and directors voted to contribute \$250 for territorial purposes only.

ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSION

Directors decided to print the Manager's Report and the President's Report in the program. A survey will also be included for members who attend the annual meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Gray provided his Manager's Report for the month which included an IRS report with no issues, BBB issue resolved, Strategic Planning meeting July 15, Regional 8-10 meeting in October, a director board position open on CFC's board three years from now, a letter to the editor in the Daily Star Journal, proposal requests to auditing firms, deferred compensation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MEETING ADJOURNED

FINANCIAL REPORT • <i>Statement of Operations</i> • May 2015			
	This month	YTD 2015	YTD 2014
Revenue	1,572,255	11,182,083	11,957,046
Power Bill Expense	1,177,764	6,850,307	6,929,889
Opertion & Maint. Expense	523,237	2,643,243	2,320,088
Depreciation Expense	159,364	788,244	756,918
Interest Expense	88,323	537,099	555,915
Total cost of Srvc. (Total Expense)	1,948,688	10,818,893	10,562,810
Operating Margins (Revenue less Expenses)	(376,434)	362,541	1,392,505
Other Margins	6,273	90,025	64,942
TOTAL MARGINS	(370,161)	452,566	1,457,447

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“The board has become aware of a concern that this bylaw change does not seem to guarantee a right to vote for someone unable to attend the annual meeting,” he said. “The intent of the board was to replace the proxy with a better method of voting. We wanted members to be able to vote their own ballot insted of being able to ask someone else to vote for them. In order to keep flexibility in the language to provide a legal means of voting, (we may have) inadvertently left it too vague.”

He told members that the mail-in ballot is used by several cooperatives, and seems to be the most accepted second choice to voting in person.

An amendment to the proposal was offered by the board and accepted by the membership to also establish mail-in ballots as an official form of voting. As passed, the proposal allows the board to determine what, if any, other forms of voting they would like to establish in addition to voting in person at the meeting and via mail.

The change will also allow members who are unable to stay for the entire meeting to vote at any time during the event rather than having to wait until a vote is called for during the official business meeting.

Proposition B (177-yes/157-no) amended the director qualification section of the bylaws to eliminate the disqualification of directors who are an incumbent or candidate for elective public office.

Widger explained to members that this amendment was simply an attempt to modernize bylaws that were written in the 1930s, several of which no longer apply to modern day.

“The genesis of this goes back to the early days of the cooperative when there was a great fear that if an elected public official got on your board, that person could sway and influence the decisions of where and how to build electric lines,” Widger told members. “Right now, your system is saturated. Your board works with an engineer and work plan which looks at the weaknesses of your system and the system is dealt with as a whole. The rationale of elective office being a disqualifier was probably a fear of political influence back in the infancy of the cooperative.”



TWIN POWERS -- ACTIVATE!...Twins Ezra Mills and Coral Mills, 7, were the big winners of the kids' drawings Aug. 21 at the WCE Annual Meeting of Members. In a fun twist of fate, Ezra's name was pulled out of the boys' drawing box for the boys' bike and helmet, and Coral's name was pulled out of the girls' box.

2015 Annual Meeting Prize Winners

Grand Prize Free Month Electricity
Tommy Thomnpson

Stuffed Buddy Bear
Chris Maxwell
Jaida Ford

iPad Mini (NW Electric)
Joel Oetting

Kids' DVD
Ryan Freund
Amber Summitt

Tablet (Berry Safety Consulting)
Steve Cameron

\$100 Cash (Scobee Powerline Const.)
Bill Vansant
W.C. Nienhueser
Dwight Stephens
Gary Beissenherz
Eugene Bell

\$100 Energy Certificates
Richard Ring
Thomas Davis

\$50 Energy Certificates
Raymond Cumpton
David Council
Darrell Fenton
Donald Samuels

\$25 Energy Certificates
Jerry Parrott
Ebenezer United Church of Christ
Dennis Zeller
Sarah Brantner
Helen Hapes
Marvin Rushing
Michael Lutjen
Bob Willard

KIDS--Grand Prize Bike & Helmet
Coral Mills
Ezra Mills

Can you help us locate these people?

The following members have capital credit refund checks due them. Checks mailed to the last address on file for these members have been returned. If you can provide a current address for any of the members listed below, or the name of an heir if the member is deceased, please contact Sandy Starke at 1-800-491-3803 or 1-816-565-4942.

Acree, Mary E	72.90	Dunning, Daniel & Mary	14.66	Leigh, Carol K	50.39	Robb, Donald & Nola	147.59
Adams, Deborah	77.76	Dysart, Mark & Crystal	14.07	Lighthill, Vern	94.47	Rogers, Bernard & Willie	171.47
Adams, Earl R	243.98	Eggert, Marta I	17.46	Llewellyn, Mike & Rhonda	0.89	Ross, Corey & Paige	153.30
Adams, Helen M	265.48	Elwell, Sterling	28.21	Loga, Todd	122.02	Russell Ranch Llc	78.51
Alkire, Betty	214.11	Erwin, Mark & Johnna	15.40	Lopez, Larry & Rosa	132.62	Russell, Thomas & Beth	5.23
Anderson, Paul & Kim	29.42	Estes, Terry & Diane	14.83	Luebbert, Randy &Michelle	18.69	Ryan, Thomas E	12.28
Anthony, Robert & Shelle Ogle	18.96	Everhart, Mildred	31.77	Lummus, James & Rhonda	6.05	Saladino, Robert & Gloria	53.17
Arnett, Dale & Linda	133.35	Finch, Scott	83.79	Lusby, Robet	79.55	Sanchez, Saul	3.26
Asbury, Howard & Shelby	16.33	Fisher, James & Donna	8.20	Lutz, Clintin & Robin	261.82	Sanders, Chris W	117.09
Atagi, Tusi J	59.23	Flody, Wayne & Connie	47.54	Lyons, Louis J	14.31	Sanders, Doug	311.91
Atkinson, Tim	93.98	Flournoy, Garth & Alice	35.79	Lyons, Suzanne	47.79	Scarborough, Clara Mae	60.81
Bailey, Ralph E	93.24	Fountain, Rolland & Deborah	208.16	Mahoney, Gary L	33.34	Schick, Lilly I	8.64
Bainbridge, Wm D & Denise	89.70	Franks, Kathy	114.98	Main, James F	116.58	Schlotzhauer, Barry & Frances	33.41
Bancroft, Barbara	38.31	Franzeskos, Steve	31.91	Maire, Wes & Stacy Elfrink	45.37	Schmidt, Joseph & Mary	108.17
Barker, Blondena	10.09	Freeman, Galen L	51.46	Malicoat, Steve & Niki Wright	65.27	Scott Building & Const	231.94
Barnes, Sabrina R	44.65	Frerking, Willard & George	205.81	Mansfield, Kris	11.13	Segraves, Bruce	63.71
Barnett, Wahnetta C	142.84	Gann, Mary	106.54	Marquess, Mithcell	68.18	Sharp, Carol	257.62
Bessmer, Robert	16.55	Gardner, John	69.1	Marsh, Robert	52.76	Shaw, Georgia L	191.20
Bourgeois, Terry A	60.78	Garrison, Curtis	18.36	Martin, Franklin & Carol	210.66	Shea, Christopher & Heather	5.60
Bowman, Ava	121.77	Geier, Albert & Terrie	57.16	Mathieson, Donna	93.83	Shelton, John R	36.03
Bowness, Kevin	47.75	Gerrard, Andrew & Dawn	204.73	Mathis, Peggy R	141.23	Silvers, Barbara	55.53
Brisbin, Stephen A Jr	166.05	Gerstner, Kimberlee D	146.64	Matthews, Cynthia	278.14	Sizemore, Joseph & Regina	87.55
Briscoe, Robert	31.27	Goldsberry, Edward L	92.33	Mattlage, Scott	54.61	Slack, Gerald	155.88
Brooks, Michelle	16.87	Gomez, Ruben & Tawanna	119.32	Maturo, Michael	24.17	Smith, Carl & Lois	21.35
Brown, Danny R	25.85	Gould, Eugene & Bernice	20.49	Mcdaniel, John	13.79	Hartleb, Don	87.48
Browning, Angela	16.43	Gress, Roland D	70.83	Mcdonald, Danny & Farris	18.34	Smith, Janet	42.79
Bruns, Colleen	5.96	Grimes, Lester E & Brenda	308.98	Mcginnis, Russell & Sheri	28.69	Smith, Robert & Dixie	131.46
Brush, Dale G	27.35	Halphin, Jimmy Jr	97.15	Mcginnis, Tim & Norma	7.31	Smith, Scott	245.91
Bryan, Barbara J	14.93	Hankins, Richard	19.13	Mcintyre, A Kathleen	21.17	Snyder, Glenn & Kristie	54.12
Burkhart Mobile Homes	8.38	Hartwig, Keith & Tami	36.85	Mckinney, John & Linda	8.35	Sousley, Logan	121.53
Burnfin, Joyce	4.76	Harvey, Phyllis	174.92	Mclanahan, Johnna	60.84	South, Jeremy & Calie Chisum	14.94
Calaway, Ronald & Pamela	273.35	Hathey, Shannon J	107.69	Mcmullin, David	120.77	Staples, Richard & Kati Lee	73.68
Campbell, Roger & Nancy	55.60	Hawkins Farms %David	119.85	Mcneel, Leland H	59.78	Stapleton, Geraldine	143.43
Canarsky, Lawrence & Barbara	54.41	Hawley, Gary & Donna	55.88	Mejia, Linda D	42.90	Starke, Heidi	22.21
Carpenter, Jonathan Britt	7.90	Heather, Velma J	37.99	Mercer, Dan	190.50	Stewart, Shari	38.44
Castleberry, Edward & Jean	135.20	Hecker, David D	105.36	Messerschmidt, Marvin G	72.21	Stidham, Bessie L	39.33
Chaffin, Scott R	141.74	Heineken, Tammy	184.50	Meyer, Roger & Rita	22.62	Stief, Beverly I	6.29
Christiansen, Robert & Gale	46.53	Helphrey, Donald E	41.59	Midkiff, Shawn & Kelly	123.93	Sturgill, Tonya	11.45
Christopher, Russell & Lola	276.63	Hensley, Chris R	14.41	Milburn, Duane H	323.29	Sutton, Travis	22.96
Clear, David	19.65	Hetrick, Frances	6.30	Miller, J L & Linda	91.59	Swindler, Michael R	26.24
Clifton, Vivian J	329.98	Holden Gun Club	71.70	Mitchell, Bobby D	65.95	Tabor, Gregory & Donna	244.17
Coe, William	7.13	Hook, Vince	10.49	Montemarano, Gary	94.66	Tarr, Daniel & Patricia	10.74
Conger, Beulah E	8.87	Hooker, Sherrie L	39.19	Moore, Jeremy & Amie	19.74	Thomas, Lee & Amanda	100.84
Connell, Wanda L	30.05	Horner, Thomas & Barbara	57.86	Moore, Teresa D	134.59	Thorpe, Robert D	0.13
Cook, Lawrence & Juda	15.26	Houston, Jerry S	128.66	Nelson, Heather	23.10	Tompkins, Katherine	72.51
Corbett, Rhonda	6.41	Hunt, C L & Martha	53.24	Nivens, David R	124.91	Turley, Troy N	146.66
Craig, Dorothy L	29.74	Hunt, Patricia	15.29	Notz, John & Janine	45.01	Tyree, Connie	9.81
Crooks, Laura	96.10	Hutchison, Franklin & Sherry	134.14	Oldham, Kablee	9.09	Rob Washam Homes	39.41
Dale, Judy Martin	113.26	Johnson, Debra G	9.40	Oliver, Eric & Katrinia	30.54	Wagner, David & Charlotte	252.20
Danner, Joseph	145.31	Johnson, Lyndon	18.69	Oliver, Wayne	31.76	Walls, Alma M	17.49
Davis, Joseph & Michelle	10.39	Johnson, Philip & Eava	24.71	O'Neal, Daniel	22.61	Weaver, Pamela J	106.64
Davis, Joshua D	21.63	Jones, Charles & Jean	82.65	Owen, Jack & Carol	69.27	Welter, Robert & Lisa	5.87
Dawkins, Lloyd & Rebecca	182.10	Kaufman, Kelly	230.64	Page, Wilma	5.48	Weshnak, David & Robin	77.30
Day, Merle & Julia	16.40	Kearney, Debbie	14.07	Painter, Jerry	13.63	Wheeler, Will & Michelle	32.29
Deshotels, Betty	26.71	Kendrick, Tamara L	8.01	Parris, Robert & Jason New	127.94	Wilkins, Jeanne	18.26
Dickens, Karen	38.08	Kennell, Gary & Sandy	95.30	Parsons, Wm W Jr & Lillian	130.48	Willard, Jeff & Karla	141.50
Douthit, Patrick	10.65	Kerr, Robert & Julia	41.46	Pearce, Homer & Barbara	27.75	Wilson, Ermeil & Bridgett	30.28
Doutt, William Jr & Dorothy	10.01	Kidd, Mark & Mary	43.35	Peel, Gregg A	0.56	Winter, Nina K	14.86
Downey, Wm J & Genetta	33.69	Kimbley, Chad & Dan Nance	185.63	Peerson, Parker	36.41	Wolford, James G	20.55
Drake, Mary Anne	52.60	Kirk, Teresa	22.21	Penney, Gary	101.49	Woodward, William & Wendy	92.46
Dreher, Richard	38.50	Knowles, Ollie & Mary Ann	33.50	Peterson, Carl W & Annette	67.56	Wright, Brandon & Christy	23.05
Dubreuil, Michael L	26.92	Knowles, Patricia L	9.43	Pigg, John & Christine	7.85	Wright, Darren & Connie	59.94
		Kueck, John Paul	10.49	Plute, Sherry	53.30	Wuthnow, Wyeth & Rosalie	41.91
		Lakey, Bonnie E	102.00	Preston, Karl D	119.22	Wyatt, Rod	85.12
		Lancaster, Melvin & Ann	100.32	R & D Farms	91.31	Yoder, Frank E	64.13
		Landis, John & Tamera	41.21	Rector, Darlene	127.34	Yong, Bart & Susan	33.97
		Langen, Darren	139.31	Redford, Lillian	87.40	Younes, Mark & Amy	41.69
		Lankford, Jason	153.09	Reynolds, Edward & Charlene	8.16	Young, Pamela	101.15
		Lawrence, Georgetta	90.30	Reynolds, Larry & Pamela	59.65	Morgan, Markus & Zandra	161.17
		Leake, Anthony & Michelle	28.04	Rhodelander, Marjorie	336.92	Hills, Steven	25.23
		Lee, Teri	202.02	Rhodes, Bernadine	8.00	Ennis, Kevin	2.29

Teach children to stay safe around electricity

At West Central Electric Cooperative, we understand your child’s health and well-being are your top priority. With more than 140,000 electrical fires occurring each year, knowledge of electrical safety is necessary to ensuring your loved ones stay safe. Here are a few tips you can share with your little ones:

Electrical fires are caused when a wire or electrical device overheats. It is important to make sure your children understand that water cannot extinguish this type of fire. Only fire extinguishers can be used to remedy this situation.

In addition to the previous tip, it is never a good idea to mix water with electricity. Keep blow dryers, radios and any other electrical devices away from all water, especially those used in a bathroom.

Keep metal objects out of appliances and plugs. If a piece of toast gets stuck in the toaster, never use a metal knife to retrieve it. Unplug the toaster, and use a different tool or utensil to remove the toast. Remember, only plugs should go in outlets. Sticking fingers or other objects in outlets may result in an elec-

trical shock.

It’s always a good idea to turn lights off when they are not in use. This will save your family money on your electric bill and prevent electrical fires from overheated bulbs.

Kids will be kids, and they love the great outdoors. Remind them to avoid overhead power lines. Whether they are climbing trees or flying kites or remote-controlled toys, they should always be mindful of what is above.

Talk to your children about the importance of electrical safety, and more

Don't forget to pick up your

FREE REFLECTIVE HALLOWEEN TREAT BAG

at WCE offices in Higginsville and Oak Grove!

From the Boardroom...

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors held July 23, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Densil Allen, Jr. Robert Simmons, secretary of the cooperative, caused the minutes of the meeting to be kept. The following Directors were present: Densil Allen, Jr., Clark Bredehoeft, Max Swisegood, Dale Jarman, Robert Simmons, Sandra Streit, Jeremy Ahmann and Richard Strobel. Director Stan Rhodes was absent. Also present were General Manager Mike Gray, Office Manager Sandy Starke and Administrative Assistant Kim Lewis.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Following a report from Larry Lane of Schmidt & Company, LLC, the audit report was approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

After discussion, the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The unapproved minutes of the regular meeting of the board of directors held June 25, 2015 were approved.

REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES FOR JUNE

An itemized list of expenditures for June was presented to the board, and the payment of the bills was ratified.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The following June 2015 reports were approved: Operating Report (RUS Form 7) and Comparative Operating Statement including the Financial Statistical Report with month and budget comparisons and statistical data pertaining to operating revenue, expenses, margins, assets, liabilities, and KWH sales; Treasurer's Report and the written monthly Construction, Retirement, Maintenance and Operations Report.

SAFETY REPORT

Gray reported no lost-time accidents for the month of June.

MEMBERSHIPS

The applications submitted for membership in the cooperative were accepted and approved. Directors reviewed a list of requests for termination of membership in the cooperative which, along with their requests that their billings be deducted from their deposits and the remainder, if any, be refunded to them, were accepted and approved.

NRECA REGION 8-10 MEETING DELEGATE

Mike Gray was appointed as a delegate for the NRECA Region VIII meeting.

N.W. ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. REPORT

Gray and Swisegood reported on their attendance at the N.W. meeting. Highlights included financial updates, lake levels, coal supplies and natural gas prices.

DIRECTOR CONFERENCE REPORT

Simmons, Swisegood, Bredehoeft and Jarman reported on their attendance at the Director Conference and gave highlights of presentations and programs.

ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSION

Directors approved the distribution of an annual meeting survey to be distributed at the annual meeting Aug. 21. Attorney Rod Widger was appointed parliamentarian for the annual meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Gray provided his Manager's Report for the month which included a request for proposal for auditing firms.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MEETING ADJOURNED

FINANCIAL REPORT • Statement of Operations • June 2015			
	This month	YTD 2015	YTD 2014
Revenue	1,935,737	13,117,820	13,904,081
Power Bill Expense	1,340,936	8,191,242	8,176,876
Operation & Maint. Expense	263,302	1,581,202	1,240,773
Depreciation Expense	159,951	948,195	909,741
Interest Expense	21,107	558,207	675,489
Total cost of Srvc. (Total Expense)	1,785,296	11,278,846	11,002,879
Operating Margins (Revenue less Expenses)	(30,532)	332,010	1,314,318
Other Margins	6,778	96,801	70,378
TOTAL MARGINS	(23,754)	428,811	1,384,696

October is...

National Co-op Month

October is National Cooperative Month, and West Central Electric Cooperative, and all co-ops across the U.S. – are celebrating the benefits and values that cooperatives bring to their members and communities.

While co-ops operate in many industries and sectors of the economy, seven cooperative principles set us apart from other businesses: voluntary and open membership; democratic member control; member's economic participation; autonomy and independence; education, training and information; cooperation among cooperatives; and concern for community.

"Today, people prefer options and alternatives to 'big box' businesses," said WCE General Manager Mike Gray. "The co-op business model is unique and rooted in our local communities. Co-ops help us build a more participatory, sustainable, and resilient economy."

WCE is proud to be part of America's cooperative network, which includes more than 47,000 cooperative businesses. Electric co-ops provide power for many Missourians with 40 electric co-ops serving nearly 600,000 members.



An area 4-H family stopped by the Missouri Electric Cooperatives building at the Missouri State Fair in August. (L-r) Rebecca Butters, Pat Lake, Zebediah Butters and Rhonda Butters.



Members exercise the Cooperative Principle of Democratic Member Control during the 76th annual meeting as member C.F. Hackett collects ballots during the election.