

## Three ways to pay your electric bill each month

We offer credit or debit card payments for your monthly electric bills. We accept VISA, MASTERCARD, Discover and American Express for payment of your electric bill. We also have e-check or check by phone. Just by stopping in or calling, we can charge your payment on your credit card. Call 662-2171 or 1-800-582-9012 to arrange for credit card payments.

In addition to this we also have the Automatic Clearing House (ACH) payments available. This payment is deducted directly from your checking account on the 24th of the month. There is no forgetting to pay or worrying about payment if you are away from home and you still receive a monthly bill card showing your amount and usage.

We also have available Budget Billing. This is a fixed budget plan based on the applicant's previous 12 months billing history. So if you are on a tight budget or a fixed income, this plan might be what you need.

This might also be the time to sign up for our Special Electric Rates. If you have permanently installed electric heat, be it an electric furnace, heat pump, ceiling strip heat, baseboard, or geo-thermal, you may qualify for our electric heat rate or our total electric rate. The electric heat rate 21 is for homes that have electric heat but may also have a gas appliance such as a water heater or range. The total electric rate 31 is for homes that are total electric and do not have any gas appliances.

To implement any of our payment services or for more information on our special rates, please call your Cooperative office at 662-2171 or 1-800-582-9012.



*Clay Electric Cooperative will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2011 in observance of Memorial Day. We would like to thank all the men and women who serve and have served our country in all branches of the military.*

# Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

## February 28, 2011

**T**rustees present were: Frank Czyzewski, Bill Croy, Neil Gould, Frank Herman, Kevin Logan, Bob Pierson, Richard Rudolphi, Danny Schnepfer and Greg Smith. Also present were Executive Vice President/General Manager John Meng, and Cooperative Attorney Melanie Pearce. The invocation was given by Trustee Pierson.

**Approved** the minutes of the January regular meeting held February 7, 2011.

**Accepted** 12 new members for service.

**Canceled** 16 members no longer receiving service.

**Approved** work orders in the amount of \$29,145.63.

**Accepted** the disbursement list for the month of January 2011.

**Approved** the financial and maintenance reports for the month of January, 2011 as presented by Gen. Mgr. Meng, and heard a report concerning the financial impact as a

result of the February 1st ice storm.

**Heard** a report by Trustee Logan concerning the recent AIEC monthly Board meeting, including financial reports, legislative reports, HomE program refunds, and the Electric and Telephone Cooperative Youth Tour program.

**Heard** a report by Trustee Herman concerning the recent SIPC Board meeting, including the financial reports.

**Heard** a report by Gen. Mgr. Meng concerning the appreciation response sent to the media, and all of the various gestures of appreciation by the members as a result of Clay Electric's efforts related to the ice storm.

**Discussed** effective methods of removing and replacing the failed substation transformer at the Sailor Springs substation.

**Discussed** the upcoming National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Annual Meeting.

**Discussed** the upcoming Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC) Annual Meeting.

**Reviewed, Discussed, and Approved** the Contract with GeoDecisions to digitize maps.

**Heard and Approved** a report by Gen. Mgr. Meng regarding the retirement of capital credits to the estate of 1 deceased member pursuant to Cooperative Policy.

**Heard** a report by Gen. Mgr. Meng regarding insurance coverage for any incident of breach of security for on-line bill presentation.

**Informed** by Gen. Mgr. Meng that the annual audit process is underway.

**Informed** of the status of the replacement of truck 8, a 20 year old digger truck.

**Adjournment.**

## Clay County Water Update

**C**lay County Water, Inc. has received word from USDA Rural Development, that the funds have been obligated for the Phase 3 project. The Phase 3 project includes about 50 miles of water line located in Southeast Xenia, South Stanford, South Harter, South Clay City Townships, and a few other short line extensions in the area.

We are now finalizing the map of where exactly the line will go. If you have not been contacted, or would like to sign up for water service to your location, please call. Do not put this off any longer.

Doug Hockman 662-6666, Sue Pettit 662-4305,  
Bob Pierson 662-7471, Kye Hemphill 662-4590,  
Bill Seelman 662-8479, Dwight Edgington 678-2782  
Kevin Henry 618-838-6123, or Hank Hilmes 662-2388.



# Nominating Process As Approved By Members At 2010 Annual Meeting

## ARTICLE III TRUSTEES

### SECTION 1. – General

**Powers.** The Board of Trustees shall consist of nine members. Except as otherwise provided by law, the certificate of incorporation of the Co-operative, or by these bylaws, the Board of Trustees shall manage the business affairs and property of the Co-operative, authorize contracts, fix charges for its services for furnishing electric energy to its members, and for other services rendered for and to its members, and shall otherwise manage the affairs of the Co-operative in such manner as may be necessary, convenient or proper in order to carry out its objectives and purposes; provided, however, that the Co-operative shall not be operated for pecuniary profit either to itself or to its members.

### SECTION 2. – Qualifications and Tenure.

(a) The persons named as Trustees in the certificate of incorporation of the Co-operative shall compose the Board of Trustees until the first annual meeting or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. At each annual meeting of the members beginning with the year 1941, Trustees shall be elected by ballot, by and from the members, as hereinafter provided, to serve until the next annual meeting of members or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified, subject to the provisions of these Bylaws with respect to the removal of Trustees. No member shall be eligible to become or remain a Trustee, or to hold any position of trust in the Co-operative who is not a member and is not presently residing in the area served or to be served by the Co-operative, and in addition thereto is not a bona-fide

resident of the district from which he is elected, or who is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Co-operative, or a business primarily engaged in the selling of electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the Co-operative. When a membership is held jointly by a husband and wife, either one, but not both, may be elected a Trustee; provided, however, that neither one shall be eligible to become or remain a Trustee or to hold a position of trust in the Co-operative unless both shall meet the qualifications hereinabove set forth. Nothing in this section contained shall be construed to affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Trustees. **(As amended July 14, 1978)**

(b) At the first Annual Meeting of Members following the meeting held in the year 1947, three Trustees shall be elected for a term of one year; three for a term of two years; and three for a term of three years; and all nominations made for Trustees to be elected at this meeting, regardless of the method by which said nominations are made, shall specify for what terms said person is being nominated, and no person shall be nominated for more than one of the alternative terms. Thereafter, at each Annual Meeting of the Members, three Trustees shall be elected each for a term of three years, to succeed those Trustees whose term is then expiring. **(As amended February 11, 1947)**

### SECTION 3. – Nominations.

(a) For the purposes of

nomination of candidates for the office of Trustee, and to determine the number of Trustees elected to represent each district, the following districts and number of Trustees representing each district are established as follows:

District	Number Of Trustees
District IV to include Pixley Township, Clay County; and Noble Township and Denver Township, Richland County	1
District V to include Hoosier Township and Louisville Township, Clay County	1
District VII to include Clay City Township and Stanford Township, Clay County; and Keith Township, Wayne County	1

**(As amended July 14, 1978)**

(b) Any qualified member, a member meeting the requirements of Article III, Section 2 of these Bylaws, from the required District, may be nominated for Trustee by official petition of not less than fifteen (15) members of the Co-operative from the required District. Official petition forms will be available at the Co-operative Headquarters no more than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date of the meeting for

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the calendar year in which Trustee's terms expire.

(c) All candidates' nomination petitions, together with such additional information as may be requested by the Secretary of the Co-operative, shall be submitted by the prospective candidate to the Secretary at the Co-operative headquarters building, not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the meeting at which Trustees will be elected. At the time of delivering the signed written petition to the Secretary, the prospective candidate shall also deliver to the Secretary a completed Statement of Qualifications demonstrating that he or she is qualified to serve as a Trustee under the terms of Article III, Section 2 of the bylaws. All petitions filed by persons waiting in line as of 8:00 a.m. on the first day for filing, or as of the normal opening hour of the headquarters building on that day, shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. or the normal opening hour, as the case may be. Petitions filed by mail and received after midnight of the first day for filing and in the first mail delivery or pickup of that day shall be deemed as filed as of 8:00 a.m. of that day or as of the normal opening hour of such day, as the case may be. All petitions received thereafter shall be deemed as filed in the order of actual receipt. Where 2 or more petitions are received simultaneously, the Secretary shall break ties and determine the order of filing, by means of lottery or other fair and impartial method of random selection approved by the Secretary. Such lottery shall be conducted within nine (9) days following the last day for petition filing and shall be open to the

public. Seven (7) days written notice of the time and place of conducting such random selection shall be given by the Secretary and such notice shall be posted at the Co-operatives headquarters building.

(d) The Secretary shall review all candidate nomination petitions to insure that the candidate is qualified to be a Trustee and to insure that the requisite number of qualified signatures (signatures of members residing in the required District) are contained in the petition.

(e) The Secretary shall cause to be posted a list of all qualified nominations at the Co-operative's headquarters building thirty (30) days before the meeting and shall cause to be mailed with the notice of meeting or separately, but at least five (5) days before the date of the meeting at which Trustees are to be elected, a statement of the number of Trustees being elected, the names and addresses of the candidates, and the Districts in which they are candidates. The ballot to be used at the election, if needed, shall list the names of the candidates nominated and the District in which they are candidates. Further, the order of candidates on the ballot shall be determined as follows: for each district, all candidates shall be listed in the order in which their petitions have been filed; where candidates have filed simultaneously, they shall be listed in the order determined by lot and prior to candidates who filed for the same District at a later time.

(f) In the event petitions are received only for the number of Trustees to be elected in a District and the Secretary determines the petitions are in order and the candidates qualified, no further election process shall be held and those candidates nominated shall be declared elected as Trustees at the meeting.

(g) Nominations by petition is the only means or method of becoming a candidate for Trustee. No nominations shall be made by nominating committee nor from the floor of a meeting at which trustees are to be elected.

(h) In the event the term of Secretary of the Co-operative expires at an upcoming meeting, the duties of the Secretary for the nominating process will be assumed by the President or Vice-President of the Co-operative. If all three officers' terms expire in the same year, another Trustee will be appointed to oversee the nominating process. **(As amended September 2, 2010)**

**Petitions available May 23, 2011  
Deadline to return petitions  
July 26, 2011**



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