

Clay Electric Co-operative names new General Manager



Edward J. VanHoose

Clay Electric Co-operative's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Edward J. VanHoose will assume the role as the cooperative's Executive Vice President/General Manager upon the June retirement of current General Manager John Meng. VanHoose currently serves as Digital Communications and IT Manager at the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in Springfield, Ill.

"We believe we have found, in Ed, a leader who will be committed to our membership and their needs: providing safe, affordable and reliable electric service," said Board President Frank Czyzewski.

VanHoose is a graduate of the University of Illinois Springfield and has completed a variety of cooperative managerial coursework through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. He previously was CEO of Custom Computer in Olney, Ill. and a Managing Partner at TechForce, LLC, in St. Louis, Mo.

"I'm thrilled to have the opportunity of serve the Clay Electric members and excited to work with the incredible staff on the challenges and opportunities in front of us," said VanHoose. "My family has deep roots in the area, and it is a blessing to be able to help shape the future of the cooperative."

Are you planning on "Building the Home of Your Dreams"?

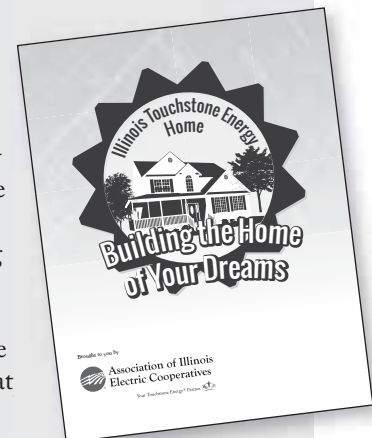
We can help! Clay Electric Cooperative and the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives have revised the energy construction tips booklet titled "Illinois Touchstone Energy Home - Building the Home of Your Dreams".

The booklet is now available free of charge, to members thinking of building a new home. You can access it on www.cec.coop or we have a few copies at the Cooperative headquarters.

The booklet shows recommended construction standards, air sealing and insulating standards for basements, crawlspace areas, walls, floors, and attics. It also covers windows and doors, HVAC systems, water heating and lighting.

Clay Electric Member Services Director Doug Hockman says "I built a new home 10 years ago and I won't say I followed all of the recommendations given to me at that time, but most of them, and we had a very comfortable energy efficient home.

Making the decisions now to build the home to these standards, will save you money for several years to come.



Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

February 24, 2014

Trustees 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 Kevin Logan.

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held January 27, 2014, and the Special meeting held on February 17, 2014.

Accepted 12 new members for service.

Canceled 11 members no longer receiving service.

Approved work orders in the amount of \$12,526.95.

Accepted the disbursement list for the month of January 2014.

Heard a report by Trustee Logan concerning recent AIEC monthly Board Meeting. The topics discussed included financial information, legislative updates, and the 2014 Youth Day and Youth Tour. Disbursed the

AIEC Meeting Executive Summary.

Heard a report by Trustee Herman concerning the recent SIPC Board meeting, including progress of Prairie State production, financial forecasting, status of indenture, Conceal/Carry Weapons policy, Strategic Planning meeting, and Director Orientation Booklet. Disbursed SIPC Administrative and Finance Dept. Summary. Discussed upcoming SIPC Annual Meeting.

Approved the Managers report as presented by Gen. Mgr. Meng including Financial and Maintenance reports, increased load on Flora sub during the extreme winter weather conditions, review of trends in Equity Level, Line Loss, Operating expenses, and progress of the Marathon Petroleum project. Were informed of the hiring of new Journeyman Lineman Brody Snell. Disbursed the article "View Point: Frigid Temperatures Show Future Threat to Electric Supply" by Anthony J. Ahrens, Ohio Country Living Magazine.

Discussed upcoming NRECA

Annual Meeting arrangements.

Resolved the Corporate Authorization Resolution requested by Flora Bank & Trust.

Approved a donation to area CEFS Meals on Wheels programs.

Heard a report on an old Digger Unit in need of extensive repairs and Discussed disposal of said truck by consideration of sealed bids submitted after advertisement.

Discussed Succession process and interviewing procedures.

Reminded of meeting time changes relating to Daylight Savings Time changes in March.

Informed that the Federated Insurance Policy is up for renewal.

Disbursed draft of Audit Report.

Disbursed revised Policies and Rate Schedules.

Heard a Safety report from Gen. Mgr. Meng regarding testing of hot sticks, Trucks, and rubber goods.

Disbursed Mayo Clinic "Healthy Living," and "Touchstone Extra".

Adjournment.

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7:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
www.ceci.coop

New hire

Brody Snell was recently hired as a Journeyman Lineman at Clay Electric Cooperative. Brody resides in Flora with his wife Tricia, and 18 month old Halle. Brody previously worked for contractors Henkels & McCoy, L.E Meyers, Miller Construction, and Shade Tree Service Co. He attended the Telecom program at Lincoln Trail College.



Nominating process for Board of Trustees of Clay Electric Co-operative, Inc.

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 I to include Bible Grove Township, Clay County; Lucas Township, Effingham County; and South Muddy Township, Jasper County	1
District II to include Blair Township, Clay County and Union Township, Effingham County	1
District III to include Larkinsburg Township, Clay County; Mason Township, Effingham County; and LaCleda Township, Fayette County	1
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 VI to include Oskaloosa Township and Songer Township, Clay County; and Meacham Township and Omega Township, Marion County	1

District VII to include Clay City Township and Stanford Township, Clay County; and Keith Township, Wayne County	1
District VIII to include Harter Township, Clay County; and Keith Township and Indian Prairie Township, Wayne County	1
District IX to include Xenia Township, Clay County; Iuka Township and Romine Township, Marion County; and Garden Hill Township and Orchard 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 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 selec-

tion shall be given by the Secretary and such notice shall be posted at the Co-operative's headquarter 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)

Districts with terms expiring in 2014 are District IV, District V, and District VII. Petitions available May 7, 2014. Deadline to return petitions is July 21, 2014