



Youth Day

State Sen. John Jones and Representative David Reis met with three students representing Clay Electric Co-operative during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day on Wednesday, April 21, in Springfield. The students had an opportunity to view state government in action on probably one of the busiest days this year at the state capitol. More than 200 interest groups and an estimated 15,000 people converged on the statehouse to ask lawmakers to approve a tax hike in order to avoid major budget cuts. The students also heard from State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias during their lunch break.

Pictured from left are: Doug Hockman, Representative David Reis, Justin Brown, Sarah Briscoe, Morgan Healy, and Senator John O. Jones.

The day was sponsored by the Illinois electric and telephone co-ops and is designed to introduce young rural leaders to state government. There were 246 students representing co-ops from across the state.



NOTICE

The following is the Section of the Bylaws of Clay Electric Co-operative, Inc. that describes the process of nominating candidates for Trustees that serve on the Co-operative's Board.

ARTICLE III 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:

(b) It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to appoint, not less than ninety (90) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which Trustees are to be elected, a nominating committee consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members, who shall be selected from the District represented by the Trustee to be elected, and shall be selected from different sections of the District so as to insure equitable representation; provided, however, that no nominee for the office of Trustee shall be qualified to hold office unless he be a bonafide resident of the District from which

he is nominated. No officer or member of the Board may serve on such committee. The committee shall prepare, and forward to the Secretary, who shall post at the principal office of the Co-operative, at least sixty (60) days before the meeting, a list of nominations for Trustees which shall include at least one candidate for each Trustee to be elected from the particular District. Any fifteen or more members, from said District, acting together may make other nominations by petition not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail with the notice or separately, but at least five (5) days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of Trustees to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates, specifying separately the nominations made by petition, if any. The ballot to be used at the election shall list the names of the candidates nominated by the committee and the names of the candidates nominated by petition, if any. No nominations shall be made from the floor.

Candidates for Trustees will be nominated from Districts I, III and IX and action will be taken at the Annual Meeting to be held on September 2, 2010.

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 LaCledé 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

Appointment



Neil Gould, of Rural Louisville, was appointed by the Board of Directors of Clay Electric Cooperative to serve as Director of District I. Neil fills the vacancy created when Howard Poehler announced his retirement effective March 29, 2010. Neil and his wife Tracy have 3 children Beth, Emily, and Curtis. He is an area Farmer and Oil Field Contract Pumper and serves as a Volunteer Fireman and First Responder for the North Clay Fire Protection District.

Check out our Web site!

Our site offers information about the history of our cooperative, bill payment options, our youth programs (such as Youth to Washington and Youth Day), the Clay County Water, Inc. project, and more.



Visit us online today!

www.ceci.coop

Three ways to pay your electric bill each month

We now offer credit card payments for your monthly electric bills. We are accepting **VISA and MASTERCARD** for payment of your electric bill. 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 twelve 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 County water update

Clay County Water (CCW) has completed the loan closing by USDA Rural Development (RD) for Phase 2.

The construction includes parts of the following townships; S.E. Songer, North Harter, South Louisville and North Stanford. We opened bids on the Phase 2 project on March 9, 2010, and the CCW Board of Directors approved the low bid of Tri S Excavators of Odin IL as the successful bidder. Construction is anticipated to start mid June. Please contact us if you are at all interested in the water.

We have also been invited for a funding application for the Phase 3 project, which includes Southeast Xenia, South Stanford, South Harter, and South Clay City Townships.

We will now start the process of 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.

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Office hours:

7:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Board meeting report

Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
March 29, 2010

Trustees present were: Frank Czyzewski, Bill Croy, Frank Herman, Kevin Logan, Bob Pierson, Howard Poehler, 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 regular meeting held February 22, 2010.

Accepted 4 new members for service.

Canceled 12 members no longer receiving service.

Approved work orders in the amount of \$21,680.48.

Accepted the disbursement list for the month of February, 2010.

Approved the financial and maintenance reports for the month of February, 2010 as presented by Gen. Mgr. Meng along with "Managers Overview of Items on Agenda."

Heard a report by Trustee Logan concerning the recent AIEC monthly Board meeting.

Heard a report by Trustee Herman concerning the recent SIPC Board meeting and the recent SIPC Annual Meeting.

Duane Mercer entered and presented a report on the annual audit conducted by London Witte Group.

Accepted the audit report as presented.

Collected certifications from the Directors as to Form 990 changes.

Discussed Directors per diem for Special Board Meeting and Approved Directors waive per diem for said meeting.

Reviewed and Discussed Fuel Price Comparisons and **Approved**

Gen. Mgr. Meng authority to purchase from providers at his discretion.

Reviewed and Discussed rock prices for warehouse lot and Approved purchasing from Marty Poehler, with Howard Poehler abstaining.

Approved CFC e-Pay/Paying Agent Service Board Resolution.

Reviewed and Discussed filling the vacancy of District I held by Howard Poehler who had announced his retirement from the board effective March 29, 2010.

Appointed Neil Gould to serve as Director of District I.

Heard and Approved a report by Gen. Mgr. Meng regarding the retirement of Capital Credits to the estates of 2 deceased members pursuant to Cooperative Policy.

Informed of contract tree trimmers beginning April 19, 2010.

Informed by Gen. Mgr. Meng of recent safety meetings including 100% employee's participation in CPR and AED training. Also a meeting including Fire extinguisher training, hearing conservation, emergency action in case of fire, hazard communication, and grounding.

Informed by Gen. Mgr. Meng there will be no contribution toward CFC Integrity Fund for 2010.

Disbursed "Quick Update From NRECA on New Health Care Law" e-mail from Don Wood, Vice President of Government Relations, AIEC.

Presentation to Trustee Howard Poehler by President Czyzewski, a plaque commemorating his service on the Board of Directors from 1980 to 2010 for District I.

Adjournment.