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***The Clay Electric Co-operative 70th Annual Meeting of Members
will be held Thursday September 4, 2014
at Charley Brown Park Fairgrounds on Old HWY 50 west of Flora.***

- Registration and meal begins at 5:15 p.m. and the business meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.
- A pork chop or chicken dinner will be provided.
- Drawing for five \$100.00 bill credits for five lucky members in attendance along with other prizes
- A \$10.00 bill credit will be given to each member that registers at the meeting

*If you are a current member of Clay Electric Co-operative please come
and participate in your annual meeting.*



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Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

Regular meeting April 21, 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, Successor General Manager Ed VanHoose, Cooperative Attorney Melanie Pearce, and Regional Vice President of CFC Terri Wilson. The invocation was given by Frank Czyzewski.

Heard a presentation from Terri Wilson concerning CFC Portfolio Review: Clay Electric Cooperative.

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held March 31, 2014.

Accepted 13 new members for service.

Canceled 4 members no longer receiving service.

Approved work orders in the amount of \$44,797.10.

Accepted the disbursement list for the month of March, 2014.

Informed by Trustee Logan

that there was no monthly AIEC Board Meeting. He disbursed for review Audit and Certificate of Achievement: Best Lost Time Record 2013.

Heard a report by Ed VanHoose concerning the business decision by the AIEC to discontinue the internal print shop.

Heard a report by Trustee Herman concerning the recent SIPC Board meeting, including recent credit rating received, update on the investor group, status of unit 4, and Strategic Planning, and Disbursed SIPC Administrative and Finance Dept. Summary. **Heard** a report by Trustee Rudolphi as to recent tour of the coal mine and quality of said coal.

Approved Gen. Mgr. Meng's report as to financial standing, and reviewed power point slides concerning Rate of Return % and Tier, Line Loss, Equity Level, and Operating Expenses.

Heard and **Reviewed** the follow-

ing reports presented by Gen. Mgr. Meng; Federated Insurance renewal proposal, Iola North circuit project, iPad for paperless Board presentations, SEDC Server, status of truck repairs, status of tree trimmers, status of recent burglary investigation, status of Marathon project, Personnel issues, Safety meeting on Pole Top and Bucket Truck Rescue, and Annual Meeting items.

Reviewed sealed bids submitted for an older Cooperative Digger Unit, and **Approved** the highest bid submitted by Vance Pettit of \$3,458.00.

Approved the retirement of Capital Credits to the estates of 2 deceased members pursuant to Cooperative Policy.

Disbursed for review Financial Highlights, Powering Human Connections, Touchstone Energy Co-ops, and newly revised CECI Policy Table of Contents.

Adjournment.

Clay Electric Cooperative Office will be closed on Friday, July 4th, 2014 to celebrate Independence Day.



Give your home's energy use a vacation when you're on vacation

Going on vacation? Even if you plan to be away for just a few days, you can save energy in your home when you travel. Here's a tip from Clay Electric Cooperative that can give your utility bill a break when you take a break.

Water heater. Turn down the temperature on your water heater, so it doesn't keep the water warm while you are away. Or, talk to an energy expert at Clay Electric about turning off the water heater.

Thermostat. During hot weather, turn the thermostat higher on your air conditioning system. That way, you'll save energy while ensuring that your home doesn't get too warm. If you're away during the winter, lower the temperature on your furnace. The house can be as cool as 50 degrees without the risk of your pipes freezing.

Refrigerator. Depending on the food stored in your fridge, you may be able to turn the thermostat as high as 38 degrees without risking spoilage. Storing water-filled bottles in your refrigerator can prevent temperature fluctuations, which

will save energy. Food in the freezer compartment will stay frozen if the temperature is -5 degrees.

Lights. Turn off all lights in your home. You may want to install timers on one or two lights for security.

Electronics. Unless you're recording something while away, unplug all of your electronic devices—computer, monitor and printer, TV and cable boxes, DVD player, microwave and digital clocks. Any electron-

ics with digital displays, instant-on features or remote controls will consume energy even if they're not in use.

For other tips on how to save energy—and money—visit Touchstone Energy's energy-saving website. Find out how the little changes add up at www.TogetherWeSave.com.



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Liberty and a better life for all

Every July, we take time to reflect on our country's history and remember how the actions of a few helped shape the way we live today. I think back on the rich history of the electric cooperative movement and how a small group of determined individuals were able to improve their quality of life and the quality of life for all those who would come after them.

Every day, Clay Electric Co-operative members and employees pay homage to the legacy of our cooperative founders. And, because we are a part of an electric cooperative, we know we have the power to impact our present and shape the future, just like those who came before us.

Through grassroots advocacy efforts, we help influence policy decisions that will affect our communities now and for years to come. We are the catalyst for change in our communities. We leverage our collective power to get things done.

We work together, partnering with

other co-ops, local businesses and community organizers to achieve economic development goals. Creating better opportunities and increasing the quality of life for our families and communities – just as our founding co-op members did.

This is evident with Clay Electric helping to form Clay County Water to serve more than 680 rural water customers with clean, potable water, through approximately 180 miles of water distribution lines.

We understand that the decisions we make today could greatly affect how future generations live, so we invest in energy efficiency programs that protect our future generations while still providing high-quality, affordable electric power. We offer help with information on building the home of your dreams, and building it to the latest energy efficient standards, all while being comfortable and affordable for years to come. We have incentives to help defer the costs of going energy efficient.

Cooperatives are helping to build the next generation of leadership through our Youth Tour Programs; sending high school students to Washington, D.C. to meet with law makers and get an up-close view of how our government functions. Youth Tour participants leave our nation's capital feeling energized. It inspires them to make a difference in their communities and gives them a new perspective. Youth Tour provides young people from our communities with an opportunity they may otherwise have never known.

All of these things, plus so much more, are what make-up the cooperative difference. This Fourth of July, as we think about the future of electric cooperatives and how we will continue to shape our country and our society, Clay Electric Co-operative remembers what it took to bring power to our communities and let the determination of those who came before us, guide us.