

## Students meet with Washington leaders

**D**avid Graham of Flora and Megan Kessler of Ingraham represented Clay Electric Co-operative, Inc. in Washington, D.C., during the annual “Youth to Washington” Tour, June 10-17. This event, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois since the late 1950s, is an introduction to our democratic form of government and cooperatives for rural youth.

The students met with Congressman John Shimkus and were among 76 rural Illinois youth leaders selected for the trip. The Illinois students joined more than 1,500 young leaders from across the country. In addition to the Capitol, they also visited Arlington National Cemetery, the Washington National Cathedral, several Smithsonian Museums, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the World



*Pictured from left: Graham, Congressman Shimkus and Kessler.*

War II Memorial, memorials to Presidents Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington and Roosevelt, the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, the

National Archives, the Newseum and a number of other historical sites.



## 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.

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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.

# Illinois Electric Cooperatives To Purchase 40 Megawatts of Wind Power

Today, three generation and transmission (G&T) cooperatives, serving 21 Illinois electric cooperatives and their 540,000 members, announced that they will be purchasing 40 megawatts of wind energy from the Pioneer Trail Wind Farm.

The wind farm is being developed east of Paxton, Ill. The three member-owned G&Ts, Prairie Power, Inc., Southern Illinois Power Cooperative and Wabash Valley Power Association are entering into an 18-year power purchase agreement with Pioneer Trail Wind Farm, LLC, an affiliate of E.ON Climate & Renewables North America (EC&RNA). The agreement was coordinated through the National Renewables Cooperative Organization, which was formed to promote and facilitate the development of economically viable renewable energy resources for its member cooperatives across the United States.

Duane Noland, president/CEO of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, said the purchase agreement illustrates the ongoing effort of Illinois electric co-ops to provide affordable and reliable energy to electric co-op members, and support innovative energy efficiency and clean renewable energy projects such as the Pioneer Trail Wind Farm. Noland said the agreement also helps the 21 electric distribution co-ops across the state that receive wholesale power from the three G&Ts by keeping rates affordable and diversifying the power supply. *“Cooperatives also live by a principle of commitment to community and we know that this project will produce not only affordable energy, but also jobs and new revenue for the area.”*

*“Our Pioneer Trail Wind Farm is expected to provide clean power to approximately 45,000 households in*



*the central Illinois region using North American made turbines, blades and towers,” said Steve Trenholm, CEO, EC&RNA. “Locally, this project projects to spend more than \$29 million dollars in local taxes, paying \$8 million in local salaries and more than \$50 million to landowners. We expect to employ about 200 people during construction and also expect to establish 8 to 10 permanent positions for the life of the wind farm.”*

Scott Ramsey, president/CEO of Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, said the G&T was one of the founding members of the National Renewables Cooperative

Organization and has been looking for several years for the right partner and the right renewable energy contract. *“E.ON is a solid and reputable company that has global wind energy development and operational experience. They were in a position to offer us a competitively priced renewable energy contract. After doing the necessary due diligence we determined that now is the time and this is the contract that we have been looking for.”*

## About the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives

Based in Springfield, the AIEC provides legal, engineering, com-

munications, safety training, legislative and other services to 25 electric distribution cooperatives and four generation and transmission cooperatives. AIEC member cooperatives serve more than 279,334 farms, homes and businesses in 90 counties, with 55,592 miles of line. Contact: Duane Noland, 217-529-5561, dnoland@aiec.coop. www.aiec.coop

### About Southern Illinois Power Cooperative

Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC) is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric generation and transmission cooperative serving seven distribution cooperatives and two municipals in southern Illinois. SIPC's distribution cooperatives provide retail electric service to approximately 82,000 homes, farms, businesses and industries in 29 counties.

Contact: Scott Ramsey, 618-964-1448, sramsey@sipower.org, www.sipower.org

### About the National Renewables Cooperative Organization

Cooperatives across the country formed the National Renewables Cooperative Organization (NRCO) to promote and facilitate the development of renewable energy resources for its members. NRCO's main purposes are to facilitate the cost-effective, joint development of renewable resources nationwide for its cooperative owners.

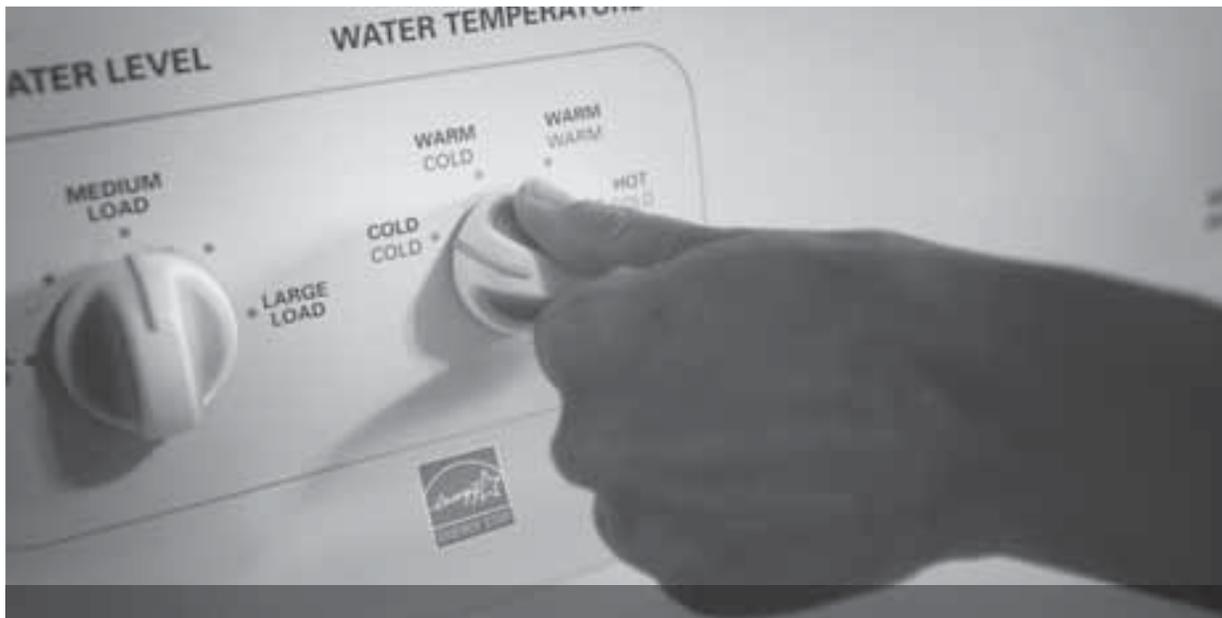
Contact: Katie Shults, 317-344-7906, katie.shults@nrco.coop, www.nrco.coop.

### About EC&R

E.ON Climate & Renewables (EC&R) is responsible for the E.ON group's renewable energy and environmental protection activities

around the world. Tapping renewable energy sources offers enormous alternatives, both from a business perspective and for the environment. E.ON Climate & Renewables will be investing €4 billion in renewable energy and environmental protection projects from 2010 - 2013 to expand the share of renewable energy in E.ON's portfolio for the long term. E.ON has thus taken a leading role in developing renewable energy sources worldwide.

E.ON Climate & Renewables North America is one of EC&R's six regional business units and is headquartered in Chicago, Ill. E.ON AG is one of the world's largest energy companies and the largest investor owned utility in the world. For more information, please visit [www.eon.com/renewables](http://www.eon.com/renewables). Contact: Matt Tulis, 512-482-4026, [www.eoncrna.com](http://www.eoncrna.com).



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# Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

## Regular meeting

**May 23, 2011**

**T**rustees present were: Frank Czyzewski, Bill Croy, Neil Gould, Frank Herman, Kevin Logan, Bob Pierson, Richard Rudolph, 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 Croy.

**Approved** the minutes of the regular meeting held April 25, 2011.

**Accepted** 11 new members for service.

**Canceled** 11 members no longer receiving service.

**Approved** work orders in the amount of \$17,626.20.

**Accepted** the disbursement list for the month of April 2011 with one abstention by Trustee Schnepfer.

**Approved** the financial and maintenance reports for the month of April, 2011 as presented by Gen. Mgr. Meng.

**Heard** a report by Trustee Logan concerning the recent AIEC meeting including the financial reports, personnel changes, budget presentation, dues, legislative conference activities and efforts, status of the Home program, meeting of Resolutions committee, AIEC Director per deim, and upcoming AIEC Annual Meeting.

**Appointed** Kevin Logan as AIEC Delegate and Frank Czyzewski as Alternate at the AIEC Annual Meeting.

**Appointed** Kevin Logan as Director to the AIEC Board and Richard Rudolph as the Alternate.

**Heard** a report by Trustee Herman concerning the recent SIPC Board meeting, including the financial reports, the status of power production projects, efforts in legislative activism and trade of acreage by SIPC for the purpose of increasing efficiency in disposing of waste.

**Reviewed, Discussed and Approved** Nomination Petition Form as presented.

**Discussed** and Approved eliminating the entertainment at the Clay Electric Annual Meeting of

Members and to include a portion of the entertainment expense in the drawing prizes.

**Heard** a report by Gen. Mgr. Meng regarding the status of the FEMA application process for the re-imbursement of expenditures due to the February ice storm.

**Discussed** the replacement of the damaged substation transformer.

**Informed** by Gen. Mgr. Meng that SIPC and the seven member cooperatives have contracted with a consultant regarding regulatory compliance.

**Informed** by Gen. Mgr. Meng of the status of the replacement digger truck.

**Adjournment.**

## 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](http://www.ceci.coop)



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