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Clay Electric Cooperative 67TH ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

At Charley Brown Park Fairgrounds

On Old Hwy 50 West Of Flora.



*The Registration And Meal
Begins At 5:30 P.M.*

*And The Business Meeting Starts
At 7 P.M.*

*A Pork Chop Or Chicken Dinner
Will Be Provided.*

*Drawing For Five \$100 Bill
Credits For Five Lucky Members
In Attendance*

*A \$10 Bill Credit Will Be Given
To Each Member That Registers
At The Meeting*

*If You Are A Current Member
Of Clay Electric Cooperative
Please Come And Participate In
Your Annual Meeting.*



Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

Regular meeting • June 27, 2011

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

Clay City H.S Student Megan Kessler, Flora H.S, Student David Graham, and Member Services Director Doug Hockman entered the meeting. Kessler and Graham both gave reports on their recent Cooperative sponsored Youth to Washington, DC Tour and the sites they had visited. They both thanked the Board for allowing them the opportunity to go on the trip. They then left the meeting.

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held May 23, 2011.

Accepted 18 new members for service.

Canceled 15 members no longer receiving service.

Approved work orders in the

amount of \$7,487.39.

Accepted the disbursement list for the month of May 2011.

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

Heard a report by Trustee Logan concerning the recent AIEC meeting including the NRECA Resolutions Review Process, the election of candidates for the CFC Board, Illinois Country Living publishing, financial standing and information regarding NRECA, legislative updates, AIEC Public Service Award recipients, scholarship selection candidates, and a presentation by Gen. Mgr. Meng regarding geo-thermal installation, and an AIEC Press Release "Illinois Electric Cooperatives to Purchase 40 megawatts of wind power."

Heard a report by Trustee Herman concerning the recent SIPC Board meeting, including information regarding the budget and revenue standings, Peabody settlement, EPA Clean Air Transports Act, and other related information.

Reviewed, Discussed and Approved to rescind an earlier motion to purchase a transformer from another Cooperative.

Approved the purchase of a rebuilt substation transformer from T&R Electric including a 3 year warranty.

Discussed the upcoming Region V meeting.

Reviewed, Discussed and Approved the Executive Summary of the Power Requirement Study as required by the Rural Utility Service in the form presented.

Informed of the use of the new Digger unit.

Approved write-offs in the amount of \$1,545.35 through the month of June, 2011.

Approved the retirement of capital credits to the estate of one deceased member pursuant to Cooperative Policy.

Informed of the progress of the digital mapping project.

Disbursed the 2011 Legislative Roster.

Adjournment.



Clay County Water Update

Clay County Water, Inc. continues to work on obtaining the necessary easements required for the Phase 3 project. Even if you do not intend to connect to the water, please be considerate of your neighbors that would like to connect.

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.

Making sure the kids are safe at college

Sending a child off to college is an exciting time – it can also be unsettling. Parents worry about their child's new responsibilities, academic success, new friends and about their child's safety. Here are some steps parents and guardians can take to make sure the dorm room or apartment of a student is up-to-snuff when it comes to electrical safety.

- Do not overload extension cords, power strips or outlets.
- Use power strips with over-current protectors. This will shut the power off automatically if there is too much current being drawn.
- Watch out for outlets that get too hot to touch. If an electrical outlet becomes so hot you cannot leave your hand on it, there is potential for a fire. Unplug everything from the outlet and notify landlord or dorm officials immediately.
- Extension cords are for temporary situations only. Extension cords should not be used as a long-term solution when you need another outlet.
- Do not staple extension cords. You might damage the insulation meant to protect you from current and potentially exposing a wire that increases the possibility of sparking.
- Look for the UL Mark on any electrical product you use. The UL Mark tells you that your appliance, cord, or device has met Underwriter's Laboratories

rigorous safety requirements.

- Never remove a grounding pin. If you remove the pin in order to plug a three pronged plug into a wall outlet, you are removing the protection meant to keep you safe and can expose you to a tremendous shock hazard.
- If you are lighting with halogen lamps, make sure they meet updated requirements. All halogen lamps must be designed with a mesh guard that forbids contact with the bulb and an automatic tip-over switch.
- If your student is in a location where he or she will be doing some cooking, look for UL-Listed appliances that feature automatic shut-off buttons. This means they will lessen the chance of leaving something brewing or cooking all day.
- Never plug more than one high-wattage appliance into a single outlet. Make sure the appliance cords aren't frayed or cracked. If they are, get them repaired by a professional.
- Have a UL-Listed fire extinguisher in the dorm room or apartment and know how to use it.
- Here are some questions that parents should ask of college staff to



make sure those in charge of the dorms have properly prepared for a fire – electrical or otherwise.

- How many fires have occurred on campus in the past few years?
- Does every room have a smoke alarm?
- Are the residence halls equipped with an automatic fire sprinkler system?
- How much fire prevention training do the staff and resident assistants receive?
- How many false alarms have occurred in the residence halls
- How often are fire drills conducted?
- What is the school's disciplinary policy against students who cause false alarms or fail to evacuate when an alarm sounds?

It is an exciting time for college-bound students. These tips and questions are a way to help ease some of the fears and help college be a rewarding and safe experience.



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Staying safe after the storm

Tornadoes can happen any time of the year, dramatically illustrated by the deadly 2010 New Year's Eve tornadoes that ripped through several states. Everyone must be cautious of potential hazards they could encounter during storm clean up and recovery.

When you see power lines on the ground following a storm, stay away, warn others to stay away and contact the electric utility. Lines do not have to be arcing or sparking to be live. Any utility wire, including telephone or cable lines sagging or down could be in contact with an energized power line making them also very dangerous, so stay away from all of them.

Be alert to the possibility that tree limbs or debris may hide an electrical hazard. Keep in mind a downed power line that's energized can cause other things around it to become potentially hazardous, traveling through the ground to other metal objects like chain link fences or metal culverts.

Keep in mind that a line that's indeed "dead" could become energized during power restoration efforts or improper use of generators.

If you are driving and come upon a downed power line, stay in your vehicle, warn others to stay away and contact emergency personnel or

the electric utility. Never drive over a downed line, it could cause poles or other equipment to come crashing down.

If you are in a car, which has come in contact with a downed power line, stay in your vehicle and wait until the utility has arrived and de-energized the line. Warn others not to approach the car. If you must leave your car - only in the case of fire - jump free without touching the ground and auto at the same time, keeping both feet together and hop to safety.

A live wire touching the ground causes electricity to fan out in a pool and the action of walking or running allows one foot to move from

one voltage zone to another. Your body then becomes the path for the electricity and electrocution is the tragic result.

If after a storm or disaster, the power to your home is out for a prolonged period, know important safety rules, such as never using a charcoal or gas grill to cook inside! If you use a portable generator, be sure a transfer safety switch has been installed or connect the appliance(s) directly to the generator. This prevents electricity from traveling back through the power lines, what is known as "back feed." Back feed creates danger for anyone near lines, particularly crews working to restore power.

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



**Clay Electric Cooperative
will be closed
Monday Sept, 5, 2011 in
observance of Labor Day.**