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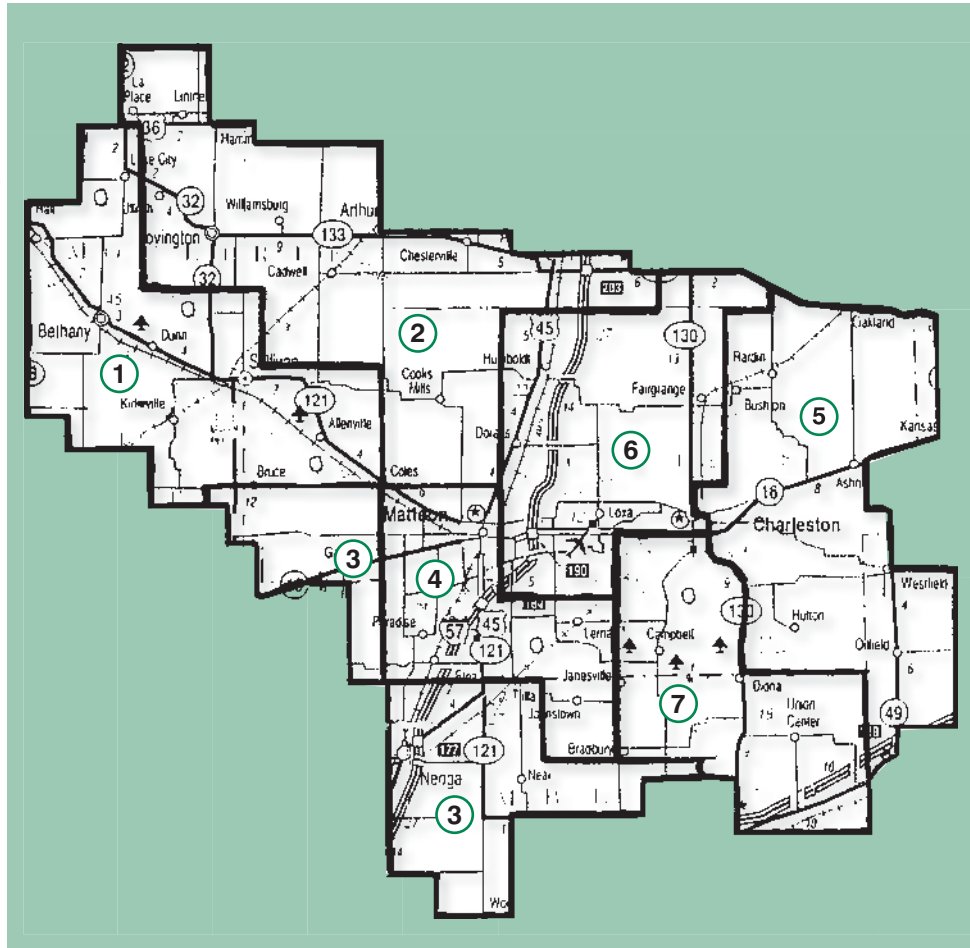
Hi-Lites

Deadline approaching

With the Director Election date being set for June 3, 2015, the deadline for nominating petitions is 4:30 p.m., February 23, 2015. The terms of the directors for districts 3, 5 and 6 expire with the June 2015 Annual Meeting.

Any person who wishes to be a candidate for district 3, 5 or 6 shall complete a Request for Nominating Petitions and a Statement of Qualifications demonstrating that he/she is qualified to serve as a director under the terms and provisions of Article V, Section 3, of Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative by-laws. Nominating petitions and a statement of qualifications may be obtained from the President/CEO.

Any member who receives nominating petitions may be nominated as a candidate for the Board by obtaining the valid signatures of 20 or more active members of the Cooperative on his/her petitions and filing his/her petitions in the office of the Cooperative prior to the February 23rd deadline.






HOUSE	
1936.....	\$3,925
2013.....	\$313,700
INCREASE.....	80X


THERE'S SOMETHING TO BE SAID ABOUT STAYING IN THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD.

ELECTRICITY	
1936.....	5¢
2013.....	11¢
INCREASE.....	2X

BASED ON AVERAGE COST PER KILOWATT HOUR

Keeping energy affordable. Just another way it pays to be a co-op member. Learn more about the power of your co-op membership at TogetherWeSave.com.



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Toll-Free: 1-888-661-CMEC (2632)
Office hours:
Monday-Friday
7:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.

Chairman

Jeffery D. Hudson..... Charleston

Vice Chairperson

Debbie Albin.....Mattoon

Secretary

John Bowers Lovington

Treasurer

Steve Shrader.....Westfield

Director

Scott Uphoff.....Mattoon
Philip Meyer..... Sullivan

President/CEO

M.L. Christman

To report an outage

- First check your fuses or circuit breakers and see if your neighbors have power.
- If the problem appears to be with the cooperative's lines, call the office at the toll free number (888-661-2632), give the name the service is listed under, and report any hazardous conditions.

Board Report

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative was held at the Cooperative office at 104 Dewitt Avenue, East, Mattoon, Illinois at 7 p.m. on December 3, 2014, pursuant to notice duly given. The meeting was called to order by Jeff Hudson, Chairman. After calling the roll, the following directors were present: Scott Uphoff, Philip Meyer, Jeff Hudson, John Bowers, Steve Shrader, and Debbie Albin being a quorum of the directors of the Cooperative. Also present were M.L. Christman – President/CEO, Amy Borntreger – Chief Financial Officer, Jim Wallace – Director of Operations, Darla Rankins – Director of Human Resources/Office Manager and Bill Tapella – Corporate Counsel, Tapella & Eberspacher.

The agenda was approved in addition to the Consent Calendar, the 10/30/2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, the New Members and the September Safety & Training report. Bill Tapella gave the legal report. The motion to substitute “lender”

to replace “RUS” in Board Policy 9 was passed.

Board policies 10, 11 & 12 were reviewed.

Member Services Policy #32 was approved as amended.

The Capital Budget for 2015 was accepted as submitted and reviewed by Staff.

The Board gave consensus to move the balances of the lines of credit at CoBank and CFC to long term debt at the present variable rate.

The signature cards that were set up at FMIB&T were ratified.

Amy Borntreger gave the financial report.

Director Albin reported on the AIEC Board Meeting.

Director Meyer reported on his recent attendance of the NRECA course that he took at the AIEC.

Director Uphoff gave the PPI report.

Chris Christman gave the President/CEO report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

New funding for Home rebates announced!

Once again, the Illinois electric cooperatives have received funds from the Illinois DCEO's State Energy Plan to offer energy efficiency rebates to our members! The HomeE 3.0 (pronounced Home-E) program is described elsewhere in this magazine, and limited money is available after Feb. 1 for residential energy improvements. Rebates offered are:



Geothermal systems.....	\$1,000
Heat pumps (16 SEER min.).....	\$500
Heat pump water heaters.....	\$250
Insulation/weatherization	30% of cost, up to \$500

HomeE funds are on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't wait! Call CMEC's office at (217) 235-0341 for more details, or to get your project approved for a HomeE rebate.

2015 Youth Day and Youth to Washington Tour

For more than 50 years, the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois have sponsored a group of high school junior and seniors to Springfield to learn more about our state government as well as cooperatives. Each year, approximately 300 students get chosen to attend the Illinois Cooperative Youth Day. This year's Youth Day is March 25.

Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative contacts high schools in our area each year and asks them to select two students to represent their school at "Youth Day." The manner in which the students are selected is completely up to the schools. The cooperative pays the student's expenses for the day, including transportation and meals. During the day, students will meet with their elected senators and representatives. They will also tour the State Capitol, the Illinois Supreme Court, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and the Old State Capitol. Any student interested in participating this year should contact their guidance counselor.

Two of the students that Coles-Moultrie takes to Springfield for "Youth Day" will be selected to attend the week-long, all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. June 12-19. During

the "Youth to Washington" tour, students get an up-close look at democracy in action and get to meet with their down-state Illinois Congressmen. They will also see the Smithsonian Museums, monuments, war memorials, the Capitol, plus much more. Several fun and exciting activities are scheduled, and your student will meet others from across the nation.

Senator Lyndon Baines Johnson inspired the Youth Tour when he addressed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Annual Meeting in Chicago in 1957. The Senator and future president declared, "If one thing goes out of this meeting, it will be sending youngsters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."

Consequently, some Texas electric cooperatives sent groups of young people to Washington to work in Senator Johnson's office during the summer of 1957. In 1958, a rural electric cooperative in Iowa sponsored the first group of 34 young people on a week-long study tour of the nation's capital. Later that same year, another busload came to Washington from Illinois. The idea grew and other states sent busloads of

young people throughout the summer. By 1959, the "Youth Tour" had grown to 130 youths.

In 1964, NRECA began to coordinate joint activities among the state delegations and suggested that cooperative representatives from each state arrange to be in Washington, D.C. during Youth Tour week. The first year of the coordinated tour included approximately 400 young people from 12 states. Word of the program has continued to spread and today, more than 1,500 students from across the country participate in the Youth Tour every year.

Many alumni of the program have gone on to leadership positions in our communities and government.

The "Youth to Washington" tour is recognized as one of the best youth tours of Washington, D.C. The tour is well organized with excellent chaperones. For more information, contact the cooperative office.





Member Exchange

For Sale

- 38" Agri-Fab lawn sweeper with bag; 36" Sears De-thatcher. Call 217-972-0426.
- 10 in Craftsman arm saw, 8 ft table, rips 18 in wide - \$350. Compares at \$800 new. Call 217-849-2326.
- Seasoned hard wood firewood. Call 217-856-2385, leave message.
- Cub Cadet 54" blade, front load - \$75. Cash only. Call 217-728-4519.
- Set 6" X 2" rubber tread on metal core caster wheels. 2 swivel - 2 rigid. Top mounting plate with four holes - \$30. Call 217-855-4729.

In MEMORY of David G. Finley



January 31, 1945 - December 13, 2014

On December 13, 2014, Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative lost a leader, supporter and faithful advocate, David G. Finley. David, age 69, of rural Mattoon served the Cooperative in several capacities – director, chairman and vice chairman, as well as general manager from 1994 to 1997. David also represented Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative on the board of directors of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives and the board of directors of Prairie Power, Inc. Our thoughts and prayers continue for his family and friends. David's dedication, insight and counsel will be missed by all who had the privilege to know him and work with him.

