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Hi-Lites

Youth to Washington Tour

Ally Irwin and Charles Meaker represented Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative in Washington, D.C., during the annual “Youth to Washington” Tour, June 12-19. This event, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois since the late 1950s, is an introduction for rural youth to our democratic form of government and the cooperative business model.

The students met with Congressman John Shimkus and were among 65 rural Illinois youth leaders selected for the trip. The Illinois students joined more than 1,660 young leaders from across the country from 44 states. In addition to the Capitol, they also visited Gettysburg, Arlington National Cemetery, the Washington National Cathedral, several Smithsonian Museums, The U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the World War II Memorial, memorials to Presidents Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington and Roosevelt, the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, the Newseum and a number of other historical sites.

Sophomores and juniors in high schools that are within the service area of Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative are eligible to participate in the annual program.



Pictured from l-r: Ally Irwin, Congressman Shimkus and Charles Meaker.





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Kim Leftwich

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 7pm May 29, 2015, 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, Debbie Albin, and Dean Robison. Also present were Kim Leftwich - President/CEO, Jim Wallace - Director of Operations, Darla Powell - Director of Human Resources/Office Manager, and Bill Tapella - Corporate Counsel, Tapella & Eberspacher.

The agenda was approved as amended in addition to the Consent Calendar as submitted including the New Members and the March Safety & Training report and the 03/26/15 Board meeting minutes and the 04/30/15 Board meeting minutes.

The motion to ratify the loan changes that were previously voted

on by email and approved by phone was carried.

The revisions that Staff presented to Board Policy 40 were approved.

Board Policies 33, 34, 35, & 36 were reviewed.

The Resolution of Appreciation for former CEO M.L. Christman and presentation of the certificate and gift at the CMEC Annual Meeting was approved.

It was decided that any Director that would like to attend the PPI Director training on June 17th may do so.

Kim Leftwich gave the financial report.

Kim Leftwich reported on his recent attendance at the NRECA Legislative Conference.

Director Uphoff gave the PPI report.

Director Albin gave the AIEC Board report.

Kim Leftwich gave the President/CEO report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



For Sale

- 32" Samsung old style flat screen TV, works great, asking \$40 OBO; Rustic wooden platform for patio or stage, etc. (5'6" X 4'6" X 8" high); black electric fireplace (20" across 24" high 10" deep) - \$30. Call 217-460-0032. Sullivan.



Annual Meeting Review

Members of Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative had the opportunity to meet new President/CEO Kim Leftwich at the Annual Meeting of Members held Saturday, June 6 at Peterson Park. The beautiful day brought a multitude of members to enjoy a meal and hear Leftwich update them on the state of their cooperative.

In a written report, Board Chairman Jeffery Hudson brought members up-to-date on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation rebate program through 2014. In the four years the program has been in effect, the cooperative has approved rebates in the amount of \$93,653.38 for 293 energy efficiency



Newly elected board directors (l-r) Stephen Shrader, Scott Uphoff and Dean Robison.

and conservation projects completed by members.

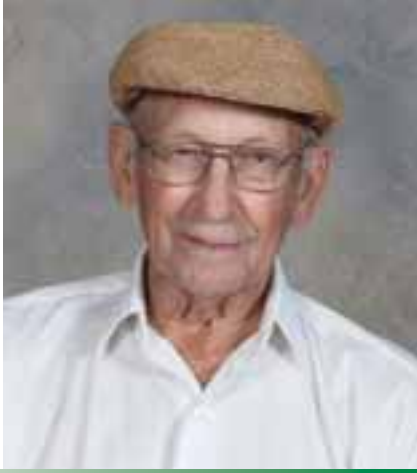
Leftwich addressed the members and explained how well positioned the cooperative is to provide safe, reliable and reasonably-priced electricity. He also explained the diversity of power supply, including coal, natural gas, nuclear and wind power, it has access

to through Prairie Power, Inc., the co-op's energy supplier.

Based on results of a mail ballot election, Stephen Shrader of Westfield, Scott Uphoff of Mattoon and Dean Robison of Windsor were re-elected to the co-op's board of directors.

Our office will be closed Monday, September 7, for Labor Day.

In Memory



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of Fred Pierce, former employee of Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative, who passed away on June 21, 2015 .

Mr. Pierce joined Coles-Moultrie on August 30, 1948. He worked as a lineman until his retirement in 1987. Following his retirement Fred worked as a contract meter reader for Coles-Moultrie until manual meter reading was discontinued and also continued to mow several substations. During his tenure Fred was not only very hard working, but also a very pleasant, intelligent, knowledgeable and witty person. His greatest quality was his humility and sense of dedication to work and achievement of objectives.

The board, management and employees of Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative will always remember Fred Pierce for his integrity, sense of humor, but above all, his contribution to the enhancement of the quality of lives for the communities we serve. He was the epitome of the dedicated professional.

Fred's untiring dedication, his tremendous skills and practical knowledge, his love and caring for the people of his communities, his ever-willingness to pitch in and help his colleagues, and his contagious, positive attitude and enthusiasm will be missed.

Visit us at the Farm Progress Show in Decatur

Visit the Touchstone Energy exhibit in the Varied Industries Tent at this year's Farm Progress Show, September 1st, 2nd and 3rd, in Decatur, Illinois to learn about energy efficiency measures that will save you money each month on your energy bill.

Stop by and check out the "Energy Efficiency Wall" and other energy efficiency displays. See what's new in LED lighting with security lights and spin the wheel and win a free gift. Cooperative members who present their Co-op Connections Card will receive a special gift just for showing us your card. If you don't have a Connections Card contact your cooperative office for a new one.

Illinois Touchstone Energy Cooperatives will also be sponsoring the Live Line Safety Demo, an electric safety demonstration featuring 7,200 volts of electricity!. It is great for kids and adults and an experience you will not want to miss. You can see the Live Line Demo outside the Varied

Industries Tent on Junior Lot #450. To learn more about Live Line Demo check out their website: www.liveline-demo.com

The Touchstone Energy Hot Air Balloon will be flying the American Flag each morning and weather permitting, the balloon will do a late afternoon flight as well.

The Varied Industries Tent runs the length of Fifth and Fourth Progress Street and is between West Progress and Central Progress Avenue. The Touchstone Energy Cooperative's exhibit will be on the end cap just inside the entrance across from the food court on Fourth Progress Street or half-way down on Fifth Progress Street.

Look for more information in the Prairie Farmer Magazine or to learn more about the 2015 Farm Progress Show visit their website: www.farmprogressshow.com.

Hope to see you there.



Don't miss the Live Line Demo at the Farm Progress Show in Decatur.