

Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative



2012 Annual Meeting

The co-op held its Annual Meeting on June 9th at the Scott County Fairgrounds. The weather was great and over 350 members were in attendance.

Employees of Prairie Power and the Association of Illinois Cooperatives were on hand, bringing the total to about 700 people in all since most memberships consist of wives and husbands.



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Members who attended entered to win one of four \$500 credits and twenty \$100 credits. Also, eleven charities chosen by members were given \$500 from the members' fund. The full list can be read on the back page.

The amendment allows the board to retire the capital credits of surviving spouses and people who have moved away out of order in the same way it can take estates out of order. Current and former members will receive their capital credit reports shortly. Capital credits for these groups are paid on the basis of the order in which they are received up to budgeted amounts.

This year four directors from districts 5, 9, 10, and 11 were re-elected. Jim Freeman, of Bluffs, was announced as a new board member for district 3. Mr. Freeman will fill the vacant seat that was previously held by Jeff Hill.

Board president Robert Brown spoke about the Prairie State plant coming on line and Prairie Power's purchase of wind energy in eastern Illinois.

General manager Bruce Giffin spoke about the co-op's continued mission to make people's lives better. This was illustrated by using four examples. The co-op offers Internet throughout the service territory where no one else would. We are beating blinks by installing new polymer arresters. We offer 2% loans to members looking to make energy efficiency improvements. Lastly, we are paying capital credits to offset higher rates.



District 10 director and Secretary
of the board Kevin Brannan

Mr. Giffin informed the members that by September of this year, the members' fund will have given over \$400,000 to local organizations. That is all due to the membership's generosity. Members were given a chance to ask questions that both Mr. Brown and Mr. Giffin answered.

Thank you to all of the members who attended. We hope everyone got some cookies and enjoyed getting to hear about what's going on with your co-op. We look forward to seeing you next year!





District 7 director Eric Lakin and operations manager Randy Long



On the left, district 11 director Julie Rhoads



Director of marketing
Jenissa Ezard





District 6 director and President of the board Robert Brown



On the right, construction supervisor Sam Surratt



This year's winners of the member's fund drawing are as follows:

Edward Caskey - Barrow Baptist Church
 Dale Phillips - Walkerville Cemetery
 Daniel Eberlin - Brussels American Legion
 Gerald Sorrells - American Cancer Society
 Donald Colclasure - Cass-Schuyler Hospital
 Kenneth Amdal - Scott County Dog Rescue
 William Ehrheart - St. Mary's Church
 Del Rio Co. - West Cemetery (Pittsfield)
 William Jewsbury- Habitat for Humanity
 Lundberg Farm - Hull Lions Club
 Daniel Lundberg - Hull United Methodist Church

Winners of the \$500 and \$100 credits are as follows:

\$500

Mark Lietz
 Robert Bailey
 Paul Miller
 Thomas Welch

\$100

Charles Carnes
 David Dokka
 Brad Kemper
 Norbert Tepen
 Lydia Turner
 Norma Hilleary
 Carolyn Spencer-Dawdy
 Hillview Drainage District
 Pearl Gaines
 Donald Pence
 Carol McCartney
 Chris Crabtree
 Terry Walters
 Lance Steckel
 R. Graves
 Mark Marquard
 Scott Co. Dr. Lev. District
 Scott Mason
 Ronald Nichols
 Harold Rich

On the left, IRTC customer service representative Heather Seifert



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