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To: Our Employees and Members From: Menard Electric Cooperative Board of Directors

In preparation of the current General Manager's planned retirement, the MEC Board has contracted with NRECA's Executive Search Department to facilitate the search process. We encourage qualified candidates to apply for the position. Please direct any and all inquiries to:

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Hiring a new General Manager is the most important decision that a Board makes and we take this responsibility as a challenge to build on MEC's strong reputation and enhance its future performance for our members.

We would like to assure the employees and the membership that we are doing everything in our power to identify not only the best technically capable

individual, but the best "person" to lead the cooperative and represent MEC in the community and industry.

We appreciate your support and understand that this is a time of change and perhaps some anxiety. We know that you have concerns and ask that you trust that we will fulfill our obligations and exceed your expectations. That is our goal and responsibility to you.

Tip of the Month



Don't touch that thermostat! Do these things instead when you catch a chill: throw on a sweater, pull out a blanket, find the source of cold drafts and seal them, use drapes or window film kits, and set your ceiling fan on reverse and low to draw down warm air. Also consider opening drapes and shades on south-facing windows each morning to allow the sunlight to warm your home--closing them at night to reduce the chill of cold windows.

Help us find these members

Last May our Board of Directors authorized a general retirement of capital credits earned in 1986 through a portion of 1991. If you were an active member during that time you received a bill credit or a check. (Remember, capital credits are the margins we earn that are allocated back to you each year because we are non-profit and member-owned.)

Members who no longer have service with us were mailed a check. The names listed here represent those checks returned to us. If you know any of these members, or the executors of their estate, please have them contact us. They may email info@menard.com or call 800-872-1203 and ask for Michelle. Names beginning with M—Z will be published next month or you can see the entire list on our website now at www.menard.com.

Abbott, Douglas, Manito
Abbott, Greg & Melissa, Forest City
Ackley, Arlin & Viola, Springfield
Aden, Earl, Petersburg
Aid to Retarded Citizens, Springfield
Alexander, William, Arenzville
Alexander Bros, Arenzville
Allmon, Trena, Topeka
Altom, Katherine, Bagley
Anders, Richard, Tallula
Anderson, John, Saint Anne
Anderson, Mark & Joye, Elkhart
Anderson, Donald & Susan, Springfield
Anson, Kim, Springfield
Armour, Dane, Tallula
Armstrong, Charles, Sherman
Ashby, Billy, Manito
Ausmus, Merl, Sherman
Austin, Steven, Plant City
Ayres, Phyllis, Havana
Ballinger, Freda, New Holland
Ballinger, Richard, Illiopolis
Barnes, Michael, Pekin

Barnett, Joseph, Petersburg
Bateman, Joyce, Springfield
Bateman, Stephen, Springfield
Baugher, Mark, Athens
Baum, Douglas, Tallula
Bauser, Paula, Jacksonville
Beaird, Patricia, Havana
Beckett, Darrell & Carolyn, Springfield
Beddingfield, Charles, Virginia
Bedwell, Larry, Lincoln
Bee, James & Gaile, Sherman
Belcher, David, Havana
Bell, Kevin, Topeka
Bellatti, Mardell, Mount Pulaski
Benedict, Fred & Eata, Lincoln
Benner, William & Barbara, Williamsville
Benz, Ralph & Patricia, Petersburg
Bernahl, Gaylord, Albuquerque
Billbe, Rick & Toni, Inola
Black, Angus, Glasford
Blakely, Debra, Franklin
Blankenhorn, Randall, Petersburg
Bloodworth, John, Williamsville
Boldin, Candace, Springfield
Bollegar, Michael & Alice, Manito
Bollinger, Randy & Connie, Browning
Boone, John & Joan, Hendersonville
Boucher, Kimberly & Stephen, Franklin
Bozarth, Lucinda, Manito
Brady, Ronald, Petersburg
Breese, Clarence, Havana
Bright, Vaughn, Petersburg
Brittenstine, Bonnie, Edenburg
Brooks, Robert, Easton
Brooks, Scott & Julie, Rochester
Brown, Michael & Cathy, Decatur
Brown III, Milton, Springfield
Bryles, Nancy Kay, Topeka
Buchanan, Jack, Manito
Buckmaster, Mark, Petersburg
Burch, Terry, Manito
Burgess, Rachelle, Topeka
Burrus, Steven, Petersburg
Byers, Velma, Sherman
Calhoun, Michael, Pekin
Callaway, Bertha, Manito
Callaway, Lucille, Manito
Campbell, Ora & Imogene, Beardstown

Canfield, John & Irene, Chatham
Cartwright, Michelle, Mason City
Casper, Lynn & Barbara, Williamsville
Cassiday, James & Beverly, Springfield
Chapman, Richard & Hilda, Pleasant Plns
Cherry, Norma, Pekin
Clark, John & Jacqueline, Havana
Clark, Robert, Havana
Clemens, Russell & Dolores, Hanna City
Clenin, Dorothy, Hartsburg
Cobb, Barbara, Manito
Cogar, Amy, Havana
Conrad, Michael & Lisa, Jacksonville
Cooper, Hugh, Peoria
Cooper, Sam, San Jose
Cooper, David, Springfield
Copelen, Wm, Manito
Cottengaim, Penny, Sherman
Country Corner Gen Store, Shelbyville
Courson, Greg & Danna, Sherman
Cox, Tom, Riverton
Cravens, Norma, Greenview
Crawford, Wayne, Springfield
Crotty Jr, Albert & Janet, Lake St. Louis
Crum, Steven, Topeka
Cuculich, Thomas & Lynda,
Downers Grove
Currier, John & Diane, Springfield
Curtis, James & Cheryl, Springfield
Darling, Donna, Dawson
Davis, Beverly, Forest City
Davis, Keith & Norma, Lewistown
Davis, Ralph, Havana
Davis, Timothy, Havana
Davis, Todd, Topeka
Davis, Matthew & Diana, Springfield
Davis, John & Kathy, Vienna
Deckard, Michael, Perryville
Deppe, Jonah, Chicago
DeWeese, Gary & Sharon, Delavan
Dilley, Ted, Decatur
Dixon, Penny, Athens
Dollins, Tracy, Havana
Downs, John & Donna, Crivitz
Draper, Mark & Leona, Williamsville
Duff, Lila, Springfield
Duncan, Brett, Illiopolis
Dunn, Betty, Havana

Dunn, Stephen & Carol, Portland
 Durham, Larry, Topeka
 Dye, Dennis & Cheryl, Havana
 Eckhoff, William & Helen, Mason City
 Edwards, Johnny, Topeka
 England, Jerry & Carla, Springfield
 Evans, Russell, Topeka
 Evans, Joshua, Easton
 Farris, Donald & Judy, Springfield
 Ferguson, Edward & Karen, Sherman
 Fischer, Mark & Karen Ann, Salisbury
 Fitzsimmons, Harvey, Dawson
 Floyd, S E & Hazel, Edingburg
 Foehner, Jack, Lincoln
 Foster, Robert, Springfield
 Foster, Todd, Springfield
 Freeman, Jeffrey, Durango
 French, Daniel & Jean, Monticello
 French, Ellen, Havana
 Fry, William & Mary, Virginia
 Frye, Edith, Havana
 Funkhouser, Matthew, Petersburg
 Gann, Darlene, Pekin
 Gardner, Robert & Catherine, Springfield
 Garecht Jr, Harvey & Carol, Williamsville
 Garner, Daryl, Springfield
 Garrison, Porter, Mason City
 Gehret, Dianna, Easton
 Gehringer, Rex, Tallula
 Geiman, Stephen & Marsha, Vermont
 Gibson, Henry & Barbara, Manito
 Gilliland, Lela Mae, Springfield
 Gleason, James, Williamsville
 Glenn, Mark, Springfield
 Godbey, Mark & Dorothy, Manito
 Goldesberry Jr, John & Amy, Dawson
 Goodhead, Marie, Petersburg
 Gordon, John, Pekin
 Gray, Larry, Alexander
 Green, Todd, Manito
 Green Star Inc, Havana
 Greer, Tony, Petersburg
 Gregory, Jeffrey, Springfield
 Greiner, Edward & Michele, Athens
 Grider, Charles, Cantrall
 Grogan, Clifford, Pekin
 Groves, Rex & Nancy Lee, Mason City
 Guinn, William & Judith, Springfield
 Guthrie, George, Beardstown
 Harms, Delbert & Virginia, Forest City
 Harper, Carol, Sherman
 Harris, Cherilea, Hartsburg
 Hart, Daniel, Mahomet
 Hauch, John & Sheryl, Springfield
 Hauck, Edward & Lisa, Pecatonica

Hawbaker, Paul, Lowder
 Heffren, Tina, Havana
 Hefley, James & Angsutorn, Springfield
 Heflin, Ruth, Athens
 Heinrichs, Anton, Greenview
 Heissinger, Ralph, Rochester
 Henrichsmeyer, Dean & Sheron, Lincoln
 Hill, James, Manito
 Hilliard, Robert & Mary Ann, Springfield
 Hillyer, James, Athens
 Hinrichs, Doloros, Petersburg
 Holmes, Connie, Havana
 Hopper, Samuel & Velma, Petersburg
 Hopps, Jeffrey & Tina, Chandlerville
 Horner, Mildred & Frank, Mason City
 Horrihs Sr, Steven, Sherman
 Horton, Charles & Carolyn, Shobonier
 Hosler, Edmund, Peru
 Howell, Harry & Doris, Manito
 Hudson, John, Chatham
 Hughes, Jerry, Springfield
 Hulett, Timothy & Linda, Springfield
 Hunt, Christina, Petersburg
 Hurley, Robert & Kimberly,
 Mechanicsburg
 Hutter, Joseph & Alberta, Springfield
 IL Shipping and Warehouse, Purcell
 Irwin, Myron, Springfield
 Irwin, Oscar & Lily, Springfield
 James, Terry, Athens
 Jarrard, Robert, Greenview
 JM Country Store, Alexander
 Johnson, Doug, Alexander
 Johnson Jr, Milton & Diana, Riverton
 Johnston, Robert & Pamela, Riverton
 Jones, Charles, Manito
 Kane, Raymond, Havana
 Karnes, Hope, Manito
 Keefer, Martha, Havana
 Keiser, Tim & Jamie, Oakford
 Kelly, Michael, Havana
 Kemmish, Randy, Bellevue
 Kemper, Arthur & Dorothy, Petersburg
 Kennedy, Linda, Virginia
 Kennedy, Martha & Michael, Quincy

Keppler, Eldon & Susan, Witt
 Kerwin, Andrew, Springfield
 Kesselring, Darren & Jenny, Sherman
 Ketchum, James & Dawn, Springfield
 Kincaid, Donald, Athens
 Kirkham, Terance, Meredosia
 Kleiber, James & Lauri, Pekin
 Klockenga, Wayne, Petersburg
 Klos, Mark, Riverton
 Knoedler, Don & Sarah, Springfield
 Knoles, Debbie, Tallula
 Korza, Carol, Dawson
 Krachick, John, Springfield
 Kuester, Elizabeth, Sherman
 Kunza, James, Troy
 Ladd, William & Charmaine, Sherman
 Lamberton, Robert & Linda, Springfield
 Landrey, Marc, Springfield
 Lantz, Michael & Paula, Springfield
 LaPointe, Dale & Deborah, Riverton
 Lappen Jr, James, Athens
 Lascody Jr, Robert & Lisa, Sherman
 Lash, Dale, Greenview
 Laurent, Harry & Norma, Pekin
 Lawrence, Diana, Havana
 Lawson, Leroy, Athens
 Lawson, Earl, Manito
 Leckrone Jr, Donald, Fort Myers Beach
 Leeds, Cheryl, Havana
 Lemme, Ruth, Springfield
 Lemme, Rebecca, Easton
 Levin, Malcom, Springfield
 Lewis, Rodney, Green Valley
 Lewis, Patti, Petersburg
 Liesman, Byron, Springfield
 Limbaugh, Mildred, Buffalo
 Lindsey, Michael, New Holland
 Linton Sr, Charles, Manito
 Lister, Thomas & Peggy, Carlinville
 Logue, Kevin, Bath
 Lohnes, Clifford, Havana
 Lohse, Donna, Decatur
 Loud, Margaret, Petersburg
 Lovekamp, Dixie, Chapin
 Lucht, David, Springfield



Board Meeting Report

For full minutes please visit our website at www.menard.com or contact our office.

Present were Manager Lynn Frasco and Directors Gary Martin, Jerry Brooks, Jay Frye, Warren Goetsch, Michael Patrick, Roy Seaney, Jodine Tate, and Steven Worner. Director Donald McMillan and Attorney Charles Smith were absent.

Manager Frasco introduced each staff member, who presented their 2015 budgets to the board.

Frasco reported the cost of power in September was well below budget. He advised October power costs would be higher. September had the highest total margins for September in the past five years; Prairie State ran

strong, interruptions were a modest amount, and there were no transmission outages.

Frasco discussed the new bill design. He advised Brian Adams of the AIEC was still working on the Cost of Survey study.

The Board reviewed the General Manager search schedule. Frasco advised an employee was assigned as a contact person between NRECA and the board.

Frasco advised RUS Work Plan Loan Documents received from RUS and discussed necessity for amending the ByLaws at a future annual

meeting to increase the debt limit.

Manager Frasco presented the Financial Report for the month of September. Year to date margins were \$1,589,431 compared to \$2,445,665 a year earlier. Equity as of the end of September was 35.7% and the number of member accounts served was 10,766 compared to 10,700 a year ago. Net Utility Plant at the end of September was \$42,877,901 compared to \$40,973,832 last year. The cooperative continues to meet the requirements of the RUS, FFB and NRUCFC.

Retirement

Darlene McGee has been a clerk for Menard Electric Cooperative for 35 years. She has worked with nearly every aspect of member accounts, from capital credits and deposits to billing and data processing.

"I have done a lot of different things and that's been nice, it has never gotten boring," she says. You may have spoken with Darlene when you called in to the office to report an outage or pay a bill. And if your name begins with A—D, she's checked you in at the last 35 annual meetings.

Darlene came to work for the co-op after her children started school. "I've stayed because there is no better place to work in town. There have always been great people to work with and the members are nice. And really, I have enjoyed working," she says.

"Darlene is a special employee," says Manager Lynn Frasco. "She is super hard working and always focused on doing a great job on anything that needs to be done. All of our members and employees can count on Darlene treating them in a professional manner and giving them her best effort in any situation."



Congratulations!

"She is also one of those employees who likes to share a joke or a good story, has a quick wit and a love of

arguing politics with a few employees. Menard Electric has been well served by Darlene and she will be missed."