

Board meeting report

Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
October 24, 2005

Trustees present were: Frank Czyzewski, Loren Dunigan, Frank Herman, Kevin Logan, Bob Pierson, Howard Poehler, Richard Rudolphi, Danny Schnepfer and Greg Smith. Also present were Executive Vice President and General Manager John Meng, and Cooperative Attorney Tyra S. Cycholl. The invocation was given by Trustee Logan.

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held September 29, 2005.

Accepted 27 new members for service.

Canceled 15 members no longer receiving service.

Approved work orders in the amount of \$29,417.17.

Accepted the disbursement list

for the month of September, 2005.

Approved the financial and maintenance reports for the month of September, 2005 as presented by Gen. Mgr. Meng.

Heard a report by Trustee Logan concerning recent AIEC meeting.

Reviewed Policies 1000-13 & 1000-15 and the interruptible rate agreement.

Discussed upcoming meeting with Wabash Valley Power Supply.

Heard a personnel update by Gen. Mgr. Meng.

Informed of crews that were sent to Mississippi and Louisiana to help with restoration of power to those areas that were hit by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Reminded of November meet-

ing time of 6:00 p.m.

Approved one purchase of power agreement in the form presented.

Approved retirement of capital credits to the estates of two deceased members pursuant to Cooperative policy.

Discussed items for consideration concerning 2006 Annual Meeting of Members.

Discussed the upgrading of the cooperative Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) system.

Adjournment.

Clay County

Water, Inc.

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We can't clone our co-op's linemen, but through the Illinois Electric Cooperatives Emergency Work Plan we can do the next best thing. When bad weather hits, help is just a call away. The other 23 member cooperatives of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives are standing by and ready to assist in restoring your power. Although we are only one cooperative, we have the strength and support of many cooperatives. That's just the co-op way.

*For more information about the emergency work plan,
contact Clay Electric Co-operative.*

I Resolve to Change My Energy Wasting Ways!

Top 10 New Year's Energy Saving Resolutions (and how to accomplish them!)

I Resolve To...

1 Reduce my heating costs!

Replace or clean furnace filters once a month and get a tune-up every few years to be sure your furnace is clean and properly adjusted. Install a programmable thermostat to save even more. You can automatically lower your temperature while at work or asleep and raise it when you're home. For every degree you lower your heat in the 60-70° range, you'll save up to an additional 3 to 5 percent.

2 Not heat the attic this year!

Attic insulation should be a minimum of R-40. That's about 10-12 inches of insulation. Electric cooperative energy advisors recommend cellulose insulation. Don't forget to add fiberglass batts or insulation board to the top of your access door and weather-strip around it.

3 Stop letting the cold air in and the warm air out!

Get a blower door test to find out exactly where your air leaks are. You can also use a candle or smoking incense stick and check around all windows and doors. Use caulk and weatherstripping to seal up your home inside and out. Don't forget to caulk along all baseboards and window trim, install foam gaskets behind covers on outlets and switches, use expandable foam around pipe entry points, and seal around your dryer vent.

4 Worship the sun's energy!

Use landscaping and drapes

to take advantage of the sun's heat in the winter and block it in the summer. Open drapes on south facing windows during the winter months to gain the sun's natural heating.

5 Pay attention to my hot water heater!

Set your water heater setting to 120° unless your dishwasher requires a higher temperature. Insulate the pipe coming out of the heater. Pre-formed pipe insulation sleeves simply snap into place and make it easy. Consider installing an extra water heater insulation blanket. Use low-flow showerheads. Cooperative energy advisors often recommend Marathon electric water heaters because of their high efficiency and long life.

6 Stop paying too much to run my appliances!

Replace appliances with Energy Star® models. Get rid of that old refrigerator in the garage; it could be costing you hundreds of dollars a year. Don't keep it too cold; 37-40° for refrigerators and 0-5° for freezers is adequate. Use the air-dry cycle on your dishwasher. Wash full loads of clothes in warm or cold water when possible, and rinse all in cold water; they'll get just as clean. Don't peek at your food while baking. Every time you open the oven door, you release 25 percent of the heat.

7 Light up my life efficiently!

Change out all high-usage bulbs and replace them with compact fluorescents. They

use less energy, last 10 times longer, and distribute more light per watt. Install timers or motion sensors on lighting you often forget to turn off, or want to turn on automatically. This is great for outdoor lighting as well as closets, garages, and utility rooms. Use lamps for task lighting instead of illuminating an entire room.

8 Become more aware of my energy wasting habits!

Look around you. Is the TV on when no one is in the room? Do you keep the outside lights on all night? Are you using hot water when you don't need to? Did you fix the leaking faucet or running toilet? Do you use the microwave, toaster oven, or crock-pot when possible? Did you install low-flow showerheads?

9 Contact my electric cooperative when considering new heating, cooling, water heating, or home building options.

Your co-op may offer rebates or special rates or be able to help you choose wisely and save money.

10 Continue learning about energy efficiency!

Read the Energy Solutions column in this magazine for energy saving tips. Also, check out the following Web sites: www.energystar.gov, www.dbugrye.com, and <http://dulley.com>.



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Accepted 15 new members for service.

Canceled 8 members no longer receiving service.

Approved work orders in the amount of \$30,996.43.

Accepted the disbursement list for the month of October, 2005.

Approved the financial and maintenance reports for the month of October, 2005 as presented by Gen. Mgr. Meng.

Heard a report by Trustee Logan concerning recent AIEC meeting.

Discussed recent meeting with Wash Valley Power Supply.

Approved the purchase of a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) radio system.

Discussed Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO) charges.

Approved authorization for Gen Mgr Meng to secure interest rates on a CFC loan.

Discussed a line extension to one member.

Discussed the sale of a Coopera-

tive digger unit to be sold on an as-is basis.

Approved three purchase of power agreements in the form presented.

Approved retirement of capital credits to the estates of three deceased members pursuant to Cooperative policy.

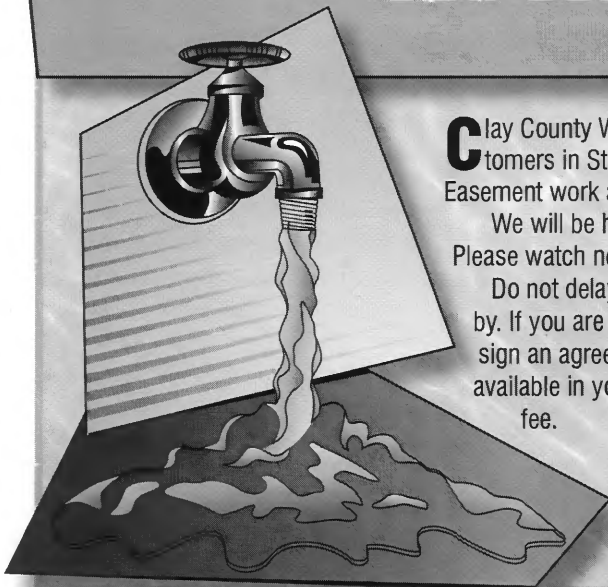
Discussed upcoming 2006 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Annual Meeting.

Discussed the recent facilities audit conducted by Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange resulting in a good report.

Approved changing the January meeting to January 30, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment.

CLAY COUNTY WATER AGREEMENTS AVAILABLE NOW



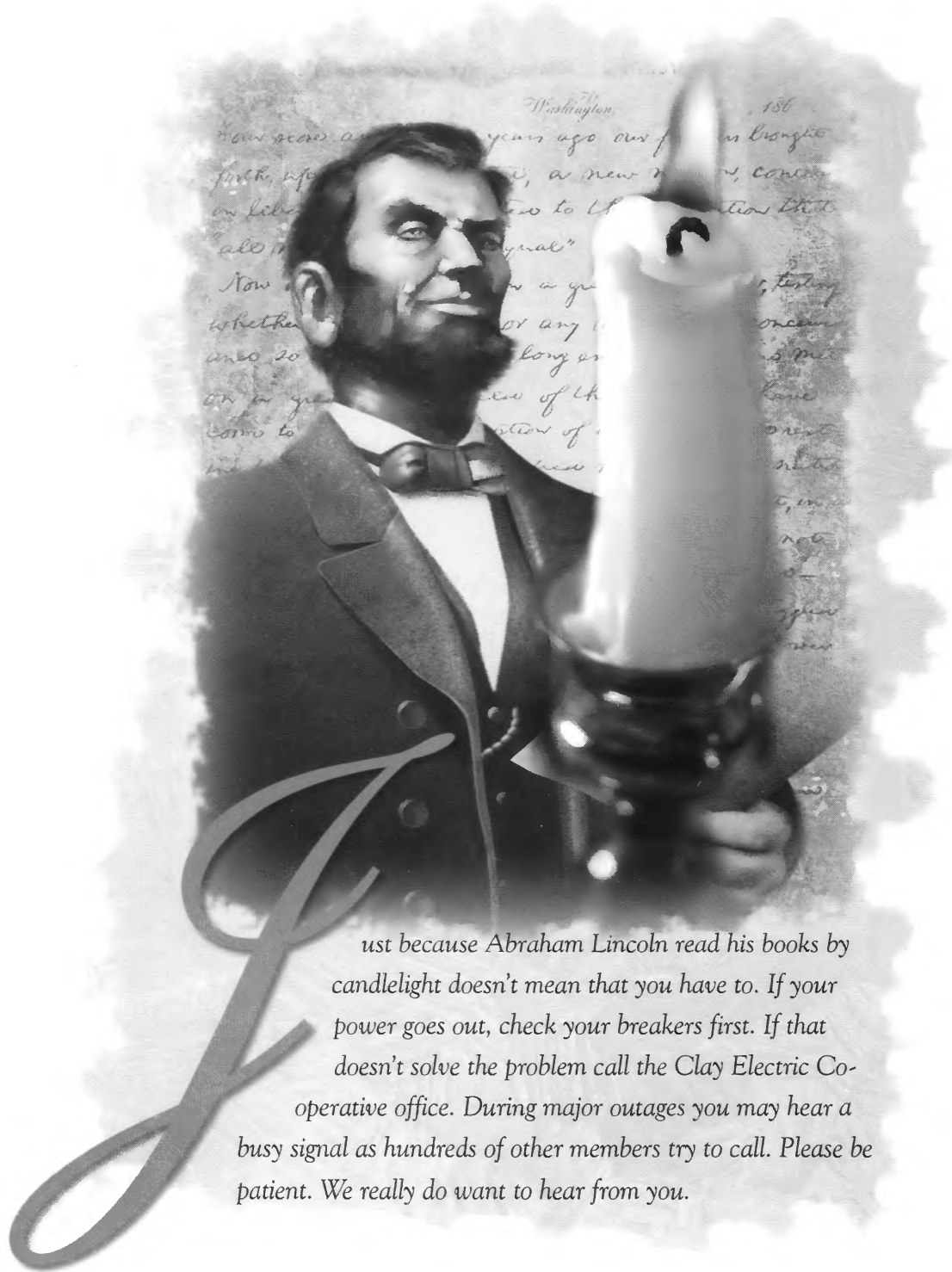
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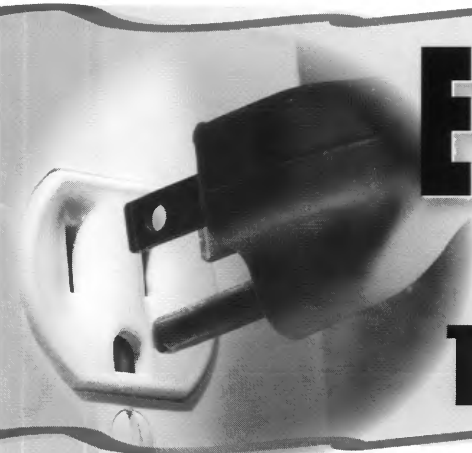


Just because Abraham Lincoln read his books by candlelight doesn't mean that you have to. If your power goes out, check your breakers first. If that doesn't solve the problem call the Clay Electric Co-operative office. During major outages you may hear a busy signal as hundreds of other members try to call. Please be patient. We really do want to hear from you.

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Electrical-Safety Quiz

Take this quiz adapted from the Underwriters Laboratories' Web site with your family to educate everyone on electrical safety practices. You can take the quiz online at www.ul.com.

1 To decrease the risk of burn or electrical shock for small children:

- A Keep small appliances out of reach.
- B Avoid using extension cords when children are present.
- C All of the above.

2 To use extension cords safely in your home:

- A Replace worn extension cords with new ones.
- B Run cords through and around doors and windows, so you won't trip on them.
- C Duct tape them to the floor.

3 If an electrical appliance falls into the water, the first thing to do is:

- A Unplug it, then take it to a service center.
- B Call 911, then take it to a service center.
- C Take it out quickly, and take it to a service center.

4 When buying an extension cord:

- A Get one at least 25 feet long.
- B Make sure it has three prongs.
- C Choose one based on how it will be used.

5 If your electrical outlet is hot to the touch:

- A Increase the size of the fuse.
- B Unplug all appliances and have the wire checked as soon as possible.
- C Wrap it with duct tape.

6 If you don't know what size bulb to use in a lamp:

- A Use a 25-watt bulb.
- B Use a 60-watt bulb.
- C Check with the manufacturer.

7 The UL Mark on a product means:

- A The product will perform to your expectations.
- B The safety of a sample of the product has been evaluated by UL.
- C The government has tested and approved the product.

8 When you need to use a three-pronged plug and you have only a two-pronged extension cord, you should:

- A Break off the third prong.
- B Use the appliance with one prong exposed, keeping your hands dry.
- C Avoid using the appliance until you can buy an appropriate extension cord.

9 If you damage an electrical appliance, you should:

- A Assume it's safe, as long as no electrical parts are exposed.
- B Have it checked by a qualified service center.
- C Duct-tape over any exposed electrical parts.

10 A simple, effective way to protect yourself from serious shock hazards is to use:

- A Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs).
- B Rubber gloves.
- C Circuit breakers.

ANSWERS:

1) C: All of the above.

These practices will all help decrease the risk of injury to small children. Children may see cords as toys and play with them in ways that adults would never imagine.

2) A: Replace worn extension cords with new ones.

Hiding cords or running them around doors and windows can present a serious fire hazard; it is safer to have a qualified electrician install outlets where you need them.

3) A: Unplug it, then take it to a service center.

When an electrical appliance falls into the water, first unplug it. Then, take it to a service center to make sure there is no damage that could cause injury.

4) C: Choose one based on how it will be used.

Many cords are listed by UL according to their intended use. Some are listed for "general use," which means they can be used for virtually any purpose. Ask your local hardware store dealer for help.

5) B: Unplug all appliances and have the wire checked as soon as possible.

If an electrical outlet becomes so hot that you can't leave your hand on it, you need to consult an electrician. However, keep in mind, most outlets feel a little warm after use.

6) C: Check with the manufacturer.

Check to see if your manufacturer has specified which size bulb to use. All products Listed by UL are marked with wattage ratings. If no marking is available, do not use bulbs rated more than 60 watts.

7) B: A representative sample of the product has been evaluated by Underwriters Laboratories for safety.

The UL Mark tells you that representative samples of the product have met UL's rigorous requirements for safety.

8) C: Avoid using the appliance until you can get an appropriate extension cord.

Leaving the third prong of a plug open could expose you and your family to the threat of electric shock.

9) B: Have it checked by a qualified service center before you use it again.

Even if it functions normally, you should always have damaged appliances checked by a qualified service center. Be wary of older appliances, especially if you are not familiar with their history.

10) A: Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs).

These devices monitor the current flowing into and out of a product. If the product is receiving more electricity than it is giving back, the GFCI immediately cuts off the current.



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Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
December 26, 2005

Trustees present were: Frank Czyzewski, Loren Dunigan, Frank Herman, Kevin Logan, Bob Pierson, Howard Poehler, Richard Rudolphi, Danny Schnepfer and Greg Smith. Also present were Executive Vice President and General Manager John Meng, and Cooperative Attorney Tyra S. Cycholl. The invocation was given by President Czyzewski.

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held November 28, 2005.

Accepted 15 new members for service.

Canceled 13 members no longer receiving service.

Approved work orders in the amount of \$111,188.54.

Accepted the disbursement list for the month of November, 2005.

Approved the financial and maintenance reports for the month of

November, 2005 as presented by Gen. Mgr. Meng.

Heard a report by Trustee Logan concerning recent AIEC meeting.

Heard an update on the power supply and Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO).

Appointed President Czyzewski as NRECA delegate and Trustee Pierson as alternate.

Appointed Trustee Pierson as CFC delegate and President Czyzewski as alternate.

Appointed Trustee Herman as NRTC delegate and Trustee Smith as alternate.

Appointed Trustee Rudolphi as Federated delegate and Trustee Logan as alternate.

Discussed system improvements for one member.

Approved construction unit prices

for 2006 as presented.

Approved the increase of Policy 800-4 as presented with Trustee Schnepfer abstaining from this vote.

Approved write-offs for December 2005 in the amount of \$481.49.

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

Reviewed the Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) interest rates.

Informed of the arrival of a new basket truck unit to replace an old unit.

Heard a proposal regarding Touchstone Energy, a national brand alliance of Cooperatives.

Informed of a new lineman that would be starting in January.

Adjournment.

Signups Now Underway

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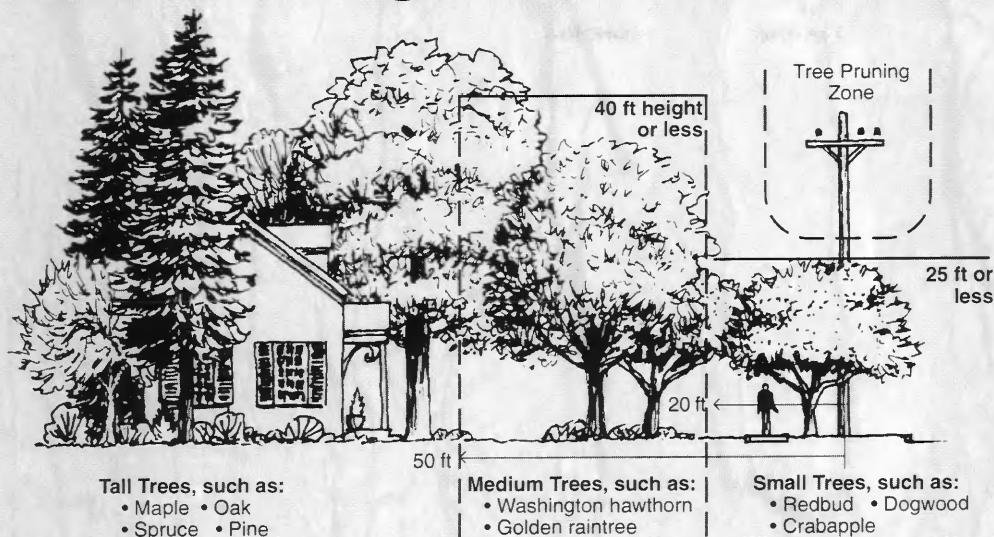
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Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place



If you have overhead power lines around your home, take these three zones into consideration when planting trees. Trees that are too tall can grow into power lines, possibly causing outages and blinks. Use these tips as a rule of thumb at the time when you plant your trees. Trees are costly, and the less trimming the co-op will have to do, the happier you'll be.

- **The Low Zone**—Trees that won't grow taller than 25 feet can be planted directly below and 20 feet to either side of power lines.
- **The Medium Zone**—Trees that grow up to 40 feet can be planted 20 to 50 feet from power lines.
- **The Tall Zone**—All other trees should be planted at least 50 feet from power lines. There is little likelihood at this distance that wind or ice would cause limbs to interfere with power lines.

Visit www.arboday.org for more illustrations.

Choosing the Right Tree and the Right Spot for Energy Efficiency

The U.S. Department of Energy says that trees planted in the right places can save up to 25 percent of your household energy consumption for heating and cooling. Landscaping your home correctly should provide enough energy savings to return the investment in less than eight years.

In the Summer

The air temperature under a yard's shade tree can be 25 degrees cooler than that of the nearby street. You can block a great deal of solar heat invading your home in the summer but still let the heat warm your home in the winter by planting deciduous trees. Trees with high leaves and branches should be planted to the south of your home to shade your roof from the hottest part of the day. Trees that have lower branches can be planted to the west to shade your home from the low afternoon sun.

A 6-8 foot tree planted near your home will begin shading windows its first year. It could shade your roof in as little as five years. And remember, shading your air conditioner can increase its efficiency by up to 10 percent.

In the Winter

Blocking cold winter winds will help reduce your heating costs. Evergreen trees and shrubs planted to the north and northwest make good windbreaks. You'll want to plant trees and shrubs together to provide a consistent wind block from the ground to the treetops. For greatest savings, plant windbreaks two to five times the mature height of other trees in your yard.

Be careful not to plant evergreens close to the south side of your home. This could block winter sunlight and prevent its warmth from entering your home.

Shrubs, bushes and vines planted next to your home can also help insulate your home in winter and summer. Leave at least one foot between full-grown plants and your home's outer wall.

Source: *The U.S. Department of Energy - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at www.eere.energy.gov.*

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of \$39,578.84.

Accepted the disbursement list for the month of December, 2005.

Approved the financial and maintenance reports for the month of December, 2005 as presented by Gen. Mgr. Meng.

Heard a report by Trustee Logan concerning recent AIEC meeting.

Informed of the NRECA Annual Meeting.

Informed of upcoming Director continuing education courses offered at the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) headquarters.

Approved an assignment of power delivery transfer.

Discussed the upcoming Legislative

conference.

Reviewed and Approved the 2006 proposed budget as presented.

Advised of upcoming special meeting with Ameren.

Reviewed and Discussed the Touchstone Energy proposal.

Approved not entering into an agreement with Touchstone Energy.

Approved two purchase of power agreements in the form presented.

Approved the retirement of capital credits to the estates of two deceased members pursuant to Cooperative policy.

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Clay Electric Co-operative Directors Frank Czyzewski of Louisville (center) and Richard Rudolphi of Noble (right) spoke with N. Duane Noland, former Illinois State Senator and new President/CEO of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC), during a break in a continuing education class held at the AIEC in Springfield. The financial decision making course is part of the Credentialed Cooperative Director Certification program established by the National Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NRECA). During the class, directors learned about their

role in creating and maintaining financial security for the cooperative. Noland said, "Directors make decisions that can affect the long-term financial health of the cooperative. They have learned how their decisions impact rates, capital credits and debt and equity management at the cooperative. It's all a part of learning to serve their members better."

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— Duane Noland



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Board meeting report

Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
February 27, 2006

Trustees present were: Frank Czyzewski, Loren Dunigan, Frank Herman, Kevin Logan, Howard Poehler, Richard Rudolphi, Danny Schnepfer and Greg Smith. Bob Pierson was absent. Also present were Executive Vice President and General Manager John Meng, and Cooperative Attorney Tyra S. Cycholl. The invocation was given by Trustee Smith.

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held January 30, 2006.

Approved the minutes of the special Board meeting held February 13, 2006.

Accepted 11 new members for service.

Canceled 11 members no longer receiving service.

Approved work orders in the amount of \$6,235.03.

Accepted the disbursement list for the month of January 2006.

Approved the financial and maintenance reports for the month of January 2006 as presented by Gen. Mgr. Meng.

Heard a report by Trustee Logan concerning AIEC financials as no meeting was held in February.

Approved rejecting all bids on the sale of the digger truck and,

Approved seeking new bids on the sale of the same unit.

Approved the Ameren Energy Marketing Pooling Proposal contingent on General Manager Meng and Cooperative Attorney Cycholl's recommendation.

Discussed a power supply proposal.

Informed of a new service and upgrade to the system.

Approved the date of September 7, 2006 as the Annual Meeting of Members of Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc.,

and retained the local group Four For One as entertainment at the meeting.

Reviewed the letter of comments from the auditor.

Reminded of upcoming continuing education course.

Approved the purchase of a new postage machine.

Approved General Manager John Meng as delegate and Doug Hockman as alternate to the Illinois Cooperative Workers Compensation Group and Rochdale Services, Inc. Annual Meeting.

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

Discussed the Investor Owned Utility legislation.

Informed of needed upgrades to the data processing company billing equipment.

Adjournment.

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The price of fuels used to generate electricity is increasing, driving our prices up. Your electric cooperative is working hard to control the increased costs, and you can do your part, too.

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Contact your local electric co-op for more energy saving tips.

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Chemical Line Maintenance to Begin

Each year we concentrate on clearing overhead power lines of unwanted vegetation. Trees and vines that creep into overhead power lines are dangerous and cause electric service interruptions.

In 2004 and 2005 we were able to contract out extensive removal by mechanical means. Asplundh, a tree trimming company specializing in working near high voltage lines, spent several months trimming areas of main three phase feeder lines. Gill Excavating of Mt. Erie used a mechanical mulcher mounted on a trackhoe to clear areas from under power lines all the way to the ground.

Unfortunately, it is cost prohibitive to completely clear all unwanted

vegetation by mechanical means - so spraying is still an alternate method.

We have several areas of unwanted vegetation that need chemical spraying this spring and early summer. We will begin chemically treating our system in the area south and east of Iola; west, south and east of Bible Grove; areas that were mechanically cleared in prior years; and any other areas of the system that need immediate attention.

Please call 662-2171 or (800) 582-9012 if you have areas of concern that you know are a hazard or are interfering with the power lines.

May is National Electrical Safety Month



Plug-in to Electrical Safety

By Stacy Slatton, ICL Intern

It's a normal night in this family's home: Mom is cooking dinner with a countertop grill in the kitchen, Dad is working on an e-mail in his office, their daughter is in her room listening to her stereo and their son is playing video games in the living room. What do all these different activities have in common? They all use electricity.

Many people may not realize how much electricity is actually used in everyday life. May is deemed National Electrical Safety Month because of electricity's importance in our lives. We need to make safety checks, not only in May, but year around, to ensure that our homes are protected from electrical hazards.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, electrical failures cause more than 40,000 fires, 325 deaths and 1,350 injuries each year. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that thousands of injuries from electric shocks and burns occur each year, with one death every 25 hours. Billions of dollars in personal property damage also occurs as a result of these mishaps.

You can easily avoid these disasters if you do routine safety checks of the electrical areas in your home. The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) has compiled a checklist to help you evaluate your home's electrical safety and make changes if needed.

Outlets and Plugs

- Check for outlets that have loose-fitting plugs, which can overheat.
- Never remove the ground pin (the third prong) to make it fit a two-conductor outlet.
- Never force a plug into an outlet if it doesn't fit.
- Avoid overloading outlets with too many appliances.
- Replace any missing or broken wall plates.
- Make sure there are safety covers on all unused outlets that are accessible to children.
- Check for any hot or discolored outlet wallplates; this may indicate dangerous heat buildup.

Light Bulbs

- Check the wattage of all bulbs in the home to ensure they are the correct wattage for the receptacle, and replace any that are higher than recommended.
- Make sure bulbs are screwed in securely—loose bulbs may overheat.

Power and Extension Cords

- Ensure all cords are not frayed or cracked.
- Cords should never be nailed or stapled to the wall, baseboard or another object.
- Do not place cords in high traffic areas or under carpets, rugs or furniture.
- Extension cords should only be used temporarily.
- Ensure extension cords and electrical products are listed by an independent testing facility such as Underwriters Laboratories Inc.

Circuit Breakers and Fuses

- Circuit breakers and fuses should be the correct size and rating for their circuit.
- Always replace a fuse with one of the same size.
- Create a circuit map that clearly identifies all outlets, fixtures and major appliances.

GFCIs and AFCIs

- Ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) and arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) should be tested monthly and after every major electrical storm.

For more electrical safety information contact Clay Electric Co-operative, Inc. or visit ESFI online at www.esfi.org.

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March 27, 2006

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Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held February 27, 2006.

Accepted 9 new members for service.

Canceled 11 members no longer receiving service.

Approved work orders in the amount

of \$44,788.39.

Accepted the disbursement list for the month of February 2006.

Approved the financial and maintenance reports for the month of February 2006 as presented by Gen. Mgr. Meng.

Heard a report by Trustee Logan concerning recent AIEC board meeting.

Updated on the wholesale power contract and Clay Electric's usage data.

Heard a report on the audit and tabled approval until the April meeting.

Approved obtaining additional quotes for 2006/2007 audit.

Heard a report on the construction

progress of a line upgrade.

Approved 1 purchase power agreement in the form presented.

Approved contributing to the Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) integrity fund.

Reminded of time change (7 p.m.) of the April board meeting.

Authorized Gen. Mgr. Meng to sign an easement to Clay County Water, Inc. on behalf of Clay Electric.

Reviewed a bid sheet on the sale of a cooperative vehicle.

Adjournment.

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Mark Your Calendar

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Energy Saving Light Switches

“Turn off the lights when you leave the room.” If you have kids, you have probably said that hundreds of times and still, the lights are left on. A solution may be available - motion-sensing switches for lights.

A motion sensor turns the lights on when it senses something moving and turns them off a few minutes after the movement stops, eliminating the need to remind the kids to turn off the lights when they are not in the room.

Try replacing the regular switch with a motion-sensing switch in

rooms, like the bathroom or the laundry room, where lights are often left on, but are usually needed for only a few minutes. There are motion-sensor inserts that screw into incandescent lamps, and motion-sensing switches to replace existing light switches. There are also motion-sensing light fixtures, a safe, efficient alternative to leaving outdoor lights on all night.

For more information about saving money on lighting, call Clay Electric Co-operative, or visit www.energystar.gov.

Marco! Polo!

Swimming Pool Safety

By Stacy Slatton,

The National Safety Council (NSC) celebrates Safety Month in June. This includes everything from driving safety to home and community safety. With the hot summer months already underway, it's no surprise that swimming pool safety is also a focus.

During the heat of the summer many people elect to spend their time cooling down and playing with friends and family in the pool. This can be a great way to relax and avoid the heat, but it's important to learn pool safety to avoid accidents.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, drowning is the cause of more than 4,000 deaths annually and is a leading cause of death for children under five. This doesn't mean you should tear down your pool or throw away plans for a future pool; it just shows you should be informed of the dangers that come with owning this recreational summer staple.

Being informed is the best protection you can have when it comes to pools. An informational Web site for children can be found at www.SplashZoneUSA.com. At Splash Zone Sonny the "friendliest fish" and Bubbles the "hot tub buddy" interactively teach children about safety around pools and hot tubs.

Many helpful Web sites give parents facts and safety information about the dangers of pools. It's important to remember that when a child falls into the pool there's no splashing around. Drowning is a silent death. If a child does fall into the pool it's imperative that the person who finds him or her starts CPR immediately.

The NSC and the American Academy of Pediatrics have useful tips to help childproof the pool and keep your children safe:

- Never leave children unattended. It takes adults about two minutes to drown, but it only takes a child 20 seconds. If you have to leave the area, take the children with you.
- Remove toys in and around the pool when not in use. Toys can attract children to the pool.
- Barriers can offer added protection against drowning. Put up a fence to block the pool from the house. The fence should be more than four feet high and have latches on gates higher than your children can reach. Power or manual covers will completely cover a pool and block access to the water.
- Keep rescue equipment (such as a shepherd's hook or life preserver) and a telephone within easy reach of the pool.
- Sign up your children for swimming lessons, but remember that this won't make them "drown-proof."
- Learn CPR and how to rescue a child if needed.
- Watch for overhead power lines when swimming and using equipment to clean out the pool.
- Keep electronics away from the water to avoid electrocution.

Although it sounds like owning a pool is very dangerous, with the right amount of safety awareness pools can be very enjoyable. So kick back and have fun in the pool this summer, but remember to put safety first.



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Board meeting report

Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
April 24, 2006

Trustees present were: Frank Czyzewski, Loren Dunigan, Frank Herman, Kevin Logan, Howard Poehler, Richard Rudolphi, Danny Schnepper and Greg Smith. Absent was Bob Pierson. Also present were Executive Vice President and General Manager John Meng, and Cooperative Attorney Tyra S. Cycholl. The invocation was given by Trustee Dunigan.

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held March 27, 2006.

Accepted 15 new members for service.

Canceled 12 members no longer receiving service.

Approved work orders in the amount of \$27,710.73.

Accepted the disbursement list for the

month of March 2006.

Approved the financial and maintenance reports for the month of March 2006 as presented by Gen. Mgr. Meng.

Heard a report by Trustee Logan concerning the recent AIEC board meeting.

Opened and Approved the bid of \$4,200.00 to Richard Wells on a surplus Cooperative owned Digger truck.

Approved a 15 month option for additional capacity from Ameren and Authorized Gen. Mgr. Meng to execute required documents for the option.

Reviewed a letter from the Cooperative Auditing company clarifying transmission charges.

Tabled approval of the 2005 audit until

next meeting while waiting on information from the Auditor and Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC).

Reviewed additional quotes for the annual audit for 2006 and 2007 and Tabled selecting an Auditor until the next meeting.

Approved insurance coverage by Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange for 2006

Reviewed and Readopted the safety Policy # 800-7.

Approved the retirement of capital credits to the estates of 3 deceased Members pursuant to Cooperative Policy.

Updated on the SCADA equipment and a printer replacement.

Adjournment.

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Clay Electric Cooperative

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Thursday, September 7, 2006

Charley Brown Park west of Flora on Old Hwy 50

See page 9 of this magazine for more information

John Meng Named A Vice President Of Julie Board

The Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators (JULIE, Inc.) recently announced the election of several new Board Directors and Officers, and the election of several vice presidents.

Mark Frost, executive director of JULIE, Inc. made the announcement. "As one of the largest industry one-call centers in the nation, we are excited about the future direction of the organization," he said.

Clay Electric Cooperative's Executive Vice President/General Manager John Meng was unanimously elected to serve as a Vice President on the board.

With more than 1,700 members, the not-for-profit organization provides excavators with a toll-free number (800) 892-0123 for the free locating and marking of underground facilities. JULIE, Inc. serves as a notification service for underground facility owners, taking information about planned excavations and distributing this information to its membership. It is then the responsibility of each facility owner to mark the location of their underground facilities at the excavation site. JULIE, Inc. neither owns nor marks any underground facilities.

JULIE, Inc. promotes an easier, safer digging environment and serves the entire state of Illinois outside of the city of Chicago, which is covered by DIGGER. Illinois law requires anyone digging to call JULIE, Inc. at least two working days prior to the start of excavation and to begin that project within 14 calendar days from the call. The 48 hour notice does not include Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.



Member utilities fully support JULIE, Inc. based upon their message volume.

The Illinois One-Call System received a record 1.225 million underground utility locate requests from professional excavators and homeowners in 2005. Established in 1974, JULIE has 100 employees during peak periods and is located in a state-of-the-art facility in Joliet, Illinois. For more information, visit www.illinois1call.com.

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The Meaning Behind Old Glory

By Stacy Slatton, ICL Intern

The flag of the United States of America stands for many things: Justice, Independence, Freedom and Liberty, just to name a few. It's not hard to understand why the flag is the symbol of our Independence Day and flown with respect from residences, businesses and cars all over the country.

Every part of the flag, from the design to the colors to the folding for ceremonies, has its own significance. Although there is no official stance on why Old Glory consists of the red, white and blue colors along with the stars and stripes, there are many myths. According to a legend on www.ushistory.org, George Washington thought the stars were taken from the sky, the red signifies British colors and the white stripes stand for the secession from Britain. Today it is more commonly known that the 13 stripes stand for the original 13 colonies and the 50 stars represent the people from 50 states defending our freedom.

Although there is no record of what the colors on the flag stand for, the Congress of the Confederation chose the same colors for the Great Seal. Each color represents a core value and belief of the nation: red for valor and hardiness, white for purity and innocence and blue for vigilance, perseverance and justice. The flag's colors have also come to stand for the same values.

Draping the flag over a casket and folding it when the casket is laid to rest is showing deep respect for both the person and the flag.

The 13 folds represent the original 13 colonies. The folded flag as a whole represents the cocked hat that General Washington and his men wore while fighting for our freedom.

So the next time you see a flag waving in the breeze, remember that there's a lot more to Old Glory than meets the eye.

Every fold in the flag stands for something:

- ☆ 1 – Symbol of life.
- ☆ 2 – Symbol of our belief in the eternal life.
- ☆ 3 – To honor and remember the veteran who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country.
- ☆ 4 – Represents our weaker nature. We trust in God and turn to him in times of peace and war for His guidance.
- ☆ 5 – Tribute to our country.
- ☆ 6 – Symbol of our hearts.
- ☆ 7 – Tribute to our Armed Forces.
- ☆ 8 – Tribute to the one who entered the valley of the shadow of death.
- ☆ 9 – Tribute to womanhood.
- ☆ 10 – Tribute to fathers.
- ☆ 11 – Represents the lower portion of the seal of King David to Hebrew citizens and glorifies God.
- ☆ 12 – Represents an emblem of eternity to Christian citizens and glorifies the Trinity.
- ☆ 13 – After the 13th fold only the stars show. This reminds us of our national motto “In God We Trust.”



Farmer John has always loved corn on the cob. And he can't wait to sink his teeth into some tender kernels this summer.

Each year, 62 farmers in the U.S. just like John lose their lives to electrocution as a result of power line contacts. That's why John is especially careful when he operates his farm equipment near power lines.

So, next summer you'll still see him again grinning from ear to ear.

For more information about electric safety on the farm, contact your local electric cooperative.

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NEWS

Clay Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting of Members

**Thursday,
September 7,
2006**

**5:30 p.m.
meal and
registration**

**7:00 p.m.
business
meeting**

**Charley Brown
Park west of Flora
on Old Hwy 50**

(SEE PAGE 9)



Dangers of Digging

Don't get shocked by what you find in your backyard - start every planting or building project with a call to J.U.L.I.E. Cable, phone, gas and electric lines can be buried just beneath the surface. When planting that tree or setting that post, you could dig into an earthworm, a cable line, or a 7,200-volt electric line. Call J.U.L.I.E. at (800) 892-0123 at least 48 hours before your work will begin to keep you and your family safe.



Board meeting report

Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
May 22, 2006

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Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held April 24, 2006.

Accepted 8 new members for service.

Canceled 15 members no longer receiving service.

Approved work orders in the amount of \$6,224.74.

Accepted the disbursement list for the month of April, 2006.

Approved the financial and maintenance reports for the month of April, 2006 as presented by Gen. Mgr. Meng.

Heard a report by Trustee Dunigan concerning the recent AIEC board meeting.

Heard a presentation by Jeff

Vance of Ameren regarding different options in regard to a wholesale power contract.

Reviewed a proposal by Wabash Valley Power Association regarding wholesale power.

Tabled approval of the 2005 audit.

Reviewed proposals for the annual audit for 2006 and 2007 and,

Approved London Witte Group to perform the Cooperative audit.

Heard a report by Gen. Mgr. Meng concerning the hardware and software updates for Southeastern Data Corporation (SEDC) and Distribution Control Systems, Inc. (DCSI).

Appointed the nominating committee members for Districts II, VI and VIII that are to meet on June 12, 2006.

Approved one purchase power agreement in the form as presented.

Approved the retirement of capital credits to the estates of 3 deceased Members pursuant to Cooperative Policy.

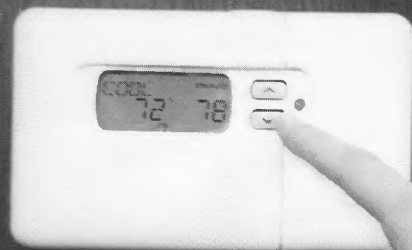
Adjournment.

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Costs Are Rising Everywhere...



... but your local electric cooperative is doing something about it. We are investing in new technologies to improve operations and boost reliability.

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Flora, Illinois

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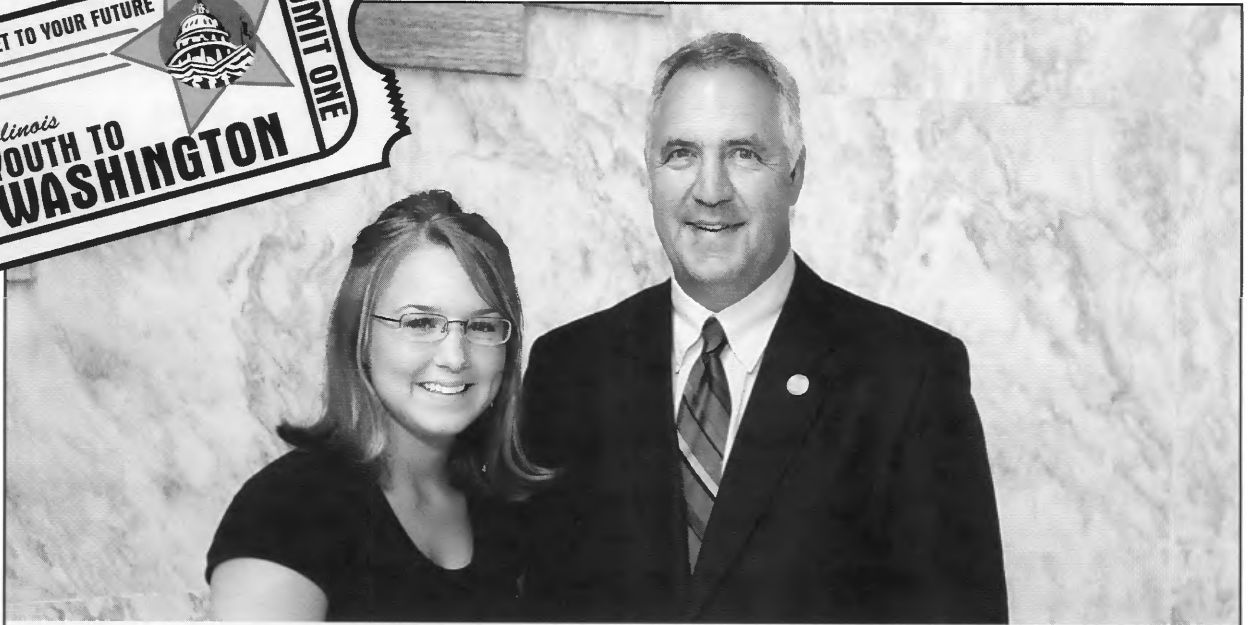
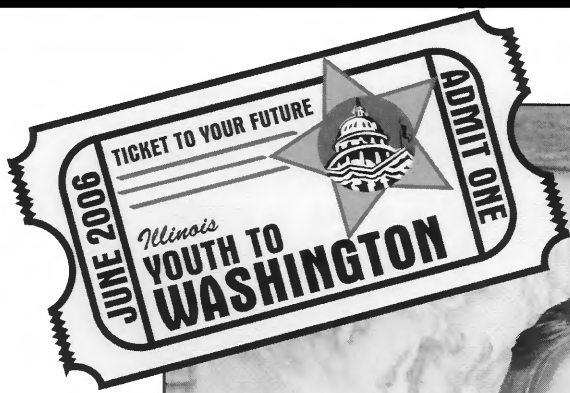
Kahok Dancers	Crawford Crazy Clowns	One-Man Band
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Clay Electric Sponsors Youth Tour

Julia Wendling of Louisville (left) represented Clay Electric Co-operative in Washington, D.C., during the annual "Youth to Washington" Tour, June 9-16. This event, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois, began in the late 1950s to introduce rural youths to our democratic form of government and cooperatives.

Wendling met with Congressman John Shimkus and was among 63 rural Illinois youth leaders selected for the trip. In addition to the Capitol, they also visited Arlington National Cemetery, the National Cathedral, the Smithsonian Museums, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the World War II Memorial, the Native American Indian Museum and a number of other historical sites.

Board meeting report

Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
June 26, 2006

Trustees present were: Frank Czyzewski, Loren Dunigan, Frank Herman, Kevin Logan, Bob Pierson, Howard Poehler, Richard Rudolphi, Danny Schnepfer and Greg Smith. Also present were Executive Vice President and General Manager John Meng, and Cooperative Attorney Tyra S. Cycholl. Special guests in attendance were Julia Wendling, Jeff Vance and Tom Lay. The invocation was given by Trustee Logan.

Heard a report by Julia Wendling on the recent Cooperative sponsored Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. and Youth Day in Springfield, IL.

Heard a proposal from Jeff Vance and Tom Lay regarding a wholesale power contract with Ameren.

Discussed Ameren's contract proposal and other wholesale power options.

Approved the minutes of the regu-

lar meeting held May 22, 2006.

Accepted 16 new members for service.

Canceled 18 members no longer receiving service.

Approved work orders in the amount of \$21,460.14.

Accepted the disbursement list for the month of May, 2006.

Approved the financial and maintenance reports for the month of May, 2006 as presented by Gen. Mgr. Meng.

Heard a report by Trustee Logan concerning the AIEC, however no meeting was held this month.

Advised of the recent nominating committee meetings and that the committees appointed Frank Czyzewski, Greg Smith and Bob Pierson.

Approved payment of AIEC dues and Director per diem.

Reminded of upcoming Annual

Meeting of the AIEC.

Appointed Kevin Logan as voting representative for the AIEC Annual meeting and Loren Dunigan as alternate.

Appointed Kevin Logan as AIEC Director and Loren Dunigan as alternate.

Discussed the upcoming Region V meeting.

Informed of recent radio tower inspection and that there are needed repairs to be made. Gen. Mgr. Meng was instructed to obtain estimates for repairs.

Approved the retirement of capital credits to the estate of 1 deceased Member pursuant to Cooperative Policy.

Approved write-offs in the amount of \$706.17

Adjournment.

Clay Electric Co-operative Annual Meeting of Members



**Thursday,
September
7, 2006**

**5:30 p.m.
meal and
registration**

**7:00 p.m.
business
meeting**

**Charley Brown
Park west of
Flora on Old
Hwy. 50**

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Clay County Water, Inc.

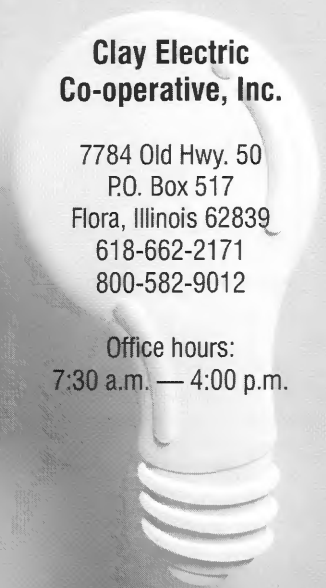
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Board Meeting Report

Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
July 24, 2006

Trustees present were: Frank Czyzewski, Loren Dunigan, Frank Herman, Kevin Logan, Bob Pierson, Howard Poehler, Richard Rudolphi, Danny Schnepper and Greg Smith. Also present were Executive Vice President and General Manager John Meng, and Cooperative Attorney Tyra S. Cycholl. The invocation was given by Trustee Poehler.

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held June 26, 2006.

Accepted 12 new members for service.

Canceled 11 members no longer receiving service.

Approved work orders in the amount of \$36,487.61.

Accepted the disbursement list for the month of June 2006.

Approved the financial and maintenance reports for the month of June 2006 as presented by General Manager Meng.

Heard a report by Trustee Logan concerning the recent AIEC meeting.

Discussed wholesale power proposals from three different suppliers.

Approved entering into a 3-year agreement with Ameren for Wholesale power.

Approved contracting with Dan's Mobile Radio for repairs to the Cooperative radio tower.

Reminded of upcoming AIEC Annual Meeting in Springfield.

Appointed President Czyzewski as Region V voting delegate for NRECA and Trustee Herman as alternate.

Appointed Trustee Herman as Region

V voting delegate for CFC and President Czyzewski as alternate.

Discussed upcoming Clay Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting plans.

Heard a report by General Manager Meng concerning the LEAM regional plan.

Approved pledging \$500.00 in support of LEAM if the project develops.

Approved one purchase of power agreement in the form as presented.

Advised that there was an apprentice lineman position open and interviews were to commence immediately.

Discussed clarifying the definitions in Policies 900-1 and 900-4 with no action being taken.

Adjournment.

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Three Ways to Pay Your Electric Bill Each Month

We now offer credit card payments for your monthly electric bills. We are accepting VISA and MASTERCARD for payment of your electric bill. Call 662-2171 or 1-800-582-9012 or stop by the office to arrange for credit card payments.

In addition to this we also have the Automatic Clearing House (ACH) payments available. This payment is deducted directly from your checking account on the 24th of the month. There is no forgetting to pay or worrying about payment if you are away from home. You will still receive a monthly bill card showing your amount and usage.

We also have available Budget Billing. This is a fixed budget plan based on the applicant's previous 12 months billing history. So if you

are on a tight budget or a fixed income, this plan might be what you need.

This could also be the time to sign up for our Special Electric Rates. If you have permanently installed electric heat, be it an electric furnace, heat pump, ceiling strip heat, baseboard, or geo-thermal, you may qualify for our electric heat rate or our total electric rate. The electric heat rate 21 is for homes that have electric heat but may also have a gas appliance such as a water heater or range. The total electric rate 31 is for homes that are total electric and do not have any gas appliances.

To implement any of our payment services or for more information on our special rates, please call your cooperative office at 662-2171 or 1-800-582-9012.

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NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH



COOPERATIVES

by Laura Camper,
Intern, Illinois Country Living

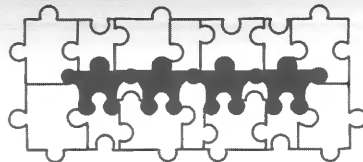
October is National Co-op Month, a time to celebrate the cooperative way of doing business. Cooperatives are formed to benefit the people who are served by them. Cooperatives are owned by the members, so the priority becomes the service of the members, not profit.

Because the members own the company, they have a voice in how the company is run. They elect the board of directors, the guiding body of the cooperative, and they are invited to meetings to hear the important issues and news related to the co-op. The co-op also sends members newsletters and other communication to keep them informed.

Member-owned also means locally-owned, so co-ops have a vested interest in the communities they serve. If members have questions or concerns, they can contact the cooperative locally to voice their opinions. And co-op employees are often very active in their communities.

Did you know that...?

- Ben Franklin formed the first successful cooperative in 1752.
- Toad Lane in England is con-



Businesses People Trust

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sidered the birthplace of the modern cooperative because many of the principles that guide cooperatives were formed there in 1844.

■ Cooperatives are guided by seven internationally recognized principles: voluntary and open membership; democratic member control; member economic participation; autonomy and independence; education, training, and information; cooperation among cooperatives; and concern for the communities they serve.

■ Cooperatives are formed by producers to sell their products, by workers who own and operate the company they work for, by consumers who use a service or product, and by small business owners and municipalities to share purchases of goods and services in order to increase their purchasing power.

■ Electric cooperatives provide electric service to the member-owners at the cost of service. The members share any profit either through investment in the company or by credit to the member-owners.

■ Electric cooperatives own 2.4 million miles or 43 percent of the nation's electric distribution lines and deliver 10 percent of the total kilowatt-hours in the United States annually.

■ Electric cooperatives serve 12 percent of the population in the United States and employ 63,000 people.

■ Land O Lakes, Ocean Spray, and Sunkist brands are all produced by cooperatives.

■ Ace Hardware and True Value are owned and operated by cooperatives.

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Board meeting report

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August 28, 2006

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Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held July 24, 2006.

Approved 12 new members for service.

Canceled 14 members no longer receiving service.

Approved work orders in the amount of \$29,442.86.

Accepted the disbursement list

for the month of July, 2006.

Approved the financial and maintenance reports for the month of July, 2006 as presented by Gen. Mgr. Meng.

Heard a report by Trustee Logan concerning the recent AIEC meeting.

Discussed the upcoming Clay Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting of Members.

Discussed the new wholesale power contract and will review later after the Attorneys have gone over the details.

Discussed upcoming Region V meeting.

Appointed Trustee Herman as voting delegate for Federated Insurance District Meeting.

Heard a report by Gen. Mgr. Meng concerning various upcoming projects.

Heard a report by Gen. Mgr. Meng concerning the condition of a cooperative service truck.

Authorized Gen. Mgr. Meng to purchase a replacement for the service truck.

Reviewed, Discussed and Approved a lease with the city of Flora for use of the fairgrounds for the upcoming Annual Meeting of Members.

Approved one purchase of power agreement in the form as presented.

Approved a refund of capital credits to the estates of two deceased members.

Adjournment.

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Make Energy Conservation A Habit

Teach kids at an early age to turn out lights when they leave the room, to close the refrigerator door, and to close exterior doors behind them. You'll have to repeat yourself a lot, but they'll thank you when they're older and energy efficiency is by then habit.

For kids' energy efficiency tips, call your local electric cooperative.



Does Your Ductwork Need Insulation?

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If some of the rooms in your home are cooler in the winter and warmer in the summer, your ductwork may be the problem.

Some ductwork may not be properly sealed or insulated. If it runs through an unconditioned space, like an attic or a crawlspace, energy is being lost to the outside.

To decide if your ductwork needs to be insulated take a look at where it is. If the ductwork is in the basement, it probably is not necessary and, in fact, you may be using the radiated heat to warm the basement. But if the ductwork is located in an unheated, unused part of the house, it should be insulated and properly sealed.

If you would like more information on insulating your ductwork contact your electric co-op or visit <http://energyoutlet.com/res/ducts/insulating.html>.

Good, Better, Best And Ultimate Heating Choices

Many years ago, Sears, Roebuck & Company (just Sears for the younger folks) used to rate their catalogue items as "Good," "Better" and "Best." Those same descriptive terms might still be used today to compare heating fuels and heating systems.

For example, propane might be considered as a **GOOD** heating choice. The real question though, is good really "good enough?" Ken Blanchard, a well known author of management books, wrote a book entitled "Raving Fans." His belief was that if customers weren't raving and bragging about the service they received, it really wasn't good enough. As an example, he uses the scenario of a waitress asking how your meal was. Even though you may have not been totally satisfied, the common response is, "it was okay." With propane approaching \$1.75 per gallon, the only really good thing that can be said about propane is that it has fast recovery (those times you've turned the thermostat down and then set it back up). The disadvantages of propane include price volatility, and locating and refilling of the storage tank.

Natural gas might be considered as a **BETTER** heating choice. Gas furnace operating costs are similar to baseboard, ceiling cable or electric furnaces. The disadvantages of natural gas include its limited availability, especially in rural areas, the increased maintenance requirements of newer high efficiency units, and price volatility due to the ever-increasing worldwide demand for natural gas and susceptibility to interruptions by terrorism and natural disasters.

The **BEST** choice of heating systems is electricity, especially electric heat pumps. It's clean, safe and reliable. Heat pumps, for example, have a back-up system, which is activated automatically in the event

of compressor failure. With technology improvements in recent years, heat pumps have become warmer, and even more efficient and more reliable. Electricity is a flameless heat, and unlike gas systems, no combustion occurs in or near your home; consequently, there is no need to vent toxic fumes. When electric space heating is combined with cooking and water heating, there is only one utility bill to pay, an advantage for today's busy families. Even though electric rates have been increasing in recent years, the increases have been predictable and within modest ranges.

Sears never had an **ULTIMATE** classification, but the electric heat industry does. It's known as the "Ground Source Heat Pump," or geothermal. These units are 350-400 percent efficient and have annual operating costs that are less than any other option available. They offer reliability, long life and low maintenance, and have exceptionally quiet operation as there are no outside units. A bonus with these units is the fact that they can supply up to 50 percent of your water heating needs as a free byproduct. The only disadvantage to geothermal heat pumps is the higher initial cost. If the new home has a mortgage, the additional mortgage cost to finance the geothermal heat pump is typically considerably less than the savings on the utility bill, resulting in a positive cash flow situation for the homeowner. The initial installation costs are often recouped in energy savings in as little as three to five years.

If you would like additional information on heating systems, please phone your cooperative's energy advisor. They are here to serve you and are a wealth of knowledge that can be used to your benefit.

Heating Value Comparison

	Unit Cost	Efficiency	Heating Cost per 100,000 Btu
Electric Baseboard or Furnace	\$.07 kWh*	100%	\$1.85
Air-Air Heat Pump	\$.07 kWh*	190%	\$1.08
Geothermal Heat Pump	\$.07 kWh*	300%	\$0.68
Propane	\$1.75 Gal	90%	\$2.13
	\$1.75 Gal	80%	\$2.39
	\$1.75 Gal	65%	\$2.94
Natural Gas	\$1.32 Therm	90%	\$1.42
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*EECA cost per kWh over 500 kWh base

Values from www.warmair.net fuel cost comparison page

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Board meeting report

Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
September 25, 2006

Trustees present were: Frank Czyzewski, Loren Dunigan, Frank Herman, Kevin Logan, Bob Pierson, Howard Poehler, Richard Rudolphi, Danny Schnepfer and Greg Smith. Also present was Executive Vice President and General Manager John Meng. The invocation was given by Trustee Pierson.

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held August 28, 2006.

Approved the minutes of the Organizational meeting held on September 7, 2006.

Accepted 16 new members for service.

Canceled 16 members no longer receiving service.

Approved work orders in the amount of \$43,844.44.

Accepted the disbursement list for the month of August, 2006.

Approved the financial and maintenance reports for the month of August, 2006 as presented by Gen. Mgr. Meng.

Heard a report by Trustee Logan concerning the financials of the AIEC as no meeting was held this month.

Discussed the Clay Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting of Members.

Discussed the upcoming National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Annual Meeting of Members.

Heard a report by Gen. Mgr. Meng regarding an update on the coopera-

tive service truck.

Authorized Gen. Mgr. Meng to purchase a new steel body for the service truck, and to overhaul and transfer the old unit to the new chassis.

Rescheduled the December meeting to December 18, 2006 at 5p.m.

Approved one purchase of power agreement in the form as presented.

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

Discussed the power auction results.

Reviewed the Financial Trending Analysis.

Reviewed the 2007 Insurance rates and the 2008 deductible changes.

Adjournment.

Clay County Water, Inc.

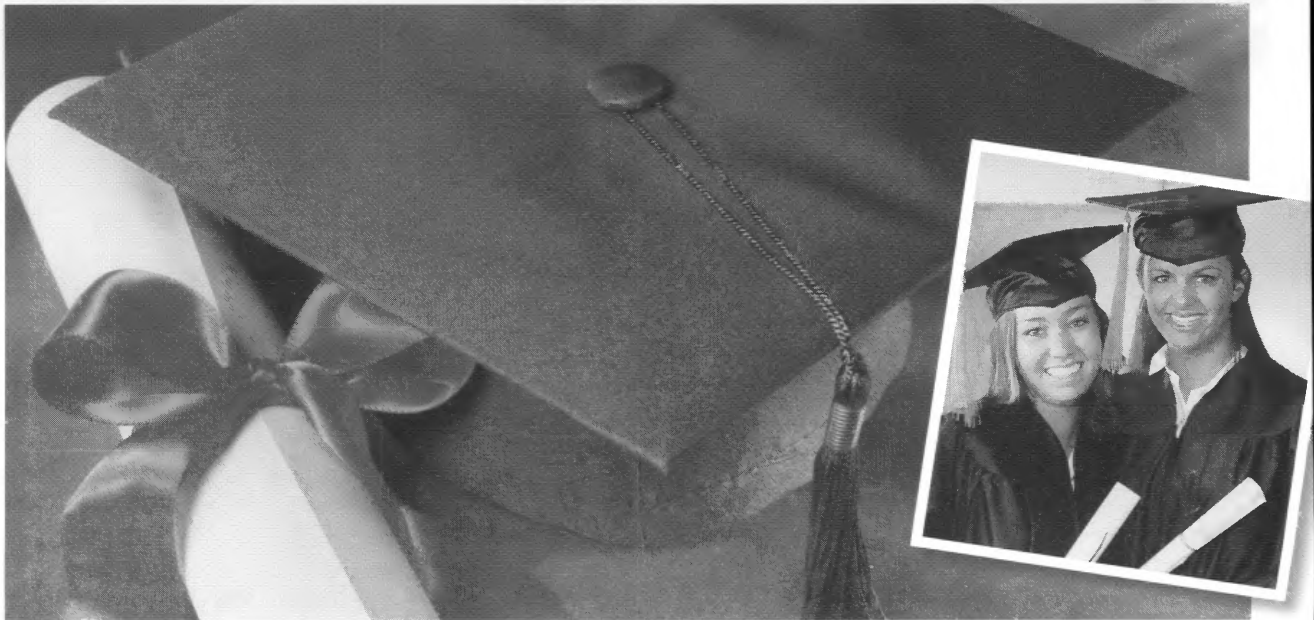
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Do not delay - get your residence signed up so that your area is not passed by. If you are interested in water, when it is available in you area, you must sign an agreement and make a \$50 deposit now and then when water is available in your area we ask for the remaining \$250 for a total of \$300 tap fee.

Contact Doug Hockman at 662-6666 for any questions or to be placed on the map.



Students Encouraged To Apply For 2007 IEC Memorial Scholarships



Clay Electric Co-operative Executive Vice President and General Manager John Meng has announced that for the twelfth consecutive year the Illinois Electric Cooperatives will award academic scholarships to high school

seniors. Five scholarships in 2007 will be awarded through the Illinois Electric Cooperative (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program. Each of the scholarships will be worth \$1,250

High school seniors pursuing a college education anywhere in the United States are eligible to participate in the program. Three scholarships will be awarded to the son or daughter of an electric cooperative member. A fourth award will go to the son or daughter of an electric cooperative director or employee. A fifth scholarship will be reserved for use at a two-year Illinois community college, and sons and daughters of electric cooperative members, employees and directors are all eligible. Deadline for applications to be returned to the cooperative is January 1, 2007.

"The purpose of the scholarship program is to assist electric cooperative youth while honoring past rural electric leaders through memorial

gifts," said Meng. "Clay Electric and the other Illinois electric cooperatives want to make a difference in their communities. One of the best ways we can do that is by lending a hand to our youth. With the cost of tuition and books going up scholarships like this one can help."

Candidates are judged on the basis of grade point average, college entrance exam scores, work and volunteer experience, school and civic activities and a short essay that demonstrates their knowledge of electric cooperatives.

The IEC Memorial Scholarship program was established in 1994 by the board of directors of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. For further information on the IEC Memorial Scholarship Program, contact Doug Hockman at Clay Electric 618-662-2171, or ask your high school guidance counselor.

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