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SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019 CRESTWOOD SCHOOL, PARIS

7:30 - 9:00 A.M.

A PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST SERVED BY ENERSTAR EMPLOYEES

7:30 - 9:30 A.M.

MEMBER REGISTRATION

9:30 A.M.

BUSINESS MEETING BEGINS





11597 Illinois Highway 1 Paris, IL 61944

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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800-635-4145

2019 Director Candidate Profiles

Ballots for this year's director election were mailed to each member on Feb. 18. 2019. Completed ballots must be returned to the EnerStar office by Friday, March 15 at

4:30 p.m. or can be brought to the annual meeting on Saturday, March 16, 2019. Voting District A and B elections are uncontested. In Voting District C. there are two candidates

for the director position. The biographical information for all candidates have been provided by the candidates who are solely responsible for the content

– VOTING DISTRICT A –

REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT #3



ENGLISH CANDIDATE FOR VOTING DISTRICT A. REPRESENTA-

Dale E. English, candidate

for District 3, has farmed for the past 42 years in the Redmon area. A 1970 graduate of Paris High School, English received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Illinois in 1974. After working for the Farm Credit

System for 3 years, he returned to the family farm and grain elevator operation in 1977.

Dale was a director of the Citizens National Bank in Paris for 23 years until the merger with First Farmers Bank & Trust in 2012. He was Supervisor of Buck Township for 20 years, and serves as treasurer and elder for the Redmon Christian Church. English has been active in the Edgar County Shrine Club since 1980 and served as club president in 1993. He has served as a director on the Enerstar Electric Cooperative board since 2004 and is a Credentialed Cooperative Director as well as receiving the Board Leadership Certification in 2018.

"I would like to see the Cooperative continue to focus on its main purpose of providing electricity to its members at the lowest possible cost. As we look to the future we must be open minded about alternative eneray sources such as wind, landfills, solar and nuclear power."

Dale & his wife Jan have been married for 37 years and have 2 children and 5 grandchildren. They enjoy spending time with their family and traveling.

- VOTING DISTRICT B -

REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT #6



JEFF MURPHY CANDIDATE FOR **VOTING DISTRICT B,** REPRESENTATIVE **DISTRICT 6**

Hello, my name is Jeff

Murphy and I would consider it a privilege to serve as your representative on Enerstar Flectric board. I have been a native of

Clark County all my life am married to Amy Murphy and have three kids and four grandkids. I am a business owner with a farm background. I feel that we are fortunate to have a member owned Co-op such as Enerstar Electric. Co-ops are unique in that the members are vested in the company. I believe that Rural Co-ops will be faced with many challenges in the future such as decreased members

per mile of line, how to implement new power supplies into our distribution line such as home solar arrays, home wind generation, and new innovation in renewable energy and how they impact our customer base. Regulation is always a concern and we need to be advocates of maintaining our member owned utility under current rules. Hook forward to working with our members.



High school seniors are eligible to enter EnerStar Electric Cooperative's

Luck of the Draw Scholarship

at the co-op's Annual Meeting on March 16!

See page 13 for full details.

- VOTING DISTRICT C -

REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT #8



GREG ROBINSON CANDIDATE FOR VOTING DISTRICT C. REPRESENTA-**TIVE DISTRICT 8**

Grea Robinson grew

up on a swine and grain farm south of Marshall, Illinois. He is a graduate of Marshall High School, received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in 2000 and Professional Civil Engineering licensure in 2010.

Greg has been employed with the Illinois Department of Transportation for 17 years and has held job titles ranging from bridge inspector to resident engineer to his current position as a Supervisina Construction Field Engineer. In association with his career at IDOT Grea currently serves as the head of the Heavy Vehicle division of the Illinois Strateaic Hiahway Safety Plannina

Committee. In addition to his career at IDOT Grea operates a small corn and sovbean farm as well as a contract hoa finishing business with the aracious assistance of numerous friends and neighbors.

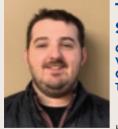
Grea has been involved in the Clark County 4-H program since 1985 as a member and currently as a leader of the Triple-T 4-H club. He has been a member of the Clark County Pork Producers for over 20 years and has served the past 10 as president. Following graduation from SIU-C Grea served on the Alumni Board of Alpha Gamma Rho for 5 years 3 of which he served as president.

Grea's wife, Aimee Ph.D., is currently the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and an Adjunct Instructor at Indiana State University. She also serves as a leader of the Triple-T 4-H club. Their 13 year old son, Randall is a student at Marshall Jr. High and is an avid livestock judge, active 4-H' er, aspiring swine showman and enjoys band and swimming.

WHY: I am seeking a board position with EnerStar to serve as a representative voice for my community while learning more about the intricacies of the power generation and distribution industries.

QUALIFICATION: I am personally committed to my community and through my 17 year career in the engineering field, and a lifetime of involvement in production Ag, I have developed a rapport with numerous local and state agencies in order to successfully implement infrastructure improvement projects.

CHALLENGES: The increased operating costs associated with the reinstatement of the Clean Power Plan as agina plants are taken off-line or additional air cleaners are installed on other plants in order to remain in compliance with regulations.



TANNOR SPITTLER CANDIDATE FOR VOTING DISTRICT C. REPRESENTA-**TIVE DISTRICT 8**

Tannor has been a part of

the Marshall community for his entire life through much of his family. He is a 2007 graduate of Kansas Hiah School. After hiah school Tannor attended Lake Land College and graduated with an Associate Degree in

Agriculture. Currently he works for Birkey's as a Precision Farming Specialist serving the Oakland and Casey locations.

Between high school and college Tannor was elected the Illinois Association FFA State Reporter. Throughout high school he served various leadership roles, on multiple levels with the FFA. He has also been on the Clark County Fair Board for the past 6 years, currently servina as the Vice-President.

Tannor and his wife Leslie

live south-east of Marshall and have one son. Lee, who is 6 months old.

Tannor enjoys giving back to a community he has been a part of for quite some time and felt this would be great way to do that. He enjoys working with others, as part of a team, to be successful for its constituents. Tannor hopes to brina a clear line of communication with District 8 members. as well as a young perspective to the board.

Years of Service Recognized at Annual Meeting

WE HAVE SOME REALLY **GREAT EMPLOYEES!**

EnerStar is fortunate to have employees and directors with many years of experience. At the 80th Annual Meeting of Members in March, five employees and one director will be recognized for their vears of service.

Thank you for vour service to our cooperative!

DEDICATED DIRECTORS SERVE THE MEMBERSHIP

EnerStar director, Dale Enalish of Paris, celebrates 15 years of co-op service at the annual meetina. Durina his tenure, Dale earned the Credentialed Cooperative Director

> certificate and completed the training in the Board Leadership Program. Thank you Dale for your dedication to the co-op!



EnerStar wins safety award



More than 100 Illinois electric co-op linemen, supervisors and warehouse personnel attended the annual Safety Supervisory Technical Conference held in Decatur, Jan. 30-Feb. 1. The meeting provides the newest safety information to help

them continually evaluate and improve safety performance.

During the meeting, cooperative safety leadership awards were presented, and EnerStar Electric was one of three Illinois electric co-ops to receive this award. Nominations were

submitted by cooperatives which were required to prove their cooperative-wide demonstration of safety awareness, leadership, culture and having exhibited safety above and beyond.