

# Clay Electric News

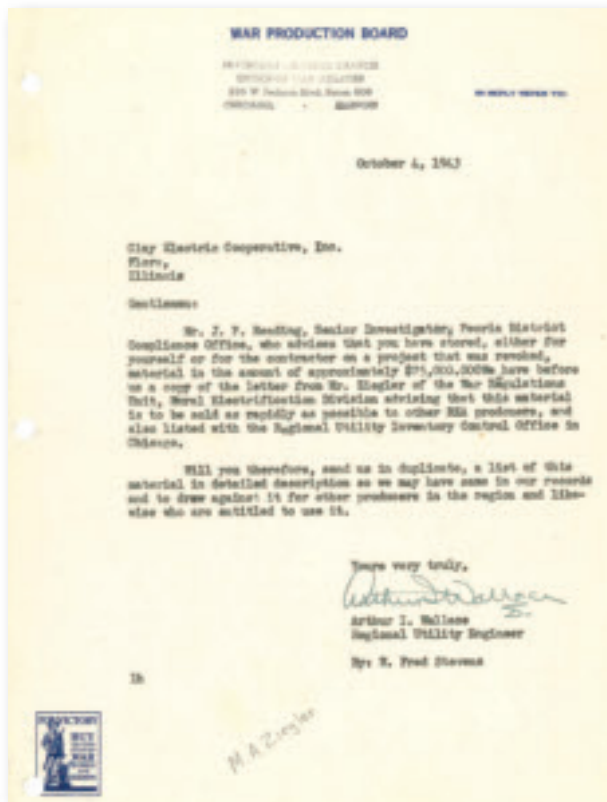
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## Your annual meeting Power for the Generations

Clay Electric Co-operative is excited to have our 75th Annual Meeting of Members this year. It will be held on August 22 at Oil Belt Christian Service Camp on the northwest side of Charley Brown Park. Registration will begin at 5 p.m. with the business meeting starting at 6:30 p.m.

Your electric cooperative was born in 1944. Our founding members saw the lights come on in Flora and wanted to bring that exciting new technology to the rural residents of the county. Clay Electric started with the same mission we have today, to bring safe, reliable and exceptional service to our member owners. The electric companies of the time would not build infrastructure out to county residents. There wasn't enough money to be made to offset the cost of building miles of lines and maintaining them to bring power to just a handful of households. The founding members of the cooperative realized the only way to get power to the



hardworking folks outside the city limits was to do it themselves. **14088-001**

1944 was a tumultuous time. Material the founding members had laid aside was requisitioned by the war effort and the first light on Clay Electric lines wouldn't be turned on until 1946. It is a testament to the dedication of the community that Clay Electric persevered and still provides power to areas for-profit utilities would not service.

It is important to remember you are not a customer but a member. The cooperative model is built on serving you. Clay Electric is a nonprofit, any money we make at the end of the year is to be paid back to the membership in the form of capital credits. We have paid back two years' worth of capital credits this year and look to pay back several more years' worth of capital credits next year.

The 75th Annual Meeting of Members is your chance to vote for the trustees that will represent you

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on Clay Electric’s board of directors. You have a direct hand in the running of your cooperative. All you need to do is show up and make your voice heard.

Join us for the 75th Annual Meeting of Members on Thursday, August 22 at Oil Belt Christian Service Camp on the northwest side of Charley Brown Park on Old Hwy 50 west of Flora. Registration and meal will begin at 5 p.m. and the business meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. A pork chop or chicken dinner will be provided. Each member who registers will have a \$20 bill credit applied to their account.

Five \$100 bill credits and five \$50 bill credits will be drawn at the end of the night for members in attendance along with other prizes for children and adults. There will be a mini health fair conducted by Clay County Hospital and Clay County Health Department. The University of Illinois/Clay County Extension Office will have kids’ events and projects.

Don’t miss your chance. Come out and make your voices heard. Clay Electric Co-operative is proud to serve you.

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## CO-OP CONNECTIONS CORNER



Clay Electric Co-operative is proud to announce the new Co-op Connections app for your Apple or Android device. You may remember the Co-op Connections discount card. While the discount card will still be available and accepted by our partners, the new digital app has improved usability. With the app, you can find local deals, book hotel rooms through our partnership with iBennie, earn cash back and more. **9900-001**

We would like to take a moment to thank our member businesses for partnering with us to provide you with discounts. This corner of our center section will be dedicated to highlighting the businesses that work with us to provide tremendous services and discounts to our membership. If you are a business owner interested in partnering with Clay Electric Co-operative, please call our office at 618-662-2171 or email [CoopConnections@ceci.coop](mailto:CoopConnections@ceci.coop). There is no cost to the program. We help our members connect

with local businesses and get some great discounts. It's a win-win.



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# Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting

June 24, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CECI) was held at the Clay Electric Cooperative Headquarters, Flora, Illinois beginning at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on Monday, June 24, 2019.

Trustees present were: Frank Czyzewski, Kevin Logan, Bill Croy, Bob Pierson, Richard Rudolphi, Neil Gould, Greg Smith, Danny Schnepfer, and Frank Herman. Also present were: Luke Johnson, CEO, and Tyra Cycholl, Attorney for the Board. The meeting was opened by Richard Rudolphi, who presided and Bob Pierson, Secretary, acted as secretary thereof.

The invocation was given by Danny Schnepfer, followed by the pledge of allegiance. **6184-001**

The following proceedings were had [all action being first duly moved and seconded, and all action taken being upon the unanimous vote of the Board or without dissenting vote of abstention unless otherwise stated]:

**APPROVED**, the Suggested Agenda.

**APPROVED**, the Consent Agenda including the following:

- **APPROVED**, the prior meeting minutes;
- (a) to admit to membership those 8 applicants connected for service since the last such review by the board, and (b) cancel those 7 former members shown on the Manager's Report since the last such review by the Board, said members no longer taking service;
- **APPROVED**, the Balance Sheet;
- **APPROVED**, the Work Orders;

■ **APPROVED**, the Disbursements;

■ **REVIEWED**, the Attorney Retainer;

■ **REVIEWED**, the Account Summary Report;

■ **REVIEWED**, the AIEC Regulatory Compliance.

**APPROVED**, the deceased estates.

**APPROVED**, write-offs in the amount of \$2,771.22.

**APPOINTED**, Richard Rudolphi as the NRECA Regional meeting Delegate and Kevin Logan as the alternate.

**APPROVED**, Policy 800-14 as presented.

**APPROVED**, Policy 800-15 as presented.

**APPROVED**, Policy 800-16 as presented.

**APPROVED**, Policy 800-17 as presented.

**APPROVED**, Policy 800-18 as presented.

**APPROVED**, Policy 800-19 as presented.

**APPROVED**, Policy 800-20 as presented.

**REVIEWED**, the NRECA Region 5 and 6 meeting to be held in Milwaukee.

**HEARD**, a report from Frank Herman regarding the SIPC Meeting.

**HEARD**, a report by Kevin Logan on the AIEC Meeting.

**WERE INFORMED**, of the firepit to be donated for the Moore Memorial Scholarship.

**REVIEWED**, the Board Training 918.1.

**WERE INFORMED**, of the AIEC Annual Meeting July 31,

August 1 and 2.

**REVIEWED**, the AIEC Annual Meeting agenda.

**APPROVED**, entering Executive Session at 7:52 p.m.

**APPROVED**, exiting Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. and returning to Regular Session.

**HEARD**, a financial report by Luke Johnson as to the following:

- May 2019 Form 7;
- May 2019 Balance Sheet;
- May 2019 Cash Flow;
- SIPC Power Delivered in May 2019 dated June 8, 2019;
- May 2019 Power Factor;
  - May Power Cost Adder;
  - May Line Loss;
- Monthly Reconciliation.

**HEARD**, a Safety Committee Meeting Report held June 11, 2019.

**REVIEWED**, the Monday morning safety meeting sheet dated June 17, 2019.

**HEARD** and **APPROVED**, the Manager's report by Luke Johnson on the following topics.

- June Operations Report;
- Communications Report;
- Upcoming meetings

**REVIEWED**, the June Operations Report.

**REVIEWED**, the Communications Report.

**WERE REMINDED**, of upcoming meetings on July 22, 2019, August 26, 2019, and September 23, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Clay Board Room.

There being no further business to come before the Board, said meeting was declared adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



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LAST MONTH WINNER: 12482-001!