



**Mike Smith**  
President and CEO

## We need your help.

*Electricity hike lurks in climate bill.*

**F**or more than 80 years, electric cooperatives have provided safe, affordable and reliable electricity to their consumers throughout rural Illinois. The 25 not-for-profit electric cooperatives, each owned and democratically controlled by their members, provide service to approximately 600,000 primarily rural Illinoisans located in 90 of the state's 102 counties, including you!

Prairie State Energy Campus is wholly owned by not-for-profit electric cooperatives and municipalities in Illinois and other midwestern states, providing affordable and reliable electricity. **Under the comprehensive Illinois legislative energy proposal, Prairie State would be required to close by 2035. Prairie State is state-of-the-art and highly efficient, and today is only 10 years into its expected 30-plus year life. We oppose legislation that reduces grid reliability, makes us dependent on neighboring states for energy generation, results in good paying energy jobs and tax base being transferred to neighboring states and increases in our rates by 20 to 25 percent. In 2035, cooperatives will still have \$188 million of debt owed on Prairie State Energy Campus. That debt, coupled with the cost of replacement energy and capacity, could result in 20-25 percent increased costs to our consumer-member utility bills.**

McDonough Power Cooperative is committed to keeping energy affordable and reliable while we invest in a cleaner energy future, but we cannot let policy get ahead of technology. Current technology needs to be improved and expanded upon

before we can reliably power the grid with no carbon emissions.

Forcing a premature closure of Prairie State will negatively impact the affordability and reliability of electricity in Illinois' rural areas.

Help send the message to Governor Pritzker and State Legislators that any legislation proposed must provide a delayed effective date for not-for-profit power plants to operate as currently permitted and allow owners to pay off their debt on these new facilities.

In July we mailed letters to members asking you to share your voice concerning the pending legislation. If you have already voiced your opposition online or returned the post card that was enclosed, we thank you. If not, please visit <https://voicesforcooperativepower.com/illinois/> to easily send a letter. **539C1-266B**





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## Nominating committee report

**P**ursuant to the bylaws, the members of the nominating committee met at Buffalo Wild Wings in Macomb, Illinois, on June 16, 2021 at 6 p.m. to nominate candidates for election as directors at the McDonough Power Cooperative's next annual meeting of members to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 25, 2021. **525HH9-951B**

### The following members were present:

Frank Kane	Jay Cremer
Kevin Kleinkopf	Matt Housewright
Chris Trennepohl	Brian Davenport
Wanda Carson	Leon Solomon
Brent Payne	Roger Oliver
Leroy Tappe	

The committee selected the following nominees to be candidates for Director to serve for the remaining two years of the three-year term set by the bylaws and to be elected at the annual meeting.

<b>DISTRICT #4:</b>	David Lueck
<b>DISTRICT #6:</b>	Jeff Moore
<b>DISTRICT #9:</b>	Vacant

The committee selected the following nominees to be candidates for director to serve for a three-year term and to be elected at the annual meeting:

<b>DISTRICT #2:</b>	Jerry Riggins
<b>DISTRICT #5:</b>	Steve Lynn
<b>DISTRICT #8:</b>	Bob Dwyer

Any 15 or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition.

Chris Trennepohl, Chairman



# McDonough Power and CoBank team up to assist area non-profits

Through an annual grant-matching program offered by CoBank, called Sharing Success, McDonough Power Cooperative has awarded donations to non-profit agencies in the co-op service territory.

**Local recipients selected to benefit from the grants include:**

- Humane Society of McDonough County received \$6,000 toward their campaign to build a new McDonough County Animal Shelter
- McDonough County CEO received \$3,000 to support their entrepreneurial program
- United School District received \$6,000 toward the upgrade of their outdoor sound system

CoBank serves rural infrastructure providers throughout the nation, including McDonough Power Cooperative. The cooperative bank established Sharing Success in 2012 to help fulfill an ongoing mission to service rural America and build vibrant communities across the country and has since provided \$56 million in combined donations. **11216C7-1066A**

“McDonough Power is pleased to aid community organizations through this generous matching grant program offered by CoBank,” said Kelly Hamm of McDonough Power, who oversees marketing and member services. “We have a single purpose at the co-op, and that is to serve our members in ways that improve their quality of life. The Sharing Success program is yet another tool we can use to make a difference in the community.”





## McDonough Power Cooperative Annual Meeting

- **Wednesday, August 25 at The Crossing in Macomb**
- **Doors Open at 6 p.m. ~ Business Meeting at 6:30 p.m.**



## 83rd and 84th Annual Meeting – Weathering the Storm

*You are cordially invited to join us...*

On behalf of the board of directors of McDonough Power Cooperative, I extend a personal invitation to attend your cooperative's 83rd and 84th annual meeting on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at The Crossing church in Macomb.

This year will look a little different than normal, as we are limiting some of the extras. The doors will open at 6 p.m. for registration with the business meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. We will not be serving a meal this year; however, we are providing a Macomb Area Chamber gift certificate in hopes you will put that toward a meal at a local establishment. Registration tables will be set up in the entryway from 6 to 6:30 p.m. – please register upon arrival with the card from your annual meeting booklet to receive a FREE gift. All registered members will also receive a \$10 bill credit just for attending. Registered members who are present at the end of the business meeting will also be eligible for the grand prize drawings. **11223B4-1066A**

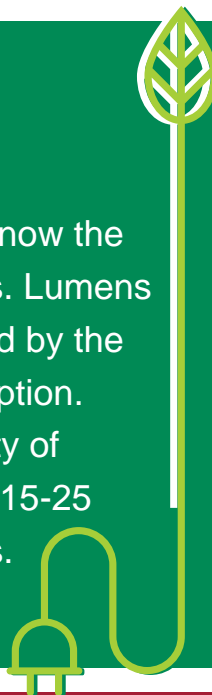
This year we will vote on some bylaw changes that allow for more flexibility with our meeting in the future, if need be, in addition to electing directors from six districts. The annual membership meeting is a valued tradition at McDonough Power Cooperative, and we are optimistic that next year we will return to our traditional meeting. If you feel comfortable attending this year, we look forward to seeing you August 25.

Jeffrey Moore  
Chairman of the Board

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When shopping for new light bulbs, know the difference between lumens and watts. Lumens measure the amount of light produced by the bulb. Watts measure energy consumption. Energy-saving LEDs come in a variety of colors and brightness levels and last 15-25 times longer than incandescent bulbs.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



Every month we will have four map location numbers hidden throughout The Wire. If you find the map location number that corresponds to the one on your bill (found above the usage graph), call our office and identify your number and the page that it is on. If correct, you will win a \$10 credit on your next electric bill.