

SEPTEMBER 2021

# Illinois Country Living

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



**COMMITTED**  
TO OUR MEMBERS, COMMUNITY  
Moving Forward in 2021 & Beyond

**2021**  
Annual Meeting  
Monday, September 27



 **ROCK ENERGY  
COOPERATIVE**  
Empowering Members Since 1936

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

## Rock Energy Cooperative September 27, 2021 • 6 p.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of Rock Energy Cooperative will be held at the Eclipse Center, Beloit, Wisconsin, on Monday, the 27th day of September, 2021, at 6 p.m. for the purpose of transacting whatever business may lawfully come before it. The order of business pursuant to the Bylaws shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order. Quorum Determination
2. Reading of Notice of Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting
4. Reports of Officers, Directors, and Committees
5. Action on Proposed Bylaws Amendment (see accompanying text on back cover)
6. Election of Three (3) Directors
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

Dated this 30th day of August, 2021.

*Marian Trescher, secretary,  
Rock Energy Cooperative*

- Members must attend this meeting if they wish to vote on co-op business items.
- Only one ballot per member will be issued at time of registration.
- Proxy and absentee voting are not allowed.

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## 85th ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Doors Open ..... 5 p.m.

Annual Meeting ..... 6 p.m.

**Please note the following:**

- The event date is subject to change pending any unforeseen COVID-related mandates.
- Taking into consideration the health and well-being of our members, this year's event will be a business meeting only, expected to last around 30-45 minutes.
- No dinner will be served, nor scholarships presented. There will be no guest speakers or kids' activities as well.
- Attending parties should be limited to two people maximum per membership (yourself and one other person) in order to allow for adequate social distancing.
- Every attendee should bring a mask with them to the event (masks may be required).

# MEET YOUR DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

## DISTRICT 1



BARB MILLER

**Barbara Miller** lives in Porter Township. She was elected to the board in 2017. She grew up on the family farm in Center Township and has lived on co-op lines for more than 30 years.

“I know from that experience the value of this cooperative’s service to the rural community and appreciate its dedication to meet the needs of its members,” she said.

Miller is retired after serving as a Brodhead School District teacher for 30 years. She received a bachelor’s degree in education from UW-Whitewater and a master’s degree in environmental education from the

College of Natural Resources at UW-Stevens Point.

“I am impressed with REC’s interest in our youth through the leadership opportunities offered, as well as celebrating their academic success by awarding scholarships within its membership,” said Miller, who has served on the co-op’s scholarship committee.

She said she feels strongly about the cooperative business model and wishes that more co-ops existed in the area. “I realize the challenges any utility company faces with providing quality economical service, yet being environmentally sustaining.”

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## DISTRICT 3



THERESA HUBER

**Theresa Huber** lives in Johnstown Township and she has a BA in Social Work from UW-Whitewater. She has worked as a social worker and has been a business owner. Theresa and her husband, Scott, live on their family homestead east of Janesville. The homestead was established in 1898, and they are the fourth generation to live there. Theresa is currently a trustee on the Johnstown Center Cemetery Board.

“I am interested in running for the Rock Energy Cooperative Board of Directors for several reasons,” said Huber. “The most important reason is that I am dedicated to ensuring that rural communities are given the services and representation they

deserve in order to have the ability to be successful and safe—in this case, the electrical services needed.”

She said that she is very involved in her community and has considerable experience and knowledge about the Janesville and surrounding communities.

“Rock Energy plays a vital role in the everyday life of its members,” said Huber. “The main attributes Rock Energy provides its members are sustainability and success, and the co-op is always looking to the future to keep providing its services that are used 24/7 by all its members, which is why I would be honored to be part of such an organization.”

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# MEET YOUR DIRECTOR CANDIDATES (continued)

## DISTRICT 5

**William “Bill” Fischer** resides in Turtle Township and he has lived on Rock Energy lines for more than 40 years. He has served as a director for 17 years. He is also a director with WECA.

“I am thankful to the Rock Energy members for allowing me to serve as a director,” he said. “I would feel privileged to represent you for another three years. Good

decisions made today will bring great rewards for the co-op tomorrow.”

Fischer is a former farmer, raising crops, hogs and beef, and he is a journeyman electrician. He has served as past president and past treasurer of the Clinton Kiwanis Club and has been active in many volunteer organizations in the Clinton area, including the Clinton After-School Program.



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## 2021 PROPOSED CHANGE TO BYLAWS OF ROCK ENERGY COOPERATIVE

### Article II.

### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The Board of Directors has voted to recommend the following modifications to the members related to determining the time and place of future Annual Meetings. New/proposed text is underlined and the replaced text is crossed out below.

**Section 1. Annual Meeting: An Annual Meeting of the members of the Cooperative shall be held at such time and place as determined by the Board of Directors, within six ~~twelve months~~ after the close of the fiscal year.**