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RECC holds 2nd drive-in annual meeting



More than 500 members and guests gathered for RECC's 85th Annual Meeting at Springfield's Route 66 Drive-In. The June 9 event featured a festive atmosphere with near-perfect weather. Drive-thru

registration was quick and efficient, allowing members the choice of staying for the business meeting or leaving after they registered. Members received a \$20 bill credit for their participation and a gift bag that included an RECC pocketknife.

All guests received box meals with hamburgers, hot dogs and more. Members then had the option to cast a ballot before departing, stay in the picnic area for the business meeting, or remain in their cars and listen live on FM radio. Guests who stayed were welcome to join a scavenger hunt with prizes totaling \$200 for the winners. Afterward, attendees had an opportunity to stay and watch "Top Gun: Maverick" or "Jurassic World: Dominion," complements of the cooperative.

Business Meeting: At 7 p.m. RECC Board Vice Chairman Chris Wilcox welcomed members, followed by the invocation by Pastor Rick Wenneborg of Chatham Christian Church. Board Chairman Mel Repscher called the meeting to order and announced a quorum was

present with 214 members registered. Secretary-Treasurer Clayton Bloome presented RECC's financial report with revenue and expenses for 2020 and 2021.

"Over the years, we have made great strides to manage our operating costs and have used technology to improve productivity and the overall efficiency of the co-op," said Bloome. He went on to say that the directors are a part of the communities they serve and are accountable to the members, not some distant

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stockholders. "Providing reliable electric service at a reasonable cost is our top priority," stated Bloome.

Repscher confirmed that RECC's rates are among the lowest of all Illinois electric co-ops and residential rates are less than they were in 2009. He then announced the board's

recommendations to update the bylaw amendments, bringing RECC's bylaws up to date with new state laws and the Illinois Not-for-profit Act.

Repscher announced that President/CEO David Stuva will retire on Jan. 18, 2023, after leading the co-operative for more than 23 years. He also said that a search for his replacement began in June 2022, with a new RECC president/CEO to be selected in November.

"The directors want to thank David for his vision, leadership and dedication to the cooperative," said Repscher. "We wish David and his wife Robin the best in their retirement."

Attorney Jerry Tice conducted the elections for directors and the proposed bylaw amendments. Clayton Bloome of District 1, Chris Wilcox in District 2 and Jimmy Ayers from District 3 ran unopposed and were re-elected to three-year terms on the board. The bylaw amendments passed overwhelmingly by a vote of 153-4.

The meeting adjourned with Repscher thanking Doug Knight and his staff for preparing the meals and the use of the drive-in facilities to conduct RECC's Annual Meeting.



Scavenger Hunt Winners

Jeremiah Miller	\$ 100
Denise Kink	\$20
Rodney Miller	\$20
Sherry Kapshandy	\$20
Fred Vangeison	\$20
Mildred Pedigo	\$20



Co-op employees donated school supplies and set up a trailer at the annual meeting to collect additional donations. The supplies were collected and will be distributed to a local school this summer. Thanks to all who brought supplies or made cash contributions.

Annual meeting donations



2022 RECC ANNUAL MEETING



Nearly 80 members and guests stayed afterward to watch "Jurassic World" and "Top Gun: Maverick"



Chairman Mel Repscher addressed the membership during the official business meeting



Members and guests took advantage of the near-perfect weather and enjoyed an evening picnic



Re-elected directors Jimmy Ayers, Chris Wilcox, and Clayton Bloome with President/CEO David Stuva

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Notice

2021 Capital Credit Equity Allocation

The allocation of 2021 margins to members doing business with Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative has been calculated and assigned. The total of \$779,475 of 2021 margins were allocated as capital credit equity. We have calculated each member's share of the total margins based on members use of electricity in 2021. That amount has been credited to your capital credit equity account. See your August billing statement.

This amount is only an accounting equity credit. It cannot be claimed at the present time, nor can it be applied against your current electric bill. Your board of directors reviews the financial condition of the cooperative before determining when and how much capital credit equity can be returned or retired to the members.

Remember, you must be a member and have service in your name to have capital credit equity allocated to you. If you are receiving electric service in someone else's membership or the service is in the name of a deceased person, you will not receive capital credit equity. Any capital credit retirements will be issued in the name of the person on the membership or the estate of a deceased member. If you move off the cooperative lines, always provide us with your current address, so we can send your future capital credit equity retirements.

Electric vehicle on LLCC campus



Manager of Member Services Jeff Lancaster met with Brian Early at the Lincoln Land Career Development Center in Springfield to demonstrate the cooperative's ID.4 and speak with the class about the latest EV technology. Topics discussed included the future of EVs in rural areas, their demand on the power grid, and the future availability of charging stations throughout the country. This was the first experience with an all-electric vehicle for the automotive class but the instructors and students did get to take the car for a test drive.



Interested in test driving the co-op EV?

Members can sign up today, and it is free. Just go to recc.coop and complete the online application. You will be contacted by phone to arrange a date and time that works for everyone.

Satisfaction Survey: We need your thoughts

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Random members received a satisfaction survey in the mail. Members who complete the survey will be entered in a drawing to win \$250. The survey results will be used to help improve your service. Please complete the questionnaires by August 12, 2022 if you are selected to participate. Thanks for your participation.