



Pictured:  
Rock Energy CEO  
Shane Larson  
addresses members  
during the 2022  
Annual Meeting.

# Rock Energy Holds 86th Annual Meeting



**R**ock Energy Cooperative held its 86th Annual Meeting on Monday, Sept. 19, 2022, at the Eclipse Center in Beloit, WI. During the meeting, 2022 Rock Energy Director Elections were announced for districts 2, 4, and 9. Presiding over the elections was attorney Niles Berman. Directors elected are as follows:

- Marian Trescher – re-elected in District 2
- Todd Thompson (new board member) – elected in District 4
- Wendell Boyer – re-elected in District 9

This was a business meeting only. Calling the meeting to order and providing opening remarks at this year’s meeting was board director Clark Schoonover, followed by a short address from Rock Energy CEO Shane Larson. Schoonover also provided the Official Notice of the Annual Meeting, Treasurer’s Report, and Chairman’s Report.

Directors elected at Rock Energy's 86th Annual Meeting, which was held in September, include:

District 2



Marian Trescher  
(Secretary)

District 4



Todd Thompson

District 9



Wendell Boyer

A yellow house-shaped object with a chimney and a window is placed on a thick, light purple knitted scarf. The scarf is draped over a white wooden fence. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white.

# Energy Assistance Available for Low-Income Households

**T**he struggle for low-income families to heat their homes is familiar, but for many, this winter will be even tougher than last.

For many months, news reports have warned of higher energy costs. With natural gas prices nearly tripling, the impact to heat homes this winter will be felt by everyone.

The National Energy Assistance Directors' Association projects that heating costs will rise 12.3% this year—faster than overall inflation. For natural gas, the country's most common heating source, the association expects an increase of more than 20%.

With that said, assistance is available for residents in Illinois. For many Illinois households, energy costs place a severe and continuing stress on the family's budget. In some cases, families will be forced to make painful decisions about what bills to pay and what necessities to cut.

The Illinois Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps eligible low-income households pay for winter energy services. Fortunately, Rock Energy Cooperative works with LIHEAP, which benefits numerous residents in Illinois households each year.

Additional information about energy assistance and how to apply can be found on page 18C.

## Weatherization Services

When you apply for energy assistance, the local agency also will see if you qualify for the Weatherization Assistance Program, which helps fund energy-efficiency, home-improvement projects. If you are eligible for weatherization services, an energy auditor will look at your home to see what can be done to make it more energy efficient. Weatherization services differ with each home, depending on how it was built and its condition.

For general information about LIHEAP, call 877-411-9276, or visit [www.illinoisliheap.com](http://www.illinoisliheap.com).

## Where to Apply

To apply for assistance, you'll need to complete an application and provide information on each household member and their income, as well as records of your heating costs.

For more information and application details, please call your local office:

- **Winnebago County** (South Beloit, Rockton, and Roscoe residents only): 815-389-0914 or 815-624-7788, Rockton Township, 1315 N. Blackhawk Blvd., Rockton.
- **Boone County**: 815-544-3144, United Way of Boone County, 220 W. Locust St., Belvidere.
- **Stephenson County**: 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111, Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency, 27 S. State Ave., Freeport.
- **McHenry County**: 815-338-7752, McHenry County Housing Authority, 1108 N. Seminary Ave., Woodstock.

## LIHEAP Details

LIHEAP heat and electric assistance is a one-time benefit payment per heating season that is intended to help pay a portion of a household's heat and electric costs. The benefit amount depends on household size, income, and energy costs.

In most cases, the benefit is applied as a credit directly to the household's Rock Energy account. You do not need to duplicate your efforts by applying for assistance with both your local agency and Rock Energy. We will send you a letter about one month after receiving your application that will include details on your assistance status and dollar amounts.

You are eligible for heating assistance if your household's combined income is at or below the levels shown on the chart below.

# LIHEAP

## 2022 Federal Poverty Guidelines for 200% of Poverty for 2023 Program Year

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ONE MONTH INCOME	ANNUAL INCOME
1	\$2,265	\$27,180
2	\$3,052	\$36,620
3	\$3,838	\$46,060
4	\$4,625	\$55,500
5	\$5,412	\$64,940
6	\$6,198	\$74,380
7	\$6,985	\$83,820
8	\$7,324	\$87,892



Scan the QR above to view the LIHEAP Income Guidelines.

# Rock Energy Director Nominations Open

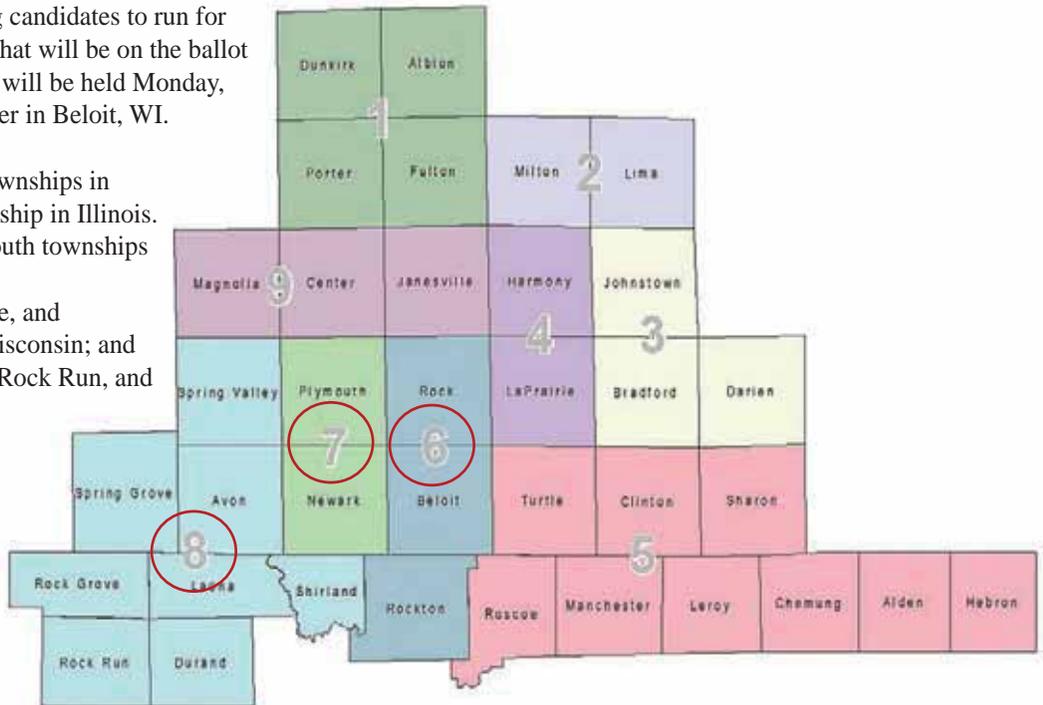
The Rock Energy Cooperative Nominating Committee will be selecting candidates to run for board of director positions that will be on the ballot at the 2023 annual meeting, which will be held Monday, April 24, 2023, at the Eclipse Center in Beloit, WI.

**Districts up for election are:**

- **District 6:** Beloit and Rock townships in Wisconsin and Rockton Township in Illinois.
- **District 7:** Newark and Plymouth townships in Wisconsin.
- **District 8:** Avon, Spring Grove, and Spring Valley townships in Wisconsin; and Durand, Laona, Rock Grove, Rock Run, and Shirland townships in Illinois.

Active members who are interested in running for a position on the REC Board of Directors must permanently reside in one of the areas up for election and meet all other qualifications.

For more information, please contact the co-op at 866-752-4550 or email [questions@rock.coop](mailto:questions@rock.coop) by Dec. 31.



# Scholarships Offered to High School Seniors

**2023 Rock Energy Scholarship Information:**

Rock Energy Cooperative again is offering scholarships of \$1,000 to graduating high school seniors who enroll at an accredited school. Students whose parents or guardians are active members of REC are eligible.

Our scholarship committee will judge applicants based on general merit, cooperation, leadership abilities, financial need, and class ranking.

Since 1989, Rock Energy has awarded more than \$152,000 in financial aid to deserving students. An online application is available at [www.rock.coop](http://www.rock.coop). Just go to the Community & Youth tab and click on Scholarships. Or, you can just click on the QR code (to the right). The deadline for submitting applications is Jan. 10, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Jonas Berberich at 866-752-4550, or [jonasb@rock.coop](mailto:jonasb@rock.coop).

Applications must be completed on-line at [www.rock.coop](http://www.rock.coop).



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