

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**Wednesday,
July 12, 2023**

**Annual Meeting
of Members**

**New Location: Athens
Christian Church**

Director election to be held

Petitions available

Our Board of Directors is made up of nine individuals, each representing a Director District and serving a three-year term. Three director Districts are up for election at each annual meeting of members. At this year's annual meeting on July 12, 2023, members at-large will vote for representation in Districts 3, 7 and 8.

Seeking re-election are incumbents Michael Patrick of New Holland in District 7 and Warren Goetsch of Williamsville in District 8.

There will be an open seat for District 3; current Director Jodine Tate will not seek re-election.

Members who reside in any of these three districts may submit a petition for the director election. Please visit our website at www.menard.com/board-directors to see a district map and learn a little more about a director's duties.

To run for the position of director in the election, please call our office at 800-872-1203 or email info@menard.com to briefly discuss the process of election and to obtain a petition. Petitions available March 28, 2023, and must be returned to our office by 4:30 p.m. on May 26, 2023.

**OPEN
SEAT**

District 3 OPEN SEAT

- Virginia
- Arenzville
- Beardstown
- Jacksonville



District 7 Incumbent Michael Patrick

- Mason City
- New Holland
- Middletown
- Lincoln



District 8 Incumbent Warren Goetsch

- Williamsville
- Athens
- Sherman
- Elkhart

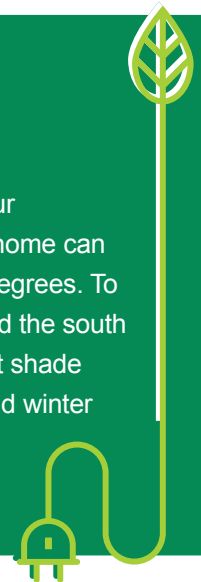


*Cooperative offices
will be closed on Friday,
April 7th, in observance
of Good Friday.*

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

This planting season, include energy efficiency in your landscaping plans. Adding shade trees around your home can reduce surrounding air temperatures as much as 6 degrees. To block heat from the sun, plant deciduous trees around the south side of your home. Deciduous trees provide excellent shade during the summer and lose their leaves in the fall and winter months, allowing sunlight to warm your home.

Source: energy.gov



Vegetation management for safe service

A Right-of-Way Clearing Q&A with Forester Ross Cloninger

How often does Menard trim trees?

We contract with line clearance certified utility tree companies who work year-round on our property trimming out our right-of-ways. In determining our maintenance cycle, we take into consideration the time it will take to perform as well as the costs affiliated with each substation area. We seek a balance between providing safe, dependable and cost-effective service to the membership. Because of the large territory that we serve, it takes our vegetation crews roughly eight years to complete a full cycle of trimming.

How does Menard determine how much of the tree to trim?

Our crews are directed to follow the American National Standards Institute requirements to assure the continued health of each tree, as well as meet Menard's policy and specifications. There are three main components to take into consideration: the species of tree, how fast that tree will grow, and the location of the trunk in proximity to the power line. Faster growing trees will require more clearance than slower growing trees. Our specifications are to clear the area on either side of our single-phase lines at least 15 feet and three-phase lines at least 25 feet from the center of the pole; this is ground-to-sky clearing. When we cannot achieve adequate clearance against regrowth due to incompatibility with our lines, the vegetation is removed.

Can Menard shape the tree when they trim them to stay clear of power lines?

The directional trimming method or "lateral trimming" removes only the branches that may conflict with the power lines. Rather than cut limbs back to unsightly and unnatural stubs, branches are cut back to the center of the trunk where trees normally shed them. Directional trimmed trees are

less susceptible to disease and insects, and the overall structure of the tree is stronger and more resistant to high winds and ice. Although the shape of the tree has been altered, it is recommended over topping or rounding off trees, which tends to promote quick regrowth of small, weak attached shoots known as "water sprouts."

Should I prune trees myself?

Never under any circumstances should a member attempt to prune trees near high-voltage power lines. Only qualified line clearance certified tree arborists are allowed to work within the minimum approved distance of 10 feet from high voltage lines.

Service lines that deliver electricity from the main power line to the member's meter are not trimmed out by our contractors and are the property owner's responsibility. Please call us to have your service line temporarily disconnected so this work may be done safely by yourself or a qualified tree service.

What trees can I plant close to lines?

Menard Electric requires a minimum of 15 feet of clearance from any woody vegetation. If you wish to plant smaller ornamental trees, we recommend staying at least 25 feet away from any overhead line. Larger trees like oaks and maples require lots of space, so make sure these trees are planted 50 feet away. Same parameters apply for our underground facilities as well. It is very common for homeowners to plant grasses or shrubs around our green underground transformers to cover up the unwanted appearance, but this can obstruct a lineman's ability to work safely if there were to be an issue. Please refer to our vegetation management section on our website before planting.

Why are you applying herbicide?

Herbicides help reduce any evasive woody vegetation that may try and regrow once we have mechanically

trimmed an area. Costs associated with applying herbicide are four times lower than removing vegetation mechanically, which is why it is a crucial and beneficial tool to use. In areas where herbicide may not be desired, such as organic farms or near beehives, we ask that members keep the right-of-way clear.

What if I have a concern about vegetation management policies or procedures?

For any questions or concerns, or to request wood chips, contact me at 217-632-7746 or rcloninger@menard.com. Please note that before any work is to be completed in an area, we mail a postcard notice out to members; no response is necessary unless you require more details. Members may also refer to the map published here and on our website for areas to be affected.

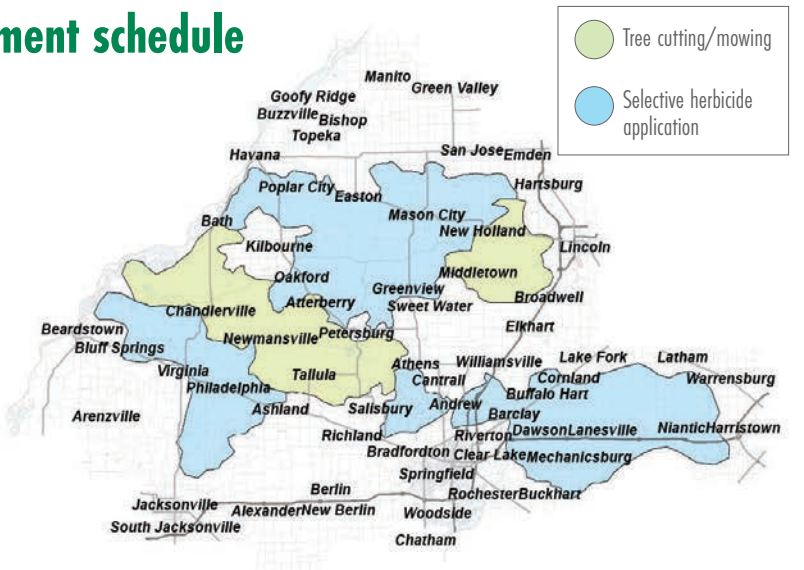
How can I help reduce the frequency of outages caused by trees?

First, understand that our vegetation management plan is an integral part of our goal to provide you with safe, reliable electric service. Second, by allowing our contractor to use the proper trimming techniques, your trees remain healthy, and the regrowth from the tree will tend to sprout away from the power lines. Finally, if you are planting new trees, remember to plant the right tree in the right place, you can find a tree planting zone graphic on our website.

We appreciate your support of our vegetation management program to help us continue providing safe, reliable service. Questions? Contact Forester Ross Cloninger at rcloninger@menard.com or 800-872-1203. Please also visit www.menard.com/vegetation-management anytime for the current vegetation schedule, tree planting tips and more.

2023 vegetation management schedule

We are partnering with Spoon River Electric Cooperative's forestry department and employ contract crews to cut and mow vegetation on areas shown on the map in green, served by our substations in Petersburg, Middletown and Saidora. Herbicide will be selectively applied to brush as needed in areas that were previously mechanically cleared. In 2023, these areas will include those shown in blue on the map, served by our substations in Poplar City, Mason City, Middletown, Oakford, Virginia, Salisbury, Sherman, Barclay, Mechanicsburg and Lanesville.



Uncashed capital credit checks

The listing here is for capital credit checks sent to inactive members who had service in 1999 and 2000 that were not cashed last year but were also not returned to us. Those checks must now be reissued. If you know any of these members, please

ask them to email us at info@menard.com. Active members with an uncashed check are not listed here and had that check amount applied to their March 2023 bill.

The entire list of checks that were returned as undeliverable or remain

uncashed but were not returned is on our website at www.menard.com/capitalcredits. Next month we will print the remainder of names. Last month's issue contained checks that were returned as undeliverable.

Adams, Charles T, Sherman
 Adams, Joanna M, Mason City
 Adams, Linda S, Forest City
 Adwell, Leonard, Beardstown
 Abye, Sandra L, Cantrall
 Agrall, Jeff R, Athens
 Albers, Robert D, San Jose
 Alexander, William F, Manito
 Alfadel, Petersburg
 Allen, John David, Sherman
 Allspach, Donald, Mount Pulaski
 Amica Wireless Phone Serv, Itasca
 Anderson, Barry, Lincoln
 Anderson, Loren K, Dawson
 Anderson, Michael & Jammie, Mount Sterling
 Anderson, Missy M, Spfld.
 Anderson, Sara L, Petersburg
 Anderson, Terri L, Dawson
 Anliker, Richard L, Pekin
 Argo, Vern Jr, Petersburg
 Arthalony, Colin N, Ashland
 Baka, Robert L, Petersburg
 Baker, Daniel J, Normal
 Baker, James L, Springfield
 Baker, JoAnne, Lincoln
 Baldwin, Thelma, Fortuna, CA
 Ballard, Marvin D, Kilbourne
 Bargar, Jeffrey R, Pekin
 Barker, Frances L, Mason City
 Barnes, Shirley A, Kewanee
 Barrett, Donald J, Jacksonville
 Barrows, Lawrence, Chapel Hill, NC

Bartletti, Robert J, Dawson
 Baughman, James E, Havana
 Baughman, Maria T, Havana
 Bays, Lloyd A, Manito
 Becker, Scott J, Manito
 Beckett, Charles H, Ottawa
 Beckett, Richard, Topeka
 Beebe, Robin, Forest City
 Bell, Franklin G, Virginia
 Bell, Steve E, Athens
 Bennett, Jodi L, Topeka
 Bentley, Lawrence R, Spfld.
 Berry, David L, Beardstown
 Betzelberger, Robert, San Jose
 Bitner, Bonnie J, Havana
 Bixby, Dale A, Ashland
 Black, Frances, Spfld
 Bland, Robert & Tammy, Lincoln
 Blankenship, William L, Spfld
 Bohm, Lawrence, Topeka
 Bolt, William W Jr, Springfield
 Bowles, J Leslie, Mason City
 Bradford, Jeremy K, Dawson
 Bradley, Rodney B, Springfield
 Brand, Norman, Girard
 Briggs, Richard W, Athens
 Brown, Martha B, Springfield
 Brown, Stephen L, Decatur
 Bruntjen Bros, Illiopolis
 Budyn, Michael Alan, Pekin
 Buracker, Linda, Carlsbad, NM
 Byus, Morris, Jacksonville
 Calhoun, Michael R, Pekin
 Campbell, Judith A, Spfld.

Canady, Felicia Rae, Riverton
 Capital Community Bank, Spfld
 Carmody, Michael L, Spfld
 Carr, C Daniel, Niantic
 Carr, Robert Jay, Springfield
 Carr, Rolin C, Chatham
 Carrington, Inell, Pekin
 Casper, Steven A, Springfield
 Castillo, Francisco, Fresno, CA
 Castle, Mountain Advisors, Spfld
 Cellular One, Schaumburg
 Chernis, John P, Sherman
 Chobanian, Joan A, Springfield
 Christenberry, Robert R, Pekin
 Clark, Charles E, Pleasant Plains
 Clark, Raymond F, Jacksonville
 Clark, Richard L, Springfield
 Claypool, Richard C, Illiopolis
 Cobb, Joseph, Ashland
 Collins, Tina Marie, Manito
 Colvin, Michelle N, Manito
 Colwell, Courtney M, Alexander
 Coons, Robert M, Springfield
 Coons, Robert P, Springfield
 Cornelius, Jean, Pana
 Cosand, Carl Lee, Williamsville
 Coufal, Donald B, Arenzville
 Cowan, Chris, Nicholasville, KY
 Cowden, Kevin W, Concord
 Crabtree, Richard & Bonnie, Senatobia, MS
 Crater, Margaret E, Havana
 Culp, Susan A, Pekin
 Cummings, Arley, Spring Hill, FL

Curtis, Patricia M, Chatham
 Cutting, Charles C, Pekin
 Dahlkamp, Charlotte, Glenarm
 Dambacher, James D, Riverton
 Dana, Dwight, Argenta
 Daubs, Robt M, Decatur
 Davis, Ruth Ann, Springfield
 Dawe, Joshua M, Topeka
 Dawson, Robert L, Yates City
 Day, Melissa I, Springfield
 Day, Michael F, Jacksonville
 Dean, Lloyd A, Joliet
 Defenbaugh, Kurt, Crestview, FL
 Denny, Sara E, Athens
 Denton, Mary J, Cantrall
 Denton, Michael S, Mackinaw
 DeVore, Arnold W & Penny, Beardstown
 Dicenso, Mary J, Petersburg
 Dickey, Terry R, Woodson
 Dixon, Charles E, Bartonville
 Dixon, Marie, Pekin
 Dixon, Wanda J, Chapin
 Doolen, Deane E, Lincoln
 Dorgan, Mary K, Lincoln
 Dougherty, Cathy V, Spfld.
 Dougherty, William F, Spfld.
 Doyle, Lee, Forsyth
 Duffy, Donald D, Springfield
 Duncheon, Chad M, Petersburg
 Dunn, Ed, Topeka
 Dunning, Judith T, Springfield
 Durkin, James A, Springfield
 Ealey, Sammi Sue, Dawson

Easley, Michael W, Mason City
 Eberle, Landolin A, Petersburg
 Edwards, Katrina S, Sherman
 Elliott, Claribel, Virginia
 Ellis, Robert E, Venice, FL
 Ent, Steven & Amy, Chatham
 Evans, Donald M, Manito
 Evans, George B, East Peoria
 Faires, Sean M, Hopedale
 Farlin, Robert A, Pekin
 Farmer, Larry E, Lincoln
 Favero, Kim A & Nancy, Spfld.
 Ferree, John B, Springfield
 First Bank Of Oak Park, Oak Park
 Fitzanko, Debra M, Pekin
 Fitzsimmons, Camron, Dawson
 Fleck Partnership, Riverton
 Fletcher, John E, Bath
 Fliedge, Edwin E Sr, Cary
 Floyd, Brenda, Fenton, MO
 Flynn, Anna May, Jacksonville
 Foster, Anna L, Alexander
 Fouts, Marjorie M, Mason City
 Fowler, Jack, Havana
 Fox View Farm, Springfield
 Fox, John C, Topeka
 France, R Scott & Rita, Corpus Christi, TX
 French, Jeanne M, Petersburg
 Frick, Scott & Marsha, E. Peoria
 Frick, Jeffrey E, Springfield
 Fulkerson, Ann E, Springfield
 Fuller, Tina Louise, Joliet

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Board highlights

For full minutes visit menard.com or contact the office.

January 24, 2023

- Directors present except McMillan & Tate; also Attorney & General Manager Alisha Anker present.
- Approved Consent & Crossing Agreement w/Moraine Sands Wind Power LLC.
- Anker reviewed monthly & YTD financial operation report, balance sheet & financial trends. Operating margins as of 12/31/22 were \$673,055 compared to \$679,603 last year; equity at 41.40%; 12-mo TIER 2.60 & DSC 1.69.
- Reviewed operations report w/46 incidents; longest duration outage 447 min affected 44 members in storm; largest # affected by single outage 974 due to loss of transmission in storm.
- Reviewed member services, safety & irrigation reports & JULIE case claim response.
- Approved changes to Policies as recommended by the Bylaw-Policy Committee.
- Approved Finance Committee recommendations to increase discount factor for G&T capital credits to 100% as of 4/1/23. Approved General Retirement of Capital Credits of \$900,000; approved \$250,000 for estates.
- Next Board Mtg 2/28/23@8:00 a.m.

Congratulations

Director Gary Holloway has earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) Certificate through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) for completing courses focused on the basic governance knowledge and essential skills required of co-op directors.

Uncashed capital credit checks - (Continued from page 18C)

Garrett, James A, Normal	Helfers, Michael E, Congerville	Kelly, Michael J, Springfield	Lovelace, Claudia P, Decatur	Miller, Richard M, Chicago
Gaston, John & Joanne, Sherman	Henrikson, Earl W, Springfield	Kern, Marilyn J, Petersburg	Lucht, Norbert J, Springfield	Miller, Robert A, Springfield
Gatlin, Lelon B, Creve Coeur	Henrikson, Evelyn J, Spfld.	Kesselring, Darren & Jenny, Ashland	Luparell, Joseph & Virginia, Dawson	Montalvo, Phillip A, Spfld.
Gatton, Albert M, Nokomis	Henry, Larry L, Mason City	Kester, Mary A, Pekin	Lynn, Walter, Springfield	Montgomery, Donald C, Athens
Gaulding, Gary A, Springfield	Henry, Michelle R, Havana	Kirchofer, Lee Alan, Chandler, AZ	Lytle, Larry A, Wataga	Montgomery, John, Mason City
Geiman, Shawn, Pekin	Henson, Amber, Virginia	Knee, Herbie L Sr, Topeka	Mabus, Jacob D, Springfield	Moore, Amy L, Dawson
German, Candice L, Spfld.	Hern, Susan C, Lincoln	Knotts, Melvin C, Springfield	MacGregor, Dr Margaret, Spfld.	Moore, Gilbert C, Decatur
Gierut, David & Teri, Lincoln	Hess, Pamela & William R III, Sherman	Koerner, Kimbal Roy, Athens	Mack, Kevin, Villa Park	Moore, Kris, Green Valley
Gilpin, Jonathan D, Normal	Heumann, Michele A, Cantrall	Kowalewski, Jeffrey J, Jacksonville	Madigan, Kathryn R, Spfld.	Moore, Lorretta M, Cantrall
Givens, James H, Beardstown	Hill, Lawrence L, Lincoln	Kretschmer, Ruth K, Medinah	Maple Crest Well #9, Manito	Moradian, M Michael, Sherman
Gordon, Charles E, Lincoln	Hilst, Marie A, Pekin	Krueger, Bonnie Lou, Spfld.	Marks, Fred E, Petersburg	Moreno, Ruben H, Del Rio, TX
Graves, Janet, Tovey	Hines, Matt & Michelle, Meriden, KS	Kunz, Louis J, Sherman	Marley, John C, Collinsville	Moriconi, Salvatore J, Spfld.
Greene, Earl J Jr., Virginia	Holaday, Gary L, Pekin	Lacey, Richard T, Alexander	Marquardt, Robert W Sr, Peoria	Morris, Christopher, Rushville
Griffitts, Harry H, Riverton	Holford, Roger & Angelika, Lincoln	Land O'Lakes Inc, Beardstown	Marr, Martin E, New Berlin	Morris, Stephen R & Karrie, Conroe, TX
Grim, Steve Jr, Kilbourne	Gudat, Richard W, New Port Richey, FL	Lane, Tamera Lee, Clay City	Martin, David William, Spfld.	Muir, Mary A, Buffalo
Groth, Frances C Jr, Spfld.	Hollinshead, Henry, Williamsville	Langloss, Janice L, Petersburg	Marvin, Michael Richard, New Berlin	Myers, Louis S, Springfield
Hagerman, Sophia L, Lincoln	Horcharik, John M, Sherman	Larson, Raymond P, Spfld.	Mason Co Raceway Inc, Pekin	Myers, Robert E, Humboldt, IA
Harmon, Michael D, Spfld.	Horn, Percy D, Mason City	Lascelles, David Floyd, Vandalia	Masten, Eleanor V, Havana	Nahnsen, Thomas F, Spfld.
Harms, Jeffrey, Forest City	Howeter, Tison A, Havana	Lawson, Mark, Pekin	Matthys, Kathy L, Sherman	Natrona Community Club, Urbana
Harms, Julia H, Forest City	Hucker, Daniel Robert, Rockport, TX	Lawton, John H, Volo	McGuire, Keith Francis, Henderson, NV	Neding, Johnny R, Pekin
Harms, Thomas G, Petersburg	Hull, John D, Springfield	Lee, Brian Paul, Litchfield	McGuire, Ronald L, Spfld.	Nelson, Clark C, Lake Zurich
Harp, Richard Robert, San Jose	Humphres, Kevin & Karen, Elkhart	Lee, Daniel V, Lincoln	McKay, Trend W, Springfield	Nelson, Randy A, Murrayville
Harper, Jeffrey Dale, Fisher, IN	Hunt, Robert C, Jacksonville	Lee, Nathan Edward, Baroda, MI	McLean, George A, Spfld.	Neuhaus, Donna, Desoto, KS
Harris, Dean Allen II, Bartonville	Huston, Todd & Heather, Dawson	Leith, Thomas C, Lincoln	McLean, Gregory Dale, Cantrall	Newell, James & Sheila, Morton
Harris, Robert D, Palmyra	Hymes, James M, Beardstown	Lemar, Jason, Petersburg	McMurl, Charles F, Beardstown	Nextel Partners Inc, Eden Prairie, MN
Harris, Tim B, Pekin	Intersport Television, Chicago	LeVeqe, Robert D, Sherman	McNamara, Barbara, Sherman	Noone, Kevin B, Petersburg
Harter, Cheryl Ann, Illiopolis	Irons, Kerry C, Fairview Hts	Lewey, Dwain Carl, Spfld.	Meischner, Garnet J, Pekin	Nordlund, Darlene D, Highland Vill, TX
Harvey, Juanita M, Decatur	J & W Farm LLC, Riverton	Liebmans, Thomas R & Barb, Petersburg	Menendez, Antony J, Sherman	O'Brien, Alice E, Petersburg
Hawk, James A, Dunlap	Jester, Rebecca A, Pekin	Lindsay, Jason Teague MD, Bringham, AL	Metcalf, Kenneth R Jr, Mechanicsburg	O'Brien, Rory M, Danville
Hayter, John, Bloomington	Jimenez, Carol A, Dixon	Locke, Charles R, Springfield	Meyer, Carl F, Lincoln	Ogle, John William, Petersburg
Hefley, Jack Ivan, Beardstown	Johnson, Billy Ray, Cantrall	Loffredo, Armand R, Peoria	Meyer, Ferd C Jr, Chandlerville	Olde Towne Chiropractic, Petersburg
Heine, Gary R, Springfield	Johnson, Dixie, Astoria	Logan, Nellie S, Springfield	Michel, Brenda Lea, Spfld.	O'Mara, Michael D, Estero, FL
Heinhorst, Paul R, Rockford	Johnson, Kimberly Ann, Bath	Lomprenz, Jack K Jr, Hardeeville, SC	Mickens, Irvin G, Springfield	Osborne, Gary L, Dawson
Heinz, Daniel S, Peoria	Johnson, Linda R, Havana	Lovekamp, James, Kingsland, TX	Mickey, Matthew, Rochester	Osborne, Robert B Jr, Athens
	Jones, Leslie M & Sondra, Windermere, FL		Miller, Mary C, Mount Pulaski	
	Kelch, Wm & Marcia, Sherman		Miller, Melanie K, Springfield	