

# JAMMUP

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## Dear Cooperative Member-Owners,



**David A. Johnston**  
General Manager

I am thrilled to share with you our cooperative's performance over the past year. Through our collective efforts and unwavering commitment, we've achieved remarkable milestones and

made significant strides towards our shared goals.

### Financial health

Financially, I'm delighted to report that we performed well, showcasing the resilience and strength of our cooperative even in challenging times. Our margin in 2023 was \$1.4 million while

our equity was strong at nearly 53%. Our prudent financial management and strategic initiatives have helped paved the way for continued success.

### Safety first

Safety for our employees remains a top priority. There were 73,767 hours worked in 2023 with only three minor injuries. As our goal is to have zero incidents, we strive to continually improve our safety culture in an effort to minimize risks for those working in one of our country's most dangerous industries.

*Kent R. Howerton*

### Positive Impact

Furthermore, our dedication to community engagement and social responsibility has not gone unnoticed. Whether through local initiatives, charitable contributions or environmental stewardship through

our power supplier, we continue to make a positive impact beyond our bottom line.

None of this would have been possible without the steadfast support and active participation of our employees and each of you, our valued member-owners. Together these groups' trust, collaboration and dedication to our cooperative's mission are the driving forces behind our success.

### Looking ahead

As we look ahead to the second half of 2024, let us build upon our achievements, embrace new opportunities and continue to work together towards a brighter future for our cooperative and the communities we serve.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment.

Warm regards,  
*David*

## 5 WAYS TO SAVE THIS SUMMER

When summer temperatures rise, so do our energy bills. Here are a few ways you can reduce energy use and grow your summer savings.

1. Raise your thermostat. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temp, the more you'll save.
2. Install window coverings like blinds or light-blocking curtains to prevent indoor heat gain during the day.



3. Seal leaks with caulk and weatherstripping around windows and exterior doors. Air leaks force your air conditioner to work harder and run longer than necessary.
4. Run ceiling fans for additional cooling but turn them off when you leave the room.
5. Lower your water heater thermostat to 120 degrees to reduce standby heat loss.



**BLOOD DRIVES**

**FRIDAY, MAY 10th**  
9:30AM - 1:30PM  
EGYPTIAN HIGH SCHOOL  
TAMMS, IL

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29th**  
1:00PM - 6:00PM  
CROSSROADS UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH, ULLIN, IL

Source: Dept. of Energy

# Nominating Committee to meet May 21, 2024

Members to serve on the 2023-2024 Nominating Committee were appointed by William Littrell, president of the board of directors, at the 2023 annual meeting of the members held Aug. 10, 2023. The committee will meet at the cooperative headquarters, 7420 U.S. Highway 51 South, Dongola, Ill., at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2024, to consider nominees for election to the board of directors at the 2024 annual meeting of members.

The following committee members were appointed to the 2023-2024 Nominating Committee to represent their respective counties:

### Alexander County:

**Delegate:** Larry D. Houston, 715 Railroad St., Tamms, IL 62988

**Alternate:** Tim J. Pierce, 27753 State Highway 3, Thebes, IL 62990

### Johnson County:

**Delegate:** Nancy Breedon, 2390 Lick Creek Road, Buncombe, IL 62912

**Alternate:** Linda M. Wood, 4145 Indian Point Road, Vienna, IL 62995

### Massac County:

**Delegate:** Randy Wilke, 1389 Karnak Road, Karnak, IL 62956

**Alternate:** Ashley Thompson, 85 Wesley Drive, Metropolis, IL 62960  
**Curtis J. Carter**

### Pulaski County:

**Delegate:** Danny J. Thurston, 819 Sandusky Road, Pulaski, IL 62976

**Alternate:** Craig Bradley, P.O. Box 16, Karnak, IL 62956

### Union County:

**Delegate:** Bruce Mosby, 1215 Bauer Road, Jonesboro, IL 62952

**Alternate:** Glenn Russell Heisner, 3605 Nash Road, Anna, IL 62906

The bylaws of the cooperative provide the nominations to the board of directors may be made by: (1) nominating committee, or (2) petition received not less than 45 days prior to the actual meeting, signed by 15 or more active members. The 3-year terms of the directors are expired alternatively so that each year elections are held for a portion of the board. At the 2024 annual meeting, elections will be held for a director from each of these three counties: Massac, Pulaski and Union County.

**Dennis W. Ames**



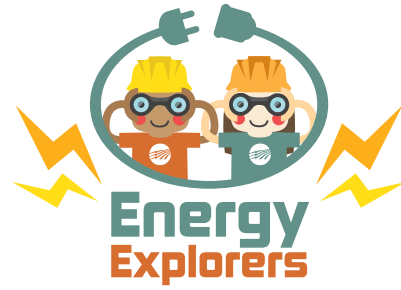
### Benefits of Electric Equipment

- Battery-powered equipment produces zero emissions
- No hassle and mess from gasoline and oil
- Quieter and more reliable than gas-powered equipment
- Require less energy to do the same amount of work as gas-powered tools

### Considerations Before Going Electric

- Purchasing from a single brand can streamline charging
- Consider the size of your property and battery run time
- Backup batteries may be needed for larger properties
- Electric equipment is pricier up front

# Safety Ambassador Checklist



Practicing safety near electricity can save lives, and we want you to spread the important message of safety.

With the help of an adult, complete the checklist below then cut out the badge to show you care about electrical safety.

TASK	COMPLETED
Electrical outlets are not overloaded with multiple power strips and devices.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electrical cords are not causing a trip hazard or placed under rugs or carpet.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smoke alarms are working.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smoke alarms are installed in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the house.	<input type="checkbox"/>
All light switches are working properly.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SIGNATURE</b> _____	



## Member prize

In this issue of the JAMUP, we printed the names of three SIEC members who are eligible to receive a \$10 credit toward their utility bill. If you find your name printed in this center section and it's not part of the story, call Brent with your account number at **800-762-1400** to claim your prize.

### SIEC Board of Directors

Bill Littrell  
(President)..... Union Co.  
 Scott L. Ury  
(Vice President) ..... Union Co.  
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(Secretary-Treasurer) ..... Pulaski Co.  
 Steve Heisner.....Pulaski Co.  
 Lamar Houston, Jr.....Alexander Co.  
 Kim Bakehouse.....Massac Co.  
 Scott Miller.....Alexander Co.  
 Randall Rushing..... Massac Co.  
 Toni L. Snell.....Johnson Co.  
 Ronald E. Osman (Attorney)  
 General Manager David A. Johnston  
 Brent Goforth (Editor)

**For Outages Call:**  
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# LOOK OUT FOR POWER SOURCES



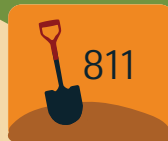

Do not get within 10 feet (in any direction) of a power line.

Be aware of power lines when working on the roof.

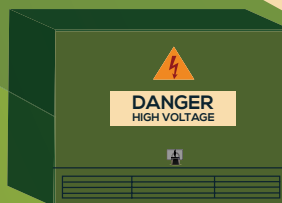


Do not trim branches or limbs near power lines.

Be careful when carrying long or tall objects such as ladders or poles.



Before you dig, call 811 to have underground utilities marked.



Do not dig near padmount transformers or other utility equipment.

