



RECC Annual Meeting: June 6, 2024

My name is Sean Middleton, and I officially assumed the duties of President/CEO for Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative back in January 2023. I hope to see you at this year's annual meeting, which will be held at Erin's Pavilion in Southwind Park, Springfield, Ill. The scenic venue, which is a staple in the local community, provides for an engaging evening of food and fellowship while conducting the Cooperative's business. RECC's 87th Annual Meeting will include a review of the Cooperative's financial documents, the election of three Directors, and a brief discussion on the "State of the Cooperative." Please join us on June 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. and be a part of the democratic process.

Commitment to Safety: President/CEO Sean Middleton

At Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative, safety isn't just a priority — it's a way of life. This tight-knit team of line workers and support staff know that every day on the job carries potential risks. That's why they go above and beyond to create a culture of safety that permeates every aspect of their operations.

One way the co-op celebrates this commitment to safety is through regular safety meetings and training. These interactive sessions cover everything from proper personal protective equipment usage to safe driving protocols. But they go beyond just checking boxes — the meetings foster open discussions where employees can share concerns, ask questions, and learn from each other's experiences. For the team at Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative, a steadfast commitment to safety isn't just good business practice — it's a point of pride. By celebrating safety successes big and small, they reinforce a culture that keeps everyone safe while powering their rural community.

Recently, electric co-ops across Illinois gathered in Springfield to attend the annual Safety and Energy Conference hosted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. The conference focused on safety and leadership in the energy industry, and attendees received relevant training to keep them informed and safe while on the job.

During the conference, safety leadership awards were presented to recognize individual and cooperative-wide commitment to a safe work culture. RECC was recognized with the 2023 award for Best Lost Time Rate! RECC Line Foreman Travis Boylen also received the 2023 Individual Safety Leadership Award, which recognizes the safety awareness of individuals who demonstrate safe leadership, promote a safe culture, and contribute to the safety of a project. We are incredibly proud of these achievements and wish to share these recognitions with our members!

