

JUNE 2026
ANNUAL MEETING
BOOKLET



Illinois Country Living

2026 ANNUAL MEETING

89TH ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

JUNE 12, 2026
5PM

WAYNE CITY SCHOOLS
408 E MILL ST.



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OFFICIAL MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 89th annual meeting of the members of the Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative will be held in the gymnasium of the Wayne City School in Wayne City, Illinois, on Friday evening, June 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., to take action on the following matters. Only members receiving electric service of record as of May 1, 2026, shall be entitled to vote at the annual meeting. These members who register for the meeting will also be granted a \$25 bill credit.

1. Report on the number of Cooperative members present to determine the existence of a quorum.
2. Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication or mailing thereof, or the waiver or waivers of such, as the case may be.
3. Reading of unapproved minutes of the

meeting of members on June 6, 2025, and taking necessary action thereon.

4. The election of three (3) directors of the Cooperative.
5. To hear reports of officers, trustees, and committees.
6. Other business that may come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

In connection with the election of three (3) directors scheduled for this meeting, the following members, who have been nominated by petition, have been certified as qualified candidates by the Elections and Credentials Committee appointed by the Board of Directors.

District #2: Vernon Gwaltney, 1723 County Road 350 N, Fairfield, IL 62837

District #2: Blaine Norton, 1905 County Road 925 N Lane, Fairfield, IL 62837

District #3: Nick McKinney, 2695 County Road 1755 N, Mt. Erie, IL 62446

District #3: Ryan Duckworth, 1809 County Highway 8, Fairfield, IL 62837

District #6: David Hunsinger, 636 County Road 1100 N, Carmi, IL 62821

In accordance with the Cooperative Bylaws, no nomination may be made from the floor at the meeting. Dated this 30th day of April, 2026.



Secretary

OUR TEAM MEMBERS

CHRIS HOPFINGER - President/CEO

STAFF

Erin Halley
Alyssa Parrott
Josh Scott
Britt Shepherd
Chris Simpson
Josh Stedman
Lisa Vaughan

Dara Belangee
Wes Clark
Kat Courtright
Derek Demaret
Matthew Garner
Caitlin Glisson
Jordan Greenwalt
Denice Kinney
Misty Kitley
Kandras Kunkel
Joe McKittrick
Fred Puckett
Landon Vaughan

FIELD

PERSONNEL

Ryan Barrett
Justin Bullard
Nathan Coston
Zack Coston
Jaxson Crnovich
Randall Douglas
Dennis Estes
Tom Flannigan
Clint Harl
Chad Hinkle
Colton Johnson

Alan Kincart
Tyler Lashbrook
Jason McKinney
Kerry Meritt
Chad Naas
Kell Ragan
Craig Rennier
Cody Richards
Todd Robertson
Joseph Rodgers
Travis Schilling
Joseph Shelby
Lindy Simpson

Donald Smothers
Shane Stricklin
David Vaughan

WAYNE-WHITE

PROPANE:

Manager:
Gary Moore

Office Manager:
Natalie Dagg

Truck Drivers:
Brian Downs
Richard Hooper
Bruce Young



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Member Powered

At Wayne-White Electric Cooperative, the word "member" means something special.

THE TERM MEMBER IS not just a title -- it is the foundation of everything we do. Wayne-White Electric is not powered by distant shareholders or outside investors -- we are powered by you, the cooperative member.

Every flip of a switch, every community project, every investment in the future starts with the members. That is what "Member Powered" really means.

From the very beginning, electric cooperatives were created to serve communities others overlooked. Neighbors came together, pooled resources and built something reliable, affordable and, most importantly, local. Decades later, that same cooperative spirit is still at the heart of everything we do.

When you receive electric service from your electric provider, you are not just a consumer. Every decision is made with one question in mind: What is best for our members? As a member-owner, you have a voice. You elect the board of directors. You help guide decisions for a stronger future. You provide important feedback. Most importantly, you share in the success of your

cooperative.

Being "Member Powered" also means reinvesting close to home. Upgraded infrastructure. Smart technology. Local jobs. Community programs. When the cooperative grows stronger, the entire community benefits.

And while the way we deliver electricity continues to evolve -- renewable energy, new technologies, changing energy needs -- one thing never changes: the power behind it all comes from our members.

Together, we are not just connected by power lines. We are connected by ownership, trust and a shared commitment to the future. Because when members power the cooperative, the cooperative powers the community.


An electric cooperative is not just part of the community -- it is the community. The employees who keep the lights on are not commuting to and from corporate offices or working remotely from miles away. They are your neighbors.

They shop locally, volunteer at community events, cheer from the bleachers, and

respond when the weather turns severe. Oftentimes, their own families are affected, too. Because they live here, the dedicated cooperative employees understand what matters most. That local knowledge makes a real difference.

Community support does not stop at reliable electricity. Electric cooperatives invest close to home -- through youth programs, scholarships, safety education and support for first responders and community organizations. Those investments are not gestures. They are examples of the commitment made by people who care deeply about where they live.

Members also shape the cooperative's values. From investing in safer, more reliable infrastructure to supporting local schools, emergency services and community programs, those choices reflect what matters most to the people we serve.

Most of all, being a member means belonging to something local and lasting. Because at Wayne-White Electric Cooperative, members do not just receive power. They define it. 

Entertainment & Information Booths

THE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS BAND Wilce n Green is set to provide entertainment on June 12.


Performing primarily multiple eras of country and southern rock, Wilce n Green have a following across much of Southern Illinois. The original band was formed approximately twelve years ago by two friends named Wilce and Green, that were

playing at a local restaurant. Different band members have come and gone throughout the years, but the current group has been playing together for the last seven years with the exception of a new bass player last year.

Current band members include Wayne-White Electric member and Hamilton County taxidermist Jody Green on rhythm guitar and vocals. Todd Williford of Thompsonville and owner of Moonlite Pine Event Barn in Williamson County, is on lead guitar and vocals. Jeff Stoffel plays drums and is a backup vocalist from Benton who has been a drummer in several country

bands since 1994. His brother Rick Stoffel of Collinsville plays bass guitar.

You can find Wilce n Green the first Saturday of the month at the Wayne City Opry or every second Friday at The Corner Dance Hall in Whittington. They also play several other events in between and love to see their followers line dancing and two stepping to their music.

Informational booths set up during the dinner and entertainment include: Clay County Hospital, Fairfield Memorial Hospital, AirMedCare, Wabash Communications, Carter Turf & Tractor, Rightnowar HVAC, Julie 811, Hoosier Energy, and Wayne-White Electric. 



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AGENDA

FRIDAY	06.12.2026
5:00 PM	REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS
5:00 - 7:00 PM	DINNER PREPARED BY STEVE EHRHART
6:15 - 7:00 PM	ENTERTAINMENT BY WILCE N GREEN
7:00 PM	<p>BUSINESS MEETING</p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance National Anthem Invocation.....Noel Edmison Call to Order.....Bryan Williams Introduction of Guests.....Bryan Williams Acknowledgement of Quorum.....Bryan Williams Adopt Rules of the Day.....Attorney Aaron Leonard Proof of Mailing.....Andy Glover Approve Minutes.....Bryan Williams Election of Directors.....Attorney Aaron Leonard Appointment of Inspectors Report of Elections & Credentials Committee Election of Directors Presentation of Reports of Officers, Trustees & Committees Old Business.....Bryan Williams New Business.....Bryan Williams Questions from Membership....Bryan Williams & Chris Hopfinger Adjourn Business Meeting.....Bryan Williams Prize Drawings.....Alyssa Parrott & Chris Simpson Adjournment</p>

OUR MISSION

To serve our member-owners with excellent electric service, superior customer service, & other services and products that improve their quality of life, at fair & affordable prices.

THE 7 COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

- Voluntary & Open Membership
- Democratic Member Control
- Members' Economic Participation
- Autonomy & Independence
- Education, Training & Information
- Cooperation Among Cooperatives
- Concern for Community