

NEWS, NOTES & VIEWS 07/26

Annual Meeting 2026



Kayson and Kaisley Shewmake enjoyed facepaintng, balloon animals, and more at this year's Annual Meeting.

Members of the co-op gathered for our Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 13th, at the Winchester Cornerstone Baptist Church. The co-op held a drive-through registration and a business meeting in the church. 341 members registered at this year's Annual Meeting. Members who registered received a \$15 bill credit.

Board Secretary Kevin Brannan welcomed members to the Annual Meeting. Board President Tom Meehan thanked members for attending the meeting and provided an update on the co-op's current state. Mr. Meehan shared with members that the people behind the co-op, from

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Board President Tom Meehan introducing the co-op's board of directors at this year's Annual Meeting.

employees to his fellow board members, are the key to the organization's success. He then introduced the board of directors and discussed the responsibilities and time commitment required to serve on the board.

Board Treasurer Jim Freeman shared that our audit reflects the co-op's strong financial shape. Mr. Freeman also spoke about interest rates, the co-op's ongoing investment in providing safe and reliable electric service, and providing internet to our members.

General Manager Randy Long addressed the membership about the electric system. Mr. Long discussed the co-op's continued efforts to improve our reliability and internet service for members. He recognized several former board members in attendance as well as individuals from Prairie Power and the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. Mr. Long then discussed the proposed amendment regarding the co-op's borrowing authority. He shared that the co-op's borrowing authority had not been adjusted since 1999. He went on to show a graph illustrating the effect of inflation on the dollar's value over time. Mr. Long also recognized the following employees for their dedication to the co-op and membership:

- Andy Nash 30 years of service
- Sam Surratt 30 years of service

- Darren Hayn 30 years of service
- Brad Kemper 30 years of service
- Donnie Ogden 25 years of service
- Seth Bushnell 20 years of service
- Contina Savage 15 years of service
- Shawn Rennecker 15 years of service
- Nathan Randall 5 years of service
- Dalton Heavner 5 years of service

The chairman of the nominating committee, Mark Heffington, gave a report. The committee nominated Jenna Morrow as its candidate for Director representing District 1, Jim Freeman for Director representing District 3, and Kevin Klein for Director representing District 7.

Co-op Counsel Amy Jackson asked members to act on the proposed bylaw amendment pertaining to the co-op's borrowing authority. The amendment passed unanimously by voice vote.

Throughout the meeting, the co-op gave away prizes. Four lucky members won \$500, 20 members received \$100, and an additional \$500 was donated to the favorite charities of 11 members. We want to thank everyone at the co-op who attended this year's meeting. Seeing so many familiar faces was great, and we look forward to seeing you again next year.



Samantha Surratt served members out of her mobile ice cream car at this year's Annual Meeting.

Rob Winters speaking with member Tom Welch at this year's meeting.



Summer interns Jack Wisdom and Lane Hubbard helping park cars at this year's meeting.



General Manager Randy Long speaking to the membership at the 2026 Annual Meeting.



2026 Annual Meeting Prize Winners

\$100

Stephen Kramer
Robert Sellars
Brian Dawdy
Joseph Fanning
Debi Ann Gregory
Dusty Lawson
David Hicks
James E. Lagemann
Ronald K. Coultas
Ronald D. Megginson
David Longmeyer
Carolyn Spencer Dawdy
Larry Evans
Richard Murphy
James Gray
Michael Northrop
Dorwin Looper
Robert Brown
Stanford Jenkins
Mark Heffington

\$500

Mary Schnelt
Sheri Mason
Maurine Hoots
Richard Albrecht

Members' Fund

District 1 - Deloris Featherstone - The Crossing Church
District 2 - Amanda Irvin - Bethel Cemetery
District 3 - Richard Murphy - Meredosia Food Pantry
District 4 - Lisa Brown - First Baptist Church
District 5 - Dorwin Looper - North Calhoun Fire
District 6 - Linda Riggs - Shriners
District 7 - David Boardman - Murrayville Food Pantry
District 8 - Wayne Vorreyer - Murrayville Woodson Food Pantry
District 9 - Brian Dawdy - Village of Manchester
District 10 - Bradley Nettles - St. John's Capital Campaign
District 11 - Vera Childress - Roodhouse American Legion

Jackery Powerstations

David Thompson
Lisa Brown

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