

# JAMUP

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## You are invited



Dear Member-Owner,  
**Y**ou are cordially invited to attend the 86th Annual Meeting of Members of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, which will be held on Thursday, Aug. 6, 2026, at Shawnee Community College. This annual gathering is a cornerstone of the cooperative model, giving you the opportunity to exercise your rights as an owner, stay informed about your utility, and make your voice heard in our local governance.

Our mission is to responsibly and safely provide services to empower our members and communities. In keeping with that commitment, your cooperative has spent the past year focused heavily on local grid stability and maximizing the day-to-day efficiency of our existing delivery system. While we await future funding opportunities to launch major new modernization projects, our daily dedication to protecting our infrastructure and maintaining top-tier reliability for our membership remains our absolute priority.

Beyond keeping the lights on, we continue to support regional growth by working alongside vital broadband partnerships as they explore methods to deliver high-speed internet to our rural communities, bridging the digital divide right here in Southern Illinois.

### Meeting highlights:

- Entertainment by musical duo Aubrey & Simon
- Cooperative updates: Hear direct reports from leadership regarding our financial health, current operational strategies, and our long-term strategic outlook.
- Board of Directors Election: Take part in the democratic process that sets our cooperative's direction by voting in this year's board election.

Your participation is what keeps our cooperative strong, transparent and focused on the needs of our local communities. We look forward to seeing you at Shawnee Community College on August 6th!

*David*



# Minutes of the 85th Annual Meeting

The 85th Annual Meeting of the Members of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative was held at Shawnee Community College, Ullin, Ill., on Aug. 14, 2025, pursuant to Section 1, Article II of the By-Laws and notice printed in the July 2025, edition of the JAMUP mailed to all members of Southern Illinois Cooperative dated the 26th day of June 2025.

SIEC Director William Littrell offered the invocation. The National Anthem was performed by Brian Pender. Board Vice President Gerald P. Thurston called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with a quorum present.

Executive Vice President/General Manager David Johnston extended a welcome to all members who came to participate in the annual meeting proceedings. Mr. Johnston introduced the Board of Directors: Gerald P. Thurston, Vice President, Pulaski County; Toni Snell, Secretary-Treasurer, Johnson County; Kim Bakehouse, Massac County; Lamar Houston, Jr., Alexander County; William E. Littrell, Union County; Joshua Miller, Alexander County; Randall Rushing, Massac County; Tadge Wilson, Pulaski County; and Scott Ury, President, Union County (although not present). Also introduced was the Cooperative's Attorney, Ronald E. Osman of Marion.

Toni L. Snell read the Proof of Mailing Notice and Official Meeting Notice. Snell moved to accept and approve the minutes as mailed in the Official Meeting Notice and to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion was seconded by Scott Miller. Motion carried.

Vice President Thurston gave the Vice President's Report.

Vice President Thurston then introduced David A. Johnston, who provided the General Manager's Report.

Johnston introduced Baylee Flowers, Legal Government Relations Coordinator at AIEC in Springfield, Ill., to give a brief summary of the challenges of electricity in the future.

Johnston introduced Bruce Mosby, of the Nominating Committee, to read the Nominating Committee Report. Vice President Thurston asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Nominating

Committee. It was moved by Ken Taake and seconded by Cheryl Miller. Motion carried.

Vice President Thurston announced the Nominating Committee chosen for 2025-2026. They are:

## Alexander County

- Delegate – Larry Houston, Tamms
- Alternate – Tim Pierce, Thebes

## Johnson County

- Delegate – Nancy Breeden, Buncombe
- Alternate – Virginia George, Belknap

## Massac County

- Delegate – Randy Wilke, Karnak
- Alternate – Ashley Thompson, Metropolis

## Pulaski County

- Delegate – Danny J. Thurston, Grand Chain
- Alternate – Craig Bradley, Karnak

## Union County

- Delegate – Bruce Mosby, Jonesboro
- Alternate – Glenn Heisner, Anna

Vice President Thurston introduced Attorney Ronald E. Osman to conduct the election of directors.

Attorney Osman reported that at the 2025 Nominating Committee Meetings, three (3) candidates were nominated for election to the office of director, each for a term of three years and one (1) candidate for election for the remaining unexpired one-year portion of a three-year term: **Jonathan**

## Alexander County

Lamar Houston, Jr. (3-year term)

## Pulaski County

Nathan Pfaff (3-year term)

## Union County

Scott Ury (3-year term)

## Alexander County

Joshua Miller (Remaining unexpired 1-year portion of a 3-year term)

Attorney Osman proceeded with the election of directors.

Attorney Osman reported that Lamar Houston, Jr., had been nominated by the Nominating Committee for election to a three-year term in Alexander County. No nominations by petition had been filed. It was moved by Robert Thurston and seconded by Lynn Davidson to close nominations and have the secretary cast

a unanimous ballot by acclamation and elect Lamar Houston, Jr., as Director from Alexander County. Motion carried.

Attorney Osman reported that Nathan Pfaff had been nominated by the Nominating Committee for election to a three-year term in Pulaski County. No nominations by petition had been filed. It was moved by Todd Thurston and seconded by Ken Taake to close nominations and have the secretary cast a unanimous ballot by acclamation and elect Nathan Pfaff as Director from Pulaski County. Motion carried.

Attorney Osman reported that Scott Ury had been nominated by the Nominating Committee for election to a three-year term in Union County. No nominations by petition had been filed. It was moved by Scott Miller and seconded by Jana Fear to close nominations and have the secretary cast a unanimous ballot by acclamation and elect Scott Ury as Director from Union County. Motion carried.

Attorney Osman reported that Joshua Miller had been nominated by the Nominating Committee for election of the remaining unexpired one-year portion of a three-year term in Alexander County. No nominations by petition had been filed. It was moved by Gery Blackburn and seconded by Cheryl Miller to close nominations and have the secretary cast a unanimous ballot by acclamation and elect Joshua Miller as Director from Alexander County. Motion carried.

Vice President Thurston asked if there was any unfinished business to be brought before the meeting. There was none.

Vice President Thurston asked if there was any new business. There being none, he asked for a motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting. It was moved by Randall McClellan and seconded by Amy Kerr to adjourn the business portion of the meeting. Motion carried. Vice President Thurston declared the business portion of the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Johnston then called on Julie Wilke, Director of Finance and Administration at SIEC, to give an update on the Operation Round Up program.

The directors adjourned to reorganize.

## Board of Director Candidate Profiles

### Kim Bakehouse

Massac County



Kim Bakehouse of Metropolis has lived on SIEC lines for 68 years. He has served on SIEC's Board of Directors for (2) two years. Kim serves on SIEC's Finance Committee. Kim worked for Electric Energy, Inc. (EEI) power plant in Joppa.

Following his retirement in 2022, he began farming full-time. Kim has previously served on the Soil & Water Conservation board as chairman, as well as being an active member of the Massac County High School FFA Alumni organization. When he is not farming, Kim enjoys spending time with his grandchildren. His hobbies are farming in Massac County and collecting tractors.

### Toni L. Snell

Johnson County



Toni L. Snell lives in Johnson County and has lived on SIEC lines for 55 years. She has served on SIEC's Board of Directors for (5) five years, and she is currently the board Secretary/Treasurer. Toni is active in her community and is the Cypress-West Eden Cemetery Board President. Toni and her late husband Tom have four children: Matt of Simpson, Ill., Becky of Cypress, Ill. (deceased), and Jennie and Jodie of Cypress, Ill. Toni has 14 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Her hobbies include her grandchildren, traveling, gardening and collecting vintage dishes.

*Judith M. Anagnos*

### Joshua Miller

Alexander County



Joshua Miller of Thebes has lived on SIEC's lines for 15-plus years. He has served on SIEC's Board of Directors since January 2025. Joshua serves on SIEC's Finance Committee. He graduated from Egyptian High School and

earned his bachelor's degree from SEMO in Wildlife and Conservation with a Minor in Business Administration. Josh is an operator of the Miller family farm in Tamms. He serves on the Land Assessment Committee in Alexander County. He also serves on the SouthWater board. His hobbies include hunting and fishing with his two children and spending quality time with his wife.

### Brittany Thomas

Alexander County

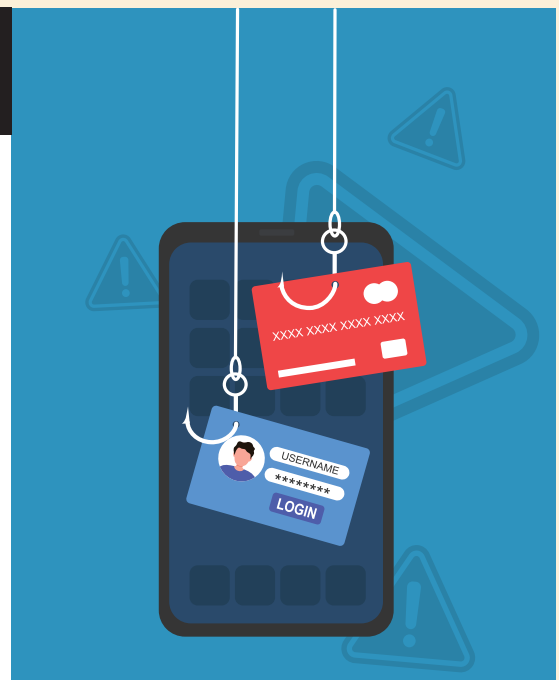


Brittany Thomas of Thebes, Ill., has lived on SIEC's lines for 13 years. She has served on SIEC's Board of Directors since January 2026. Brittany also serves on SIEC's Finance Committee. Brittany is the Vice President of the Horseshoe Lake Chamber of Commerce. She and her husband Josh have 3 wonderful sons. She is a registered nurse and enjoys reading, crafting and spending quality time with her family.

## TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Scammers are increasingly using “smishing” — fake text messages designed to look like they're from legitimate businesses, including your electric utility. These texts may claim your bill is overdue, your service will be disconnected or you're owed a refund. They often include a link that directs you to a fake payment site or asks for personal information. Never click suspicious links or respond to unexpected texts, even if the message appears urgent. Instead, log in to your utility account through the official website or mobile app to verify any claims. We will never ask for sensitive information like passwords or banking details through text messages.



## Cooperative employees



**Casey Adamitis**  
Office Services  
Representative



**Caleb Atherton**  
Apprentice Lineman



**Angela Bailey**  
Payroll  
Administrator



**Jon Beisner**  
Journeyman  
Lineman



**Crystal Brown**  
Engineering  
& Operations  
Specialist



**Ray Crane**  
Building & Grounds  
Maintenance  
Coordinator



**Brian Dirden**  
Journeyman  
Lineman



**Alex Fischer**  
Journeyman  
Lineman



**Erin Gaddis**  
Cashier/  
Receptionist



**Brent Goforth**  
Director of Member  
Services



**Dale Guetersloh**  
Utility  
Serviceman



**Leslie Harvel**  
Office Services  
Coordinator



**Nathan Hermetz**  
Assistant Director of  
Engineering/Project  
Manager



**Daniel Hileman**  
Crew Foreman



**Blayne Holshouser**  
Right of Way  
Foreman



**Alaina Johnson**  
Office Services  
Representative



**David Johnston**  
Executive  
Vice President &  
General Manager



**Joshua Kelley**  
Journeyman  
Lineman



**Aaron Lambdin**  
Apprentice Lineman



**Rob Mayo**  
Director of  
Operations &  
Maintenance



**Lyle McDowell**  
Journeyman  
Lineman



**Amy McGinness**  
Staff Accountant



**Nathan Menees**  
Utility Serviceman



**Jeff Palmer**  
Oil Equipment  
Lineman



**Gabe Pecord**  
Forestry Foreman



**Allen Plott**  
Crew Foreman



**Cody Poole**  
Mechanic  
First Class



**Dexter Reynolds**  
Warehouseman



**Jeff Roach**  
Journeyman  
Lineman



**Jeremy Roach**  
Journeyman  
Lineman



**Wyatt Smith**  
Journeyman  
Lineman



**Hank Stewart**  
Electrical Engineer/  
Project Manager



**Aaron Stover**  
Meter Tester  
Lineman



**Stephanie Theis**  
Executive Assistant



**David Thompson**  
Journeyman  
Lineman



**Caleb Thurston**  
Forestry Apprentice



**Stanley Treat**  
Utility Serviceman



**Tobie Treece**  
Network  
Administrator



**Lane Ury**  
Assistant Engineer



**Julie Wilke**  
Director of  
Administration  
& Finance



**Zach Zeigler**  
Crew Foreman

## SIEC Annual Meeting of Members Program

*Thursday, August 6, 2026*

**Member Registration** 4 to 6 p.m. in the Atrium. Bring the registration card insert mailed with the electric bill statement you receive in July to register for door prizes. Each member registering will receive one \$15 electric bill credit per membership. In addition, drawings for attendance prizes will immediately follow at the conclusion of the meeting. Canned food and school supply donations will be accepted again in exchange for free LED light bulbs.

**Kids' Registration** Kids 10 and under should register for the kids' prize giveaways in the Educational Center.

**Entertainment** 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
Entertainment by Aubrey & Simon

**Meeting Begins** 6 p.m.

- Invocation
- National Anthem by Aubrey & Simon

- **Business Meetings Begins** 6:10 p.m.
- Call to Order – 2026 Annual Meeting of Members
- Welcome
- Reading of the 2025 Minutes
- Official Meeting Notice
- President & General Manager Reports
- Nominating Committee Report
- Balloting of Directors
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment
- Recognitions
- Winner of Food Pantry Donations
- Door Prizes

### 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.

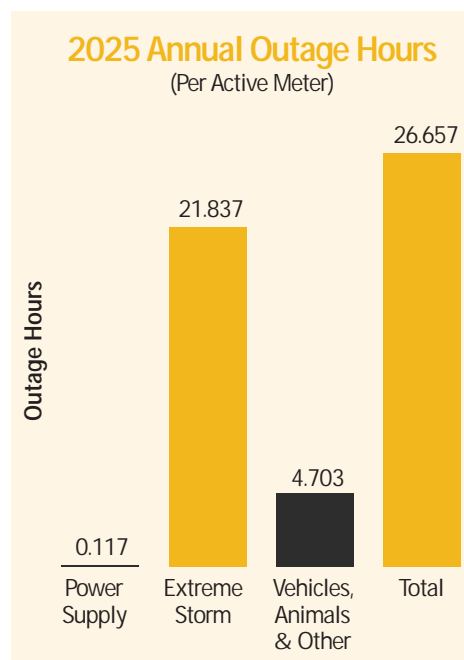
# Balance Sheet Analysis

For the YTD as of December 31

	2025	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</b>			
Total Utility Plant	\$ 103,773,937	\$ 99,980,478	\$ 96,661,163
Accumulated Depreciation	(34,163,979)	(31,909,454)	(29,940,624)
Net Utility Plant	69,609,958	68,071,024	66,720,539
Investment in Associated Organizations	20,443,873	20,018,446	19,367,102
Cash	551,021	666,189	865,967
Temporary Investments	55,000	304,000	151,000
Accounts Receivable	3,134,309	2,568,269	2,539,049
Materials and Supplies	501,505	430,197	424,232
Prepaid Expenses	149,240	141,791	145,980
Other Current & Accrued Assets	7,780	8,244	8,272
Deferred Debits	8,448	8,448	8,448
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 94,461,134</b>	<b>\$ 92,216,608</b>	<b>\$ 90,230,589</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND OTHER CREDITS</b>			
Memberships	\$ 162,266	\$ 160,635	\$ 159,125
Member's Patronage Capital	43,257,822	43,356,591	43,435,377
Other Equities	5,146,244	4,037,061	4,149,920
Total Member's Equity	48,566,332	47,554,287	47,744,422
Long-Term Debt	37,210,808	34,702,229	32,706,665
Accum. Prov. For Post Retirement Benefits	2,312,114	3,384,785	3,272,437
Accounts Payable	1,957,415	1,985,675	1,784,326
Consumer Deposits	624,045	596,455	599,205
Other Current & Accrued Liabilities	3,481,673	3,570,640	3,099,904
Deferred Credits	308,747	422,537	1,023,630
<b>Total Member's Equity &amp; Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 94,461,134</b>	<b>\$ 92,216,608</b>	<b>\$ 90,230,589</b>

## Operating Statistics

	2025	2024	2023
Total kWh Purchased	191,426,258	183,381,152	181,635,347
Total kWh Sold	181,886,020	174,161,990	172,492,615
Total kWh Used by Cooperative	383,108	324,557	319,181
New Services Added	114	107	108
Services Retired	55	90	127
Net Changes in Total Services	59	17	(19)
Total Services in Place	13,299	13,240	13,223
Connected Meters	11,221	11,253	11,234
Solar Interconnections	130	116	101
Wind Interconnections	1	1	1
Idle Services	2,099	2,019	2,004
Security Lights in Place	5,286	5,258	5,257
Miles of Line	2,097	2,098	2,096

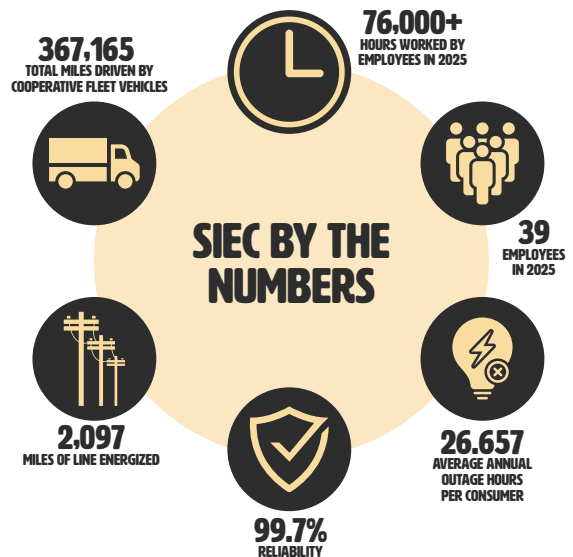
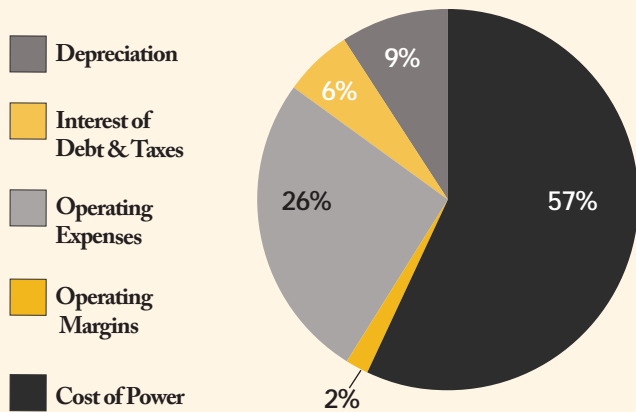


# Statement of Operations

As of December 31

	2025	2024	2023
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Sales of Electric Revenues to Members	\$ 32,211,776	\$ 29,065,704	\$ 27,732,383
Other Electric Revenues	240,510	239,604	241,101
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>32,452,286</b>	<b>29,305,308</b>	<b>27,973,484</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Cost of Purchased Power	18,489,317	15,908,917	15,292,664
Operations Expense	467,628	397,082	500,134
Maintenance Expense	4,648,546	4,629,517	4,142,571
Consumer Accounts Expense	996,295	972,782	908,512
Consumer Service & Information Expense	250,872	244,467	245,572
Administrative and General Expense	2,035,850	2,103,136	1,883,142
Depreciation Expense	3,083,023	3,002,522	2,914,470
Interest Expense	1,759,467	1,559,732	1,432,455
Tax Expense	172,408	156,722	158,446
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>31,903,406</b>	<b>28,974,877</b>	<b>27,477,966</b>
Operating Margins	548,880	330,431	495,518
Non-Operating Margins - Other	-	-	17,243
Interest on Investments	76,220	87,981	91,370
Generation & Transmissions Capital Credits	412,248	627,260	627,520
Other Capital Credits & Patronage Dividends	157,694	108,145	169,202
<b>Total Margins</b>	<b>\$ 1,195,042</b>	<b>\$ 1,153,817</b>	<b>\$ 1,400,853</b>
Member's Patronage Capital Beginning of Year	\$ 43,356,591	\$ 43,435,377	\$ 43,235,714
Capital Credits to be Allocated for this Year	1,195,042	1,153,817	1,400,853
Retirement of Capital Credits	(1,293,811)	(1,232,603)	(1,201,190)
<b>Member's Patronage Capital End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 43,257,822</b>	<b>\$ 43,356,591</b>	<b>\$ 43,435,377</b>

## Where Your 2025 Dollars Went





## Lite-4-Bite

Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative is guided by the seven cooperative principles — one of which is “Concern for Community.” This is why we are happy to continue the Lite-4-Bite program, which aims to give back to the communities we serve. Bring in at least three canned or nonperishable food items, or school supplies, and receive up to three high-efficiency

LED light bulbs for your donation! This program has helped provide thousands of pounds of food to local shelters in our service territory, and with your help, it will continue to be a steadfast effort in supporting those in need. We thank you in advance for your donations and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming annual meeting!



AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY - JULY 4TH



# CELEBRATION 2026

Our office will  
be closed  
Friday, July 3rd.

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