

Clay ELECTRIC News

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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From the Manager

As we enter the last month of the year, Clay Electric Co-operative wants to wish you and yours all the best this holiday season. We hope you enjoy a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

2022 has been a rough year economically for all sectors of business. Every American has experienced cost increases in every facet of modern life. The groceries on the shelves, the gas we burn to drive to the store, the steel they use to build the car — everything is more expensive as we see inflation climb. These market forces have increased costs in the power sector as well. There have been many stories in the news about the volatile power markets, rate increases at investor-owned utilities, and fears of power shortages leading to power interruptions. As a member of Clay Electric Co-operative, you have been insulated from these issues. To date, our members have not seen any rate

increases. Just last year, our members received credits on their bill due to the cooperative's ability to find cheap power to deliver to our members. For the last several years we have been able to make a power cost adjustment to benefit the membership at the end of the year.

When Clay Electric Co-operative purchases power from our power provider, Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, part of the bill is a "power cost adjustment" or PCA. This is a multiplier that is used to account for the volatile cost of fuel and other costs of production that can't be accounted for in the rates. For the last several years, this adjustment has been very low or even negative. We've passed these savings onto our members. As this adjustment continues to increase in the current economic climate, your cooperative must continue to keep a close eye on the cost of power to ensure that all necessary

services are still able to be provided to our members.

We are doing everything in our power to stave off any changes in our rate structure. However, as the cost of power trends upward, we must stay informed. We have a duty to our membership to provide safe, reliable and affordable power, and we take that duty very seriously.

Don't forget to be on the lookout for your member number in the center section of this magazine. There are three member numbers hidden in Clay Electric News. If you find your number and give us a call you win \$5 off your next bill!



Matt Conklin
CEO

Undeliverable capital credits

As a member of a cooperative, you are more than a customer. You are a member-owner. Clay Electric Co-operative is a non-profit cooperative. When we collect more funds from the membership than we need to fund the cooperative, those additional margins are refunded to the membership in the form of capital credits.

Below is our list of undeliverable capital credits. **9948-001** These are names of members we could not locate to return capital credits to. If you see your name on the list, or know someone on the list, please let them know to contact our office at 1-800-582-9012 so we can update our records and return their capital credits to them.

Agri-Mart Inc	Bailey Arthur L	Binkis Laima V	Brewer Raymond	Burge Glen	Byers Randy
Allen Dj	Bailey Farlon	Birch Darrel	Briscoe James L	Burgener Harold M	Campbell Farm #75462
Alsip Stanley	Bailey Sam	Blackwell Larry	Britton Allen	Burgess Dennis	Cannon Vernon R
Anderson James L	Balch Don A	Bloemker Garland	Britton Steven	Burroughs Marlin	Carter Ray
Anielak Wayne	Ball Marlene	Bollhorst Richard	Brown Henry	Burton Iley	Cartright John
Antoine Frank	Barbee Larry	Boone Timothy D	Brown Lucile B	Bute Edward D	Cash Dana
Artis Phill E	Bassett Max	Borton Curtis L	Brown Oliver	Butts Earl	Clark Shelby J
Austin William	Beck Lealon	Bray Darwin M	Brown Poultry Farm	Byers Lonnie	Cline Leslie E
Automarket The	Bible Herb&J	Brewer Gilbert J	Bukala Mary	Byers Patricia C	Colclasure Carrol L

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"Capital credits" continued from 18A

Colclasure Gene	Garves Marilyn S	Hubbell Phillip	May James E	Ramono Judith A	Tatman John M
Colclasure George	Gharst Mike	Hubble Raye	Mccavitt Donald C	Ramsey Larry L	Taylor Robert
Colclasure Scott	Gibson Jerry	Huckaba & Sons Const Co	Mccleary Bl	Randolph Robert	Taylor Robert J
Colclasure Warren	Gibson John B	Huddlestun Gale	Mcccluskey Earl	Rapp Daniel H	Taylor Ronald D
Colliflower Milton	Gill Gaylord	Hughes Paul	Mccormick Pa	Richards Neva L	Theobald Don
Conard Carlin	Gill George G	Hulvey James F	Mcdaniel Jerry L	Richardson Loren	Thomas Ellery R
Condron Ronald L	Glass Bill	Hurd Russell	Mcgrew Charles R	Rinehart Junior	Tipps S G
Cook Densil	Goff Glenn Or	Hurfurd Erma Arlene	Mcgrew Robert L	Rinehart Lowell	Toliver Daryl D
Cook Lewis R	Golden Everett M	Irby Mary F	Mchugh Tom	Ring Dan	Touchette Ernest
Cook Lowell	Golden M Ruth	Jeffries Gayle	Mckinney Delbert D Jr	Ring Jerry Or	Touchette Louis E
Cooley David B	Goodbrake Ruth	Johnson Charles W	Mcknell Y John	Roarty Mary E	Traub Dennis
Cooper Phyllis A	Gordon John D	Johnston Charles	Mcneely Robert P	Roe Ellis E	Travis Johnny J
Coplin Hoyt H	Gragert Donnie	Jones Charles D	Mcppeak Diane	Rohman Harold G	Tungate Paul
Courson Roger	Green Howard D	Jones Donald	Merritt Leon	Rose & Loeb	Utech Dell V
Cowger Gordon	Green Ronnie	Jones Edwin E	Mesnard Charles R	Ross Alline B	Utley Wallace
Cox Jeffrey A	Griffith Dorothy	Jones James O Jr	Miller Faye	Royer Harold	Valbert J N
Crouse Laurel A	Grubb Bob	Kang Shin T	Miller Reynold L	Ryan Roger	Valtille Norma
Cruse Rick L	Guerrettaz Frank	Keller Garydea	Miminaugh Henry	Sager Paula	Varner Te
Curtis Emmert	Guinn Jerry Aor	Keller Keith	Mink Joe	Sanderson Larry	Vasquez Juan
Curtis Jerry	Gwaltney James C	Kerlsjack W	Molina Angelo	Scammahorn Robert	Vaughn Marvin
Davis Arthur L	Hadden John Cjr	Kessel Patricia	Morgan Curtis	Scanlon Lorrain	Venable Nolan C
Davis Gladys M	Hagen Darrell E	Kincaid William D	Morrison Bobby Jor	Schnepper William A	Wagner Dale A
Dawkins Glenn E	Hagen Gary L	Kistner Betty	Morrison James E	Schooley Lavona	Wallin Brian
Dawkins Warren	Hale Howard M	Kukowski Wally F	Morrison Richard	Schooley Rodney H	Wands Eldon
Deain Charles	Harrell Beth	Klingler Paul	Morton Mary	Schoreck Greg	Wascher Franke
Deain Roger L	Harrington Perry	Knucha Shirley A	Mt Carmel Sand & Gravel	Scott Cleotis	Watson Roger D
Degraftenried Dec	Harris Charles	Kollmann Betty	Mulvaney Clyde E	Second Little Prairie	Wattles Walter
Dehann Fred	Harris Walter	Kroeger Thomas	Mundy Joe	Senters Joseph L	Webb Cc
Dennis Edward L	Harrison Jay D	Kuhlig Dale	Neal Frank	Shadle Robert	Weccle Frances
Dorr Erwin	Hart Larry D	Kuhlig William L. (Estate)	Nease Bonnie	Shaffer Doug	Welty Paul H
Doty Kenneth D	Harvey Mark	L & S Truck Stop	Newby Wm H	Shaw Rita	Weston John
Drake Charles	Hasler Walter	Ladd Petroleum	Newton Don W	Shields L H	Wheeler Manus E
Dulaney Leona	Hatcher Faye	Lake Lloyd	Nichols Leonard J	Shock Wm H	Whelan Irvin
Dulaney William E	Haught William	Lake Roger	Niemeyer Brian L	Shoemaker Alan	White Billie L
Dunn William	Haun Edwin	Lambird G L	Nix Donald	Shular Cecil L	Whitely Carolyn
Eade Loren R	Harvad Allen	Lamkin Pauline	Norman Stephen	Siebert Gary F	Whitmer Darrell
Eade Patty	Hawkey Earl	Landreth John R	Northcutt Wm R	Sills Arthur L	Whittaker Roberts
Eaton H W	Hayes Lola	Lane Elmer C	Norton W F	Simpson Robert W	Whittingham R L
Eckelberry Bill	Haynes John	Lash Paul	Owens Wayne	Skelton Fred	Wilder Paul
Eckelberry Gary	Haynes Timothy C	Lawrence Farms	Parker John	Slater Don W	Wiley Richard
Edwards Doug	Hays Earlen A	Laycoax John A	Patterson Jim D	Smith Kevin D	Wilfong Carl D
English Eugene	Hayward Vivian G	Laycoax William	Patterson John	Smith Randy L	Wilkerson Larry
Enlow Richard	Hemphill Bros Hog	Leckrone Shirrell	Payne Carmon E	Smith Rodney	Wilkerson Wayne
Eubanks Ritchie D	Hendrickson Mary	Lee Gifford	Payne Donnie	Smith Thelma	Williams Albert
Fahler R W	Henson & Buckels	Lee Marion F	Payne Esther	Sorenson Helen	Williams Allen L
Farmer Vaughn	Henson John L	Lewis Clifford K	Payne Glenn A	Spencer Harold	Williams Pipe Line
Fatheree Bill	Henson Pd	Lewis Mike	Pearson George R	Spicer Eldon	Willis William H
Fatheree Don	Herdes & Wolfe	Lewis Ronnie S	Peavler Clarence	Spicer Leland	Willson Linden L
Fender Dale	Herley David F	Lewis Tom	Pemberton Wm L	Stanfield David L	Willson Lois
Ferguson Robert T	Higgason Loyde	Limes Tony	Penn Charles	Stanley Wayne I	Wilson Clyoe
Ferreira Clyoe	Higgins Robert	Lincoln Roger E	Persinger Tony	Starkey Robert	Wires Russell
Fisk Joseph	Hill William	Lindsey Sarah E	Peterson Carl	Steele Rt	Wise Mike
Fitzpatrick C	Hinkle Jerry	Logan Donald W	Peterson Rose	Stewart Bill	Wolf Henryr
Fleener Janet	Hinkle Lewis R	Logan Larry	Pettit Grace G	Stine William W	Wolfe Bernard
Fox Janis L	Hinkle Tommy D	Logue Lester L	Pfinster Jerry	Stitgen Steven J	Woll Albert A
Francis Erma C	Hoard Kent	Lude Elmer	Pickens Leon	Stortzum Arno H	Wood James D
Franklin Nolan	Hobler Donald A	Lude Lyndale	Pierce Larry G	Stortzum Charles L	Wood William H
Freeman James E	Hodges Donald	Luke Leona	Pierson James	Stortzum Kent	Woods Lawrenc O
Friedley Roy L	Hodges Fence Erectors	Luttrell Ronald	Pilcher Linda	Struble Georgia	Woomer Joe
Frost Harry	Hogan W H	Lytle Grover	Pobanz Frank	Stuart Thomas C	Wright Danny
Fulk Carl R	Hollinshead Mark	Malone Jeffreys	Polson Clifford	Sullens Max	Wright Hollis
Fulk Dale	Hollis Charles J	Marshall Bernard	Potter Clint Jsr	Sullivan Richard J	Wyatt Farms,
Fulk Mary R	Holman Robert	Marshall Vincent	Prater Johnny M	Sunderland Robert L	Wyatt John
Fuson Davide	Holmes Barbara K	Martin Charles F	Prudential Oil Co	Swanberg David V	Xenia Elevator
Galealvac	Hoskins Ben	Matlock Betty L	Pruitt James	Sweet Robert E	Yingst Glenn D
Garrett Gerald	Howard Jim			Tackitt Bob	



Stay safe during severe winter weather

Ice and other severe winter weather can result in power outages.

When severe winter weather hits, power outages can occur. Roadways can be dangerous. Do all you can to prepare your pantry, home and car for the next severe winter storm. Once you are ready, watch and listen for weather bulletins mentioning winter storms, blizzard warnings or wind-chill dangers.

Supplies for the storm

At home, have enough nonperishable food, water and medical supplies/medicines for 72 hours. The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggest storing one gallon of water per person per day. Have cell phones and chargers, as well as backup charger sources, ready. Gather important documents and medical records. Protect your pets and make sure you have enough supplies for them as well. Also have these items ready: a first-aid

kit, a flashlight and batteries, hand sanitizer, blankets and warm clothing.

Readying the house

Weatherproof your home ahead of winter by caulking windows and doors and looking for other air leaks that need attention. Inspect chimney flues for wood stoves or wood-burning fireplaces. Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on each floor of your home. Protect pipes from freezing.

Prepare your vehicle with an emergency kit

According to Consumer Reports, it can be cheaper to buy a prepared emergency kit than to purchase items individually. **1829-001** A kit typically includes battery booster cables, an ice scraper, a portable shovel, flashlights, a signaling cone, backup batteries for the flashlight, roadside triangles, a reflective vest, a basic first-aid kit (add

in what is needed for individual needs) and a cell-phone charger.

In addition, your car or truck should also be stocked with gloves, a blanket, a rain poncho, wipes, rags, boots and a hat. It cannot hurt to also have bottled water and nonperishable snacks in your vehicle in case you get stranded.

Prepare your vehicle

Complete annual maintenance, test the car battery and cooling system, use winter tires and replace them if the tread is less than 2/32 of an inch, check tire pressure and wiper blades, add wiper fluid rated for less than minus 30 degrees and keep the gas tank at least half full.

Know that when the power goes out, we work hard to restore it safely and efficiently. For more information about electrical safety or storm preparation, visit SafeElectricity.org.

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting **October 24, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Clay Electric Co-operative, Inc. (CECI) was held at the Clay Electric Co-operative Headquarters, Flora, Ill., beginning at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 24, 2022.

Trustees present were Bob Pierson, Neil Gould, Bill Croy, Kevin Logan, Richard Rudolph, Frank Herman, Frank Czyzewski, Josh Schnepfer and Evan Smith. Also present were CEO Matt Conklin and Attorney for the Board Tyra Cycholl. The meeting was opened by Bob Pierson, who presided, and Neil Gould, who acted as secretary thereof.

The invocation was given by Bob Pierson and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following proceedings were had [all action being first duly moved and seconded and all action taken being upon the unanimous vote of the Board or without dissenting vote of abstention unless otherwise stated]:

APPROVED, the Suggested Agenda.

APPROVED, the Consent Agenda including the following:

- **APPROVED**, the prior meeting minutes;
- **APPROVED**, (a) to admit to membership those applicants connected for service since the last such review by the board, and (b) cancel those former members shown on the Manager's Report since the last such review by the Board, said members no longer taking service;

REVIEWED, the Consent Agenda including the following:

- **REVIEWED**, the Work Orders;
- **REVIEWED**, the Disbursements;
- **REVIEWED**, the Credit Card Statements;
- **REVIEWED**, the Attorney Retainer;
- **REVIEWED**, the Account Summary Report;
- **REVIEWED**, the Federated Report from the Board.

APPROVED, purchasing Truck 12 replacement in 2022 budget and

moving wire trailer to 2023 budget.

APPROVED, repricing the CFC loan and resolution regarding same.

APPROVED, borrowing the entire amount for the Noble Construction Project now and ordering materials as soon as possible.

APPROVED, Policy 500-2 and 500-1 as presented.

REVIEWED, CRC cost increases.

REVIEWED, NRECA News.

HEARD, a report by Frank Herman regarding SIPC Board Meeting.

HEARD, a report by Kevin Logan regarding AIEC.

WERE UPDATED, on the Board Training.

DISCUSSED the proposed 2023 budget including:

- SIPC Power Costs;
- Capital Credits;
- Advertising and Donations;
- Capital Items;
- 2023 Budget.

HEARD and **APPROVED**, a financial report by Matt Conklin as to the following:

- UUS/ERMCO Rebate Check;
- Monthly Reconciliation;
- SIPC Power Delivered in September 2022;
- September 2022 Cash Flow;
- Line Loss;
- September 2022 Form 7;
- September 2022 Balance Sheet.

REVIEWED the Safety Report for the month of October.

REVIEWED, the Monday morning Safety meeting.

HEARD and **APPROVED**, the Manager's Report by Matt Conklin on the following topics.

- Neil Gould, Director Gold Certificate;
- Contractor Update;
- Operations Report;
- Communications Report;
- Upcoming meetings.

CONGRATULATED, Neil Gould upon earning the Gold Certificate for Directors.

HEARD an update on the contractor's progress.

REVIEWED, the Operations Report.

REVIEWED, the Communications Report.

WERE REMINDED, of upcoming meetings on Nov. 28, 2022, Dec. 27, 2022, Jan. 23, 2023, and Feb. 27, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. and Christmas Party on Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. **9966-002**


REVIEWED, a thank you card from the Clay County Farm Bureau.

There being no further business to come before the Board, said meeting was declared adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

MEMBER PRIZES

Every month we will have three member numbers hidden throughout Clay Electric News. If you find your member number that corresponds to the one found on the upper right corner of your bill, call our office and identify your number and the page it's on. If correct, you will win a \$5 credit on your next electric bill.

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