

Clay ELECTRIC News

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The Clay Electric Co-operative 74th Annual Meeting of Members

will be held **Thursday, August 23 at Oil Belt Christian Service Camp on the northwest side of Charley Brown Park on Old Hwy 50 west of Flora.**


Registration and meal begins at 5 p.m. and the **business meeting** starts at 6:30 p.m.

- A **pork chop or chicken dinner** will be provided.
- **Drawing for five \$100 bill credits** for five lucky members in attendance along with other prizes
- There will be a **mini health fair** conducted by Clay County Hospital and Clay County Health Department
- University of Illinois/Clay County Extension Office will have **kids events and projects**
- There will be activities and a **special drawing for kids age 15 and younger.**
- **A \$10 bill credit** will be given to each member that registers at the meeting



If you are a current member of Clay Electric Co-operative, please come and participate in your annual meeting.

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Groundbreaking ceremony for Clay Electric

A groundbreaking ceremony was recently held for the new headquarters of Clay Electric Co-operative, Inc. (CECI). Board members of the cooperative, Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives staff, employees, representatives of Clay County Water and the media were in attendance.

CECI Board President Richard Rudolphi and Ed VanHoose Executive Vice President/General Manager addressed those in attendance and reported that the cooperative board had spent the last four years planning for this day. "The old office building was at the point of spending more money for the repairs than it was worth. We are excited to get the project moving and completed to better serve the members" stated VanHoose.

A new office will be built in the same area as the old office location, and a new parking lot and drive-up window will serve the members much better than the old one. A geothermal HVAC system and much more efficient lighting will also be installed.



In the meantime, a temporary office trailer has been located across the road, to conduct business as usual. The projection for completion will be in early 2019.

CECI thanks the members for their patience during the construction of the new facility.

Clay Electric Co-operative office temporary location

Temporary office headquarters is the trailer across the street (North side of Old Hwy 50) during the construction of the new Clay Electric office.



Local students represent Clay Electric during the nationwide Youth to Washington Tour

What do you get when 71 students from 27 Illinois electric and telephone cooperatives join more than 1,800 of their peers across the United States? You get the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Youth to Washington Tour.

Five local students represented Clay Electric Co-operative during a trip to Washington, D.C. from June 8-15 as part of the annual Youth Tour.

The students toured Capitol Hill and met with U.S. Senator Dick Durbin and Congressman John Shimkus. The 2018 Youth Tour delegates from Clay Electric included Cali Wilson, Flora H.S.; Congressman Shimkus; Nick Miller, Clay City H.S.; Collin Moseley, Flora H.S.; Vivian Duquaine, Flora H.S.; and Angel Keller, Full Armor Christian Academy of Louisville.

They also visited historical and cultural sites including Arlington National Cemetery, the Supreme Court, Newseum, Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, a variety of memorials and the U.S. Capitol. Among fun activities the students enjoyed were the Marine Corps Sunset Parade, the Smithsonian Museums and an assembly of Youth Tour participants from across the nation.

During the trip, Collin Moseley was chosen by his peers to represent Illinois on the Youth Leadership Council (YLC) of the NRECA. The YLC is a year-long appointment, and Moseley will represent Clay Electric and the state's cooperatives at national and state meetings and events in the year ahead.



Pictured from left – Cali Wilson, Congressman John Shimkus, Nick Miller, Collin Moseley, Vivian Duquaine and Angel Keller.

“Youth Tour is a great opportunity that changes these students’ lives,” says Ed VanHoose, executive vice president/general manager of Clay Electric. “This experience helps prepare them for their futures. After touring our nation’s capital, meeting congressional representatives and learning firsthand how our government works, they return home with valuable knowledge and memories that will last a lifetime.”

Since 1964, the nation’s cooperative electric and telephone utilities have sponsored more than 60,000 high school students to visit Washington, D.C. To learn more about the Youth to Washington Tour, go to www.youthtour.coop.



Collin Moseley gives his speech in front of the Illinois Youth Tour participants. He was elected by his peers to represent Illinois as the Youth Leadership Council Representative.

We will be closed on Monday, September 3rd for Labor Day!

Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

Regular meeting May 29, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Clay Electric Co-operative, Inc. (CECI) was held at the principal office of the Cooperative, R.F.D., in Flora, Illinois beginning at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

Trustees present were: Frank Czyzewski, Bill Croy, Neil Gould, Frank Herman, Kevin Logan, Bob Pierson, Richard Rudolphi, Danny Schnepfer, and Greg Smith. Also present were: Ed VanHoose Executive V.P. General Manager, and Tyra Cycholl, CECI Attorney.

The meeting was opened by Richard Rudolphi, who presided and Greg Smith, Secretary, acted as secretary thereof.

The invocation was given by Greg Smith.

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 as amended, with moving item 31 to the end of the Agenda.

APPROVED removing the work orders from the consent agenda.

APPROVED the consent agenda as amended including the following:

REVIEWED, that the Board of Trustees hereby: (a) approve and admit to membership those 14 applicants connected for service since the last such review by the board, and (b) cancel those 12 former members shown on the Manager's Report since the last such review by the Board, said members no longer taking service.

APPROVED the April Disbursements.

REVIEWED the April credit card statements.

REVIEWED the April Attorney Retainer.

REVIEWED the Federated April Member update.

REVIEWED the 2017 NRECA Annual Report.

DISCUSSED and **APPROVED** doing away with printed Work Order Forms that are available electronically. **APPROVED** a list of work orders in the amount of \$48,217.36.

APPROVED the Depot as the Temporary Board Meeting location.

APPROVED Ed VanHoose as the CRC Annual Meeting Voting Delegate.

APPROVED Ed VanHoose as NCSC Annual Meeting Voting Delegate, and Bob Pierson as the Alternate.

APPROVED giving patronage capital credit due to CECI back to the CFC Integrity Fund.

HEARD a report by Gen. Mgr. VanHoose regarding the retirement of Capital Credits to the estates of 2 deceased Members. **APPROVED** the retirement of those Capital Credits pursuant to Cooperative Policy.

REVIEWED Attorney letter to the Attorney General regarding the Transformer issue with Bud Welch.

ADVISED of the CFC Forum Agenda for the upcoming meeting.

HEARD a preliminary report on the upcoming SIPC meeting by Trustee Herman.

HEARD a report by Kevin Logan on the recent AIEC meeting held in May.

HEARD a report regarding Lobby Day at Springfield.

REVIEWED the Legislative Update.

REVIEWED the Compensation and Benefit Survey.

REVIEWED the 2018 Rate Book. **INFORMED** of the final land purchase project.

REVIEWED a change order from Fager-McGee.

REVIEWED Federal and State tax filings.

HEARD a financial report by Manager VanHoose as to the following:

- April 2018 Form 7
 - April 2018 Cash Flow
 - SIPC Power Delivered in April 2018 dated May 7, 2018
- April 2018 Power Factor

- April 2018 Power Cost Adder
- April 2018 Line Loss
- Monthly Reconciliation
- Account Summary Report

HEARD a General Safety Report for May 2018.

REVIEWED Monday morning safety meeting sheet dated May 7, 2018.

REVIEWED the Federated Near Miss Report.

HEARD and **APPROVED** a report by Manager VanHoose as to the following:

- May Operations Report
- ICC NextGrid Working Group
- FEJA ComEd position
- Upcoming meetings

REVIEWED a Thank You Card from Vivian Duquaine, a Youth Tour Participant.

REVIEWED one Certificate of Insurance.

INFORMED that Exec. V.P./Gen. Mgr. VanHoose had graduated with his MBA.


APPROVED going into Executive Session.

APPROVED entering back into regular session.

APPROVED the Exec. V.P./Gen. Mgr. salary for 2018-19.

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Dear Clay Electric Cooperative Member,

Good News! Clay Electric Cooperative has partnered with Air Evac Lifeteam to offer you as a Clay Electric Cooperative Member the opportunity to join Air Evac Lifeteam’s Membership Program at a special “Members-only” discounted rate! Membership is now available through an affordable monthly billing plan or at an annual discounted rate.

Monthly Membership Fees added to your Clay Electric Cooperative Bill

\$5.00 – per household

Annual Membership Fees one time annual payment submitted directly to AEL

\$65 per household

As your local air ambulance, serving area residents from our surrounding bases, Air Evac Lifeteam understands the critical aspect of time in treating medical emergencies. For those of us living in rural America, our recovery can depend on how much time it takes to be transported to an emergency room. Air Evac Lifeteam can cut that transportation time **in half**.

An Air Evac Lifeteam membership offers significant money-saving benefits. In the event you are flown by Air Evac Lifeteam for a life or limb-threatening emergency, we will work with your benefits provider to secure payment for your flight. Whatever your benefits provider pays will be considered payment in full. Furthermore, your membership is valid in over 320 service locations in 38 states.

Air Evac Lifeteam is a member of the AirMedCare Network, the largest United States Air Ambulance Membership Network supported by more than 320 individual Emergency Air Ambulance Aircraft in 38 states. All AirMedCare Network service providers work cooperatively to provide the highest levels of care for you, your family, and your community.

Don’t wait any longer! You have heard about the Air Evac Lifeteam Membership and probably have intended to sign up. Now it’s easier and more affordable than ever! **Simply call Clay Electric Cooperative for an application.** It’s that easy! If you have additional questions about Air Evac Lifeteam’s Membership Program, please contact me.

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Sincerely,

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