

## Herman elected SIPC board president

**C**lay Electric Co-operative, Inc. (CECI) Board Member Frank Herman was elected to serve as President of the Board of Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC) at the SIPC Annual Meeting, held March 30, 2018. Herman serves on the SIPC Board representing CECI and was most recently Vice President.

Herman reported that over the past few years the SIPC Board of Directors has been concerned with wholesale rates and tasked management with finding ways to stabilize rates while providing reliable power in an environmentally friendly way. "It was a tall order, but SIPC's staff rose to the challenge," said Herman. "Don Gulley, President/CEO of SIPC, challenged his senior staff to significantly reduce operating and



*Pictured on left Frank Herman, CECI Director/SIPC Board President, right Don Gulley, SIPC President/CEO*

maintenance costs and, through a variety of measures, they managed to reduce costs without sacrificing other strategic priorities. We did

have to impose a 2.9 percent rate increase, but it was far better than the projected 10 percent increase."

**Our office will be closed  
Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>  
in observance of  
Independence Day.**

### 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.





## Temporary office move for Clay Electric Co-operative

**C**lay Electric Co-operative at 7784 Old Hwy 50 west of Flora is in the beginning phase of construction of a new office building. For over a year, the Board of Directors and staff have been planning the construction process. A temporary office trailer has been set up across the highway from the current building.


On May 29, 30 and 31, the office was closed so that we could move into the temporary facility. During this time, we will be unable to process payments. In addition, the online payment portal will be down. However, there will be an outside night depository at the temporary facility.

The old office will be torn down, and the new facility will be built in the same location. Truck maintenance facility, wire storage, and the pole yard will remain in the back of the office in the same location as well.

Plans are for the final construction to be completed by the beginning of 2019. In the meantime, beginning June 1, 2018, members may conduct business as normal at the temporary location just across from the old location on Old Hwy 50.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE!**

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**A**nually, the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives awards scholarships to High School Seniors that have applied. The scholarships are from the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives Memorial Scholarship program.

One of the major fund-raising events for the scholarship program is a silent auction where directors and employees can bid on items that are donated.

Locally, Clay Electric Co-operative has requested businesses to help with a donation for the auction. Rick Slaughter of Shirt Tales in Flora stepped up this year and donated a portion of the cost of a Green Mountain Pellet grill.

We would like to thank Rick for his generous donation.

If you have an idea or a donation for next year's silent auction, please call our office at 618-662-2171.

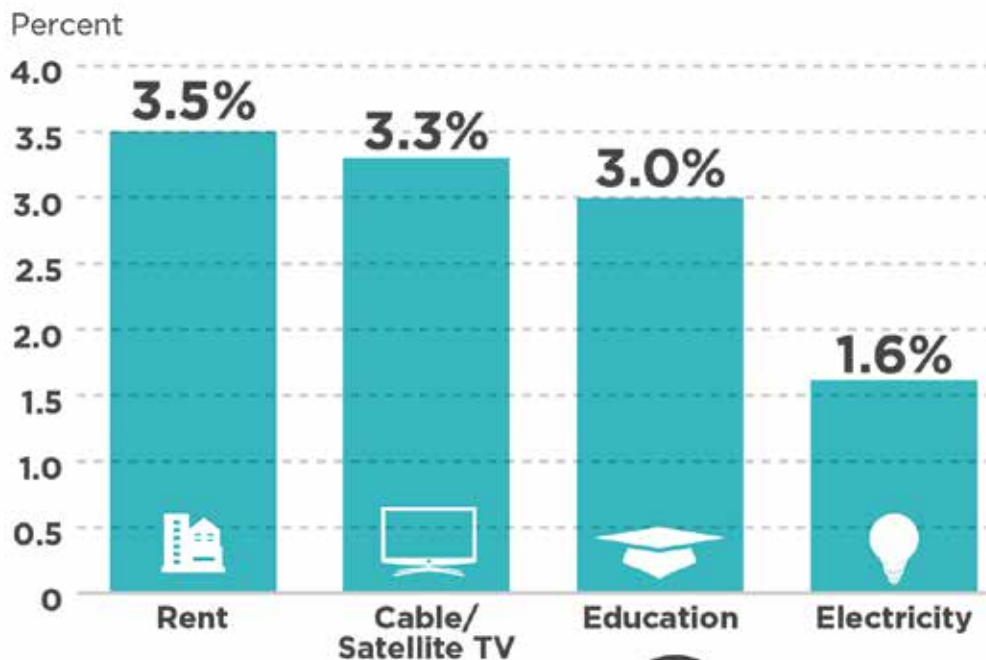


*L-R Ed VanHoose, Exec. V.P./General Manager of Clay Electric Co-operative, thanks Rick Slaughter, owner of Shirt Tales, for his donation.*

## ELECTRICITY REMAINS A GOOD VALUE

The cost of powering your home rises slowly when compared to other common expenses. Looking at price increases over the last five years, it's easy to see electricity remains a good value!

### Average Annual Price Increase 2012-2017



Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index



AMERICA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

# Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

## Regular meeting April 23, 2018

**T**he 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 Monday, April 23, 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, Tyra Cycholl, CECI Attorney, and Joshua Samples Account Executive, Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange.

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

The invocation was given by Frank Herman.

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 presented.

**HEARD** a report by Joshua Samples regarding the Cooperative Insurance Policies.

**DISCUSSED** Federated's coverage for Clay Electric. Thereafter Mr. Samples left the meeting.

**APPROVED** removing the minutes 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 8 former members shown on the Manager's Report since the last such review by the Board, said members no longer taking service.

**APPROVED**, the list of work orders in the amount of \$66,590.35.

**APPROVED** the March Disbursements.

**REVIEWED** the March credit card statements.

**REVIEWED** the March Attorney Retainer.

**REVIEWED** the NRECA Governance Report.

**REVIEWED** the NRCO Quarterly newsletter.

**DISCUSSED** amendments to the March Board Meeting minutes.

**APPROVED** the March minutes as amended.

**APPROVED** Richard Rudolphi as the AIEC Voting Delegate and Kevin Logan as Alternate.

**HEARD** a report by Gen. Mgr.

VanHoose regarding the retirement of Capital Credits to the estate of three deceased Members. **APPROVED** the retirement of those Capital Credits pursuant to Cooperative Policy.

After **DISCUSSION**, **APPROVED** the low bid for trenching with the condition that the new building project moves forward and the contract to purchase property is executed.

**APPROVED** the low bid for building the warehouse carport in the configuration as presented. **APPROVED** selling the old trusses.

**APPROVED** the purchase of a substation transformer from Virginia Transformer.

**APPOINTED** Kevin Logan as the AIEC Director and Richard Rudolphi as the Alternate.

**UPDATED** on the transformer issue with Bud Welch, Tyra Cycholl to follow up.

**UPDATED** on the NRECA Legislative Conference.

**ADVISED** of the CFC Forum.

**INFORMED** of the CFC

Interest payment

**HEARD** a report on the recent SIPC meeting by Trustee Herman.

**HEARD** a report by Kevin Logan on the AIEC financials as no meeting was held in April.

**REVIEWED** and **DISCUSSED** the bids for the new Clay Electric Office Building.

**APPROVED** building the new Clay Electric Office Building.

**APPROVED** the new 1.5" water tap.

**REVIEWED** Easements for primary power lines.

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

- a. March 2017 Form 7
- b. March 2018 Cash Flow
- c. SIPC Power Delivered in March 2018 dated April 5, 2018

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

**HEARD** a General Safety Report for April 2018.

**REVIEWED** Monday morning safety meeting sheet dated April 16, 2018.

**REVIEWED** the Federated Near Miss Report.

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

- a. AIEC Manger's Meeting
- b. ICC FEJA Ruling
- c. ICC Procurement request
- d. Xenia Fire Dept. request
- e. Upcoming meetings

**REVIEWED** one Certificate of Insurance.

**ADJOURNED**