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# From the Manager

rs November brings cooler weather and holiday preparations, we at Clay Electric Co-operative remain dedicated to safe, affordable service for our member-owners. Like other utilities, we face rising energy costs, infrastructure needs and regulatory shifts. This month's bill reflects rate adjustments from our recent Cost-of-Service Study, done with our lender every five years to ensure fair pricing across all classes.

The Service Availability Charge, once called the Facility Charge, covers fixed costs like poles, wires, labor, substations, transformers, equipment, etc. This charge helps cover the expense of providing our members with power 24/7/365. It rises by \$3 for all accounts to offset higher maintenance expenses. Raising this charge helps to ensure reliable service for our members. 14181-001

The study also calls for small energy rate increases for All Electric and

Grain Drying rates. These match the higher grid demands from heating, cooling and seasonal equipment, keeping costs balanced and equitable.

We are adding a Power Cost Adjustment starting on the November bill for October's usage. This fluctuating charge is currently absorbed by the cooperative each month on the power bill we receive from our power supplier, Southern Illinois Power Cooperative. Starting this month, we will be billing half the monthly PCA charged us by SIPC. Their mix of coal, gas, wind, solar and other sources sees variable fuel and market costs. By passing through a portion of this cost, we can ensure each member is being billed equitably for their contribution to cooperative system demand and energy usage.

These changes help fund investments like 205 new poles and 6 miles of wire this year, maintaining our 99.94% reliability. We know adjustments add pressure, but they secure our cooperative's future.

For water members: Attend the Clay County Water annual meeting on Dec. 2, 2025, at Floyd Henson Jr. High School in Flora. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m. Earn a \$10 credit on your next water bill.

Thank you for your support. Check the magazine's center section for your member number. Three are hidden in Clay Electric News; find yours and call for a \$5 bill credit.



Matt Conklin CEO



#### Clay County Water, Inc P.O. Box 555

Flora, IL 62839

#### CLAY COUNTY WATER, INC. **ANNUAL MEETING**

Monday, Dec. 2 @ 6 p.m.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.

Floyd Henson Jr High School 609 N. Stanford Road, Flora, IL

Members in attendance to receive a \$10 bill credit.



## **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

## **Unleashing the Power of OUR Community!**

Clay Electric Co-operative's Community Spotlight is featured in each issue of Illinois Country Living Magazine and on our Facebook page each Thursday.

If you have a community event you would like to see spotlighted, send your submissions to us by email at Admin@ceci.coop

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## **Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting** Sept. 22, 2025

he 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, Sept. 22, 2025.

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

The invocation was given by Neil Gould, 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.

HEARD, the Manager's Report on Safety including:

- The Monthly Safety Report;
- The Quarterly Safety Committee meeting;
- Monday Morning Safety meeting held Sept. 16, 2025.

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, CFC Report/ From the Board.

APPROVED, a resolution for a REDLG Loan to Clay City Fire Department.

At 7:15 p.m. approved entering into Executive Session. At 7:35 p.m. approved exiting Executive Session.

**APPROVED**, a resolution regarding executive compensation.

REVIEWED and APPROVED, policy revision to 500-1, 500-2, 500-4, 600-1, 600-2 and 600-3.

**UPDATED**, on CRC member issues and Patronage Capital Credit payment.

**UPDATED**, on NRECA issues. **HEARD**, a report by Bob Pierson regarding SIPC.

**DISCUSSED**, upcoming Board Training and Events including:

- NRECA BLC 947.1
- NRECA BLC 950

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

- Monthly Reconciliation;
- SIPC Power Delivered in August 2025;
- August 2025 Cash Flow;
- Line Loss;
- August 2025 Form 7;
- August 2025 Balance Sheet.

**REVIEWED**, the Cybersecurity Report.

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

- REDLG Loan Discussion;
- New Lineman applications;
- Non-Union insurance discussion;
- Illinois Treasurer ICash update;
- Replacement Digger Truck;
- Auditor Engagement;
- Operations Report;
- Communications Report;

Upcoming meetings.

DISCUSSED, REDLG Loan with Clay City Fire Department.

**DISCUSSED**, New Lineman applications.

DISCUSSED, Non-Union insurance.

**DISCUSSED**, Illinois Treasurer ICash recoupment.

WERE INFORMED, of an increase in the Replacement Digger Truck.

APPROVED, increasing the budget to pay for the Replacement Digger Truck.

**DISCUSSED**, Auditor Engagement, were satisfied with LWG.

**REVIEWED**, the Operations Report.

**REVIEWED**, the Communications Report.

WERE REMINDED, of upcoming meetings on Sept. 22, 2025, at 7 p.m., Nov. 24, 2025, at 3:30 p.m., Dec. 17, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. with the Christmas Party to follow, and Jan. 26, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. 12250-003

**REVIEWED**, a thank you card from the Gill Family.

There being no further business to come before the Board, said meeting was declared adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

