



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

ANNUAL MEETING 2018

The 78th Adams REC annual meeting of the members is now history. The business meeting opened this year with the invocation by Rev. Ron Baker, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and then the National Anthem by State Representative Doug Green. Doug once again delivered a fantastic performance, and it was awesome to hear the members singing along with him.

Board President Steve Huff then spoke about one of the things that makes a cooperative different — capital credits. Steve pointed out that unlike investor-owned utilities, our goal is not to make large profits to pay investors. A cooperative's goal is focused on improving quality and balancing the cost of providing safe and affordable electric service to our members. Any excess money that remains after expenses are deducted by the cooperative during the year, known as “margins,” is allocated to each member's capital credit account and paid out on a rotating basis, currently around 22 years. In 2017, a general retirement was made that covered a remaining balance for the year 1994 and a percentage of 1995, totaling \$418,953. In comparison, board meeting minutes from 1964 show approval of a capital credit retirement totaling \$28,783 for the years 1956 and 1957. Steve then thanked the employees for their service to the cooperative.

Then it was my turn at the podium for my 13th year to give the general manager's report. There have been

a lot of changes in those years, especially in the last few years. In 2017, we completed our new metering system, and that was what I like to call the “last piece of the puzzle.” The puzzle, so to speak, started in 2013 when we began to look at vendors for a new metering system, an inventory of our distribution system, and new digital mapping with the capability of adding an outage management system. The system inventory was completed by Davie Resource. They collected GPS coordinates for all poles, meters, and equipment locations and identified all wire sizes, transformer sizes, and other distribution materials. With that information, we created a digital mapping system, followed by an outage management system.

The new metering system was begun in June 2016 and completed in November of last year.

The new meters work hand in hand with the outage management system. All these new programs and systems work over a MultiSpeak format. This allows the meters, the mapping, the outage system, and our billing system to all talk and work together.



Bill Swango
GENERAL MANAGER

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Erika Ackley, manager of finance and administration, gave her report of the cooperative's financial condition. In 2017, the cooperative sold over 103 million kilowatt-hours and took in \$15.2 million in revenue. Erika also reported that the cooperative had a margin of over \$1.6 million for 2017 that was allocated to the members in March 2018.

This year marked Erika's 19th year with Adams REC. She highlighted some of the changes over those years, such as the document imaging system that replaced paper files, more ways to pay your bill, and the RemitPlus system that scans the checks and payment stubs, then posts the payments directly to the accounts.

"Change is inevitable," said Erika. "As I get older, I fully understand that. But I can appreciate the changes we have made in our systems to help better serve you, the member."

Thanks to all who attended the annual meeting and see you next year!

Capital credits retirements

Capital credits refunded to the estates of Adams Rural Electric Cooperative members for August 2018 totaled \$17,157.31. Estates paid in 2018 to date total \$95,816.90.

In case of the death of a member of Adams Rural Electric, contact Kimberly Smith or Alice Baird at 937-544-2305 or 800-283-1846.



Don't forget that Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, Nov. 4.

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OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH



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78th Annual Meeting

The 78th Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. annual meeting of the members was held at the Adams County Fairgrounds. As the members registered, they received an annual report and a ticket for a drawing for one of eight \$50 bill credits. Attendees also received a 42-ounce water jug, an Adams REC hat, and a filled book bag for each child.

Tami Graham of the Adams County Regional Medical Center provided health information and measured blood pressure for interested members. JT's Stovetop BBQ provided delicious pulled pork sandwiches.

Our guests included State Representative Doug Green; State Senator Joe Uecker; cooperative attorney and county court Judge Alan Foster; President and CEO of Ohio's Electric Cooperatives/Buckeye Power, Inc., Patrick O'Loughlin; Jeff McCallister, managing editor of *Ohio Cooperative Living*; Greg Caudill, CPA, of Caudill & Associates; and Jeff Newman, CPA. We have several retirees who joined us as well, including Theron Shoemaker, Gary Tolle, Faye Parker, and Dale Grooms.

Toward the end of the meeting, President Stephen Huff introduced Jeff Newman, CPA, to announce the results of the mail-ballot voting for trustees. 123950022

Re-elected for another three-year term are Blanchard Campbell, district 1, Kenneth McCann, district 5, and Stephen Huff, district 8.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this year's annual meeting a success!

Reminders

I would like to remind our members to update their mailing address and telephone number. We always try to contact you before we disconnect service. A valid phone number could make the difference in your power staying on or being shut off. A good mailing address helps to ensure that you receive your monthly bill, *Ohio Cooperative Living* magazine, ballots, and capital credit checks.

Daylight saving time ends on Nov. 4. As you make sure your clocks are turned back, it's also a good time to check your smoke alarms and replace their batteries.

As always, if you need information concerning the scholarship program, capital credits, calendar of events, or any other questions or comments about your cooperative, please contact me at 937-544-2305 or aliceb@adamsrec.com.



Elected board members: Stephen Huff, district 8; Kenneth McCann, district 5; and Blanchard Campbell, district 1



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 6** **41st Annual Miller's Anniversary Customer Appreciation Day** Miller Bakery & Furniture, 960 Wheat Ridge Road. Contact 937-544-8524.
- 12-14** **10th Annual Wheat Ridge Olde Thyme Herb Fair & Harvest Celebration** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 817 Tater Ridge Road. Fresh herbs, herbal products, food, crafts, antiques, live music, pumpkin cannon, antique tractors, and of course, pumpkins! Contact Kim Erwin at 937-544-8252.
- 27** **Urban Cowboy Reunion** Mickey and Johnny will perform at the Red Barn Convention Center. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. Concert is at 7 p.m. Contact 1-800-823-9197 ext. 121.

NOVEMBER

- 1** **Veterans Day Ceremony** 11 a.m. at the courthouse in West Union. Contact 973-544-5005.
- 17** **T.G. Sheppard** will perform at the Red Barn Convention Center. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. Concert is at 7 p.m. Contact 1-800-823-9197 ext. 121.
- 24** **Adams Country Christmas** on the courthouse square in West Union. Starts at 5:30 p.m., welcoming ceremony at 6:30 p.m.

PLEASE CALL IN YOUR OUTAGES

Do not use email or Facebook!

If you experience an outage, please call the office at **937-544-2305** or **1-800-283-1846**. If you post on Facebook or email your outage information, it could delay the restoration time. Emails and Facebook are not continuously monitored, especially in the evenings or on weekends.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Cooler temps are just around the corner! Is your home's heating system ready? Remember to replace furnace filters once a month or as recommended. If you heat your home with warm-air registers, baseboard heaters, or radiators, remember to clean them regularly to increase efficiency.

Source: energy.gov



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