



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



EAB?

Several years ago we started hearing about the emerald ash borer (EAB) and how it was devastating the ash tree population. The EAB, a native of East Asia, is smaller than a penny and has already devastated entire ash populations in northern cities such as Detroit, where it first appeared in 2002. Since then, the insect has swept into many states, and now we are seeing the effects of the bug here in our area.



Bill Swango
GENERAL MANAGER

There are an estimated seven billion ash trees in North America, and within the next few decades, the beetle could kill most of them, a die-off ten times bigger than the one caused by Dutch elm disease. In big cities, the ash species account for up to a quarter of trees in public spaces.

Here at the cooperative, in the last few months, we have seen an increase in outages and damage from ash trees. On an average, these trees grow to be between 40 and 60 feet at maturity, with some species reaching 80 feet in height. This presents a problem because most of these trees can be outside of our right-of-way and still fall into the power lines. This has been the case with some recent outages.

When driving on our local roadways you can see many of these trees that are already dead. As I was driving in the eastern part of Adams County and the western part of Scioto County, just the other day, I could see the evidence of these dead ash trees and how they are really beginning to show up. Google “ash trees” and it won’t take you long to read how devastating this insect has become in other parts of the country.

They state that there is an insecticide that can be used but that it has to be reapplied every few years, making it an expensive undertaking. We can only hope that some insect doesn’t start attacking other species like the oaks and maples that are so plentiful in our area.

See you at the annual meeting!



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Come out to your annual meeting

Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, is the date for this year's Annual Meeting of the Membership of Adams Rural Electric, which will be held during the day in the Administration Building at the Adams County Fairgrounds in West Union.

Registration

If you plan to attend, please send in the registration card that is attached in this issue of *Ohio Cooperative Living* magazine as soon as possible, so that we can get an attendance estimate to plan accordingly for the meal. When you note how many will attend, please include children age 17 and under who will be attending with you and will need a meal. **Child care will not be provided.**

Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. Once again, the Adams County Regional Medical Center will provide a health fair. Lunch will be provided from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with food prepared by JT's Stovetop Bar-b-que. You will receive meal tickets upon registration. **Meal tickets will be limited to two adults plus children.** If you bring other guests, you will be able to purchase a meal for a fee. The format of the meeting will remain the same, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Trustee election ballots

Ballots must be postmarked by August 17, 2018, to be valid. Members will be voting for one candidate in each of the three districts that are on the ballot this year. **We cannot accept the ballots at our office;** they must be sent in the pre-addressed envelope to a local CPA (certified public accountant). The CPA will make sure all ballots are valid by checking for any duplication and making sure the ballots include the member's signature. He will then be present at the annual meeting to announce the results of the voting. By participating in the voting process, you are letting your voice be heard. 1610003815

Capital credits retirements

Capital credits refunded to the estates of Adams Rural Electric Co-op members for May 2018 totaled \$7,704.76. Estates paid in 2018 to date total \$54,700.81.

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.

Director responsibility

One of the seven cooperative principles is "Democratic Member Control," which means that cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by the members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. The elected representatives, who comprise your board of directors, are accountable to the members. This principle of "one membership, one vote" allows you to express your ownership interest by voting for your trustees.

The Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., Amended Code of Regulations, Article IV, Section I, states: "The entire business and affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by a board of nine (9) trustees which shall exercise all of the powers of the Cooperative except such as are: by law, the Articles of Incorporation or this Code of Regulations conferred upon or reserved to the members."

It is the responsibility of the board of trustees to see that the cooperative remains financially stable in the midst of an economy that is fraught with uncertainties. The trustees must continually look ahead to anticipate the needs of the membership, such as the building of new substations, replacement of damaged or outdated equipment, lines, poles, etc. They must keep abreast of changing legislation, rising costs, and new technology in order to make decisions that will keep the cooperative not only financially viable, but also able to supply the best electric service possible to the membership. Each trustee is also a member/owner of the cooperative; therefore, he or she also has a personal interest in its management and growth. Any decision that is made by the board of trustees affects each of them the same as the rest of the membership.

If you need information concerning the annual meeting, scholarship program, capital credits, calendar of events, or any other questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at the office. Just ask for Alice.

See you at the annual meeting!

PLEASE CALL IN YOUR OUTAGES



Do not use e-mail or Facebook, as they are not continuously monitored.

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



ADAMS RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE LOCAL PAGES

ADAMS RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. BALANCE SHEET

Years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016
(Based on audited financial statements)

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Total Utility Plant	\$41,702,645	\$41,495,084
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(12,600,059)	(12,614,537)
Net Utility Plant	<u>29,102,586</u>	<u>28,880,547</u>
Cash	79,358	54,461
Investments	7,921,891	7,423,665
Accounts Receivable — Electric Sales	1,762,076	1,712,613
Materials and Supplies — Electric	337,771	357,174
Other Deferred Debits	382,922	491,872
Other Current and Accrued Assets	471,837	449,925
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$40,058,441</u>	<u>\$39,370,257</u>
LIABILITIES		
Debt-RUS,CFC, and FFB	\$18,251,367	\$18,837,497
Obligations under Capital Leases	344,260	325,825
Current and Accrued Liabilities	2,400,297	2,165,539
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>20,995,924</u>	<u>21,328,861</u>
Total Margins and Equity	18,783,565	17,844,027
Non-operating Margins	278,952	197,369
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$40,058,441</u>	<u>\$39,370,257</u>

ADAMS RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016
(Based on audited financial statements)

	2017	2016
INCOME		
Operating Revenue	\$15,254,762	\$15,958,044
Interest	283,957	211,734
Other Revenue and Patronage Capital	746,582	419,186
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$16,285,301</u>	<u>\$16,588,964</u>
EXPENSES		
Cost of Power	\$8,548,067	\$9,093,810
Operations and Maintenance Expense	2,031,478	1,729,341
Administrative and General Expense	800,634	860,179
Consumer Accounting Expense	599,765	585,504
Customer Service and Sales Expense	47,350	47,896
Depreciation Expense	1,297,742	1,397,815
Tax Expense	466,063	492,239
Interest Expense	869,739	845,299
Miscellaneous Expense	8,504	8,328
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$14,669,342</u>	<u>\$15,060,411</u>
PATRONAGE CAPITAL AND MARGINS	<u>\$1,615,959</u>	<u>\$1,528,553</u>

(A complete copy of the audited financial reports is available upon request)



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

- 3–4 **Manchester River Days 2018.** There will be rides and entertainment for the whole family! Fireworks on Aug. 4. 937-779-7818 .
- 4 **River Rats Poker Run.** Pre-registration starting the week before. Fireworks at dark over the Ohio River at Manchester! 937-217-3000.
- 11 **Bobby Bare** 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.
- 18 **Adams, Brown, and Highland Counties' Walk to End Alzheimer's.** Adams County Fairgrounds. Registration at 9 a.m. Walk at 10 a.m. — 1 mile. To donate or register, visit www.alz.org/walk or call 513-632-3827 or toll-free 1-800-272-3900.
- 18 **The Oak Ridge Boys** 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.
- 24–26 **Winchester Homecoming Festival.** Hosted by Winchester Caramel Festival. Contact Patsy Roberts at 937-403-1315.
- 25 **Archaeology Day at Serpent Mound.** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Celebrating Ohio's rich American Indian legacies. Free with \$8.00 parking fee. Rain or shine. www.arcofappalachia.org 1-800-752-2757.
- 25 **David Allan Coe** 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.
- 25 **11th Annual Cowboy Copas Memorial Concert.** 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center in Blue Creek. Food will be served and a cake auction will be held. Contact Mary Fulton at 937-587-2043 or Lynne Newman 937-587-3358.



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