



Rural HIGHLIGHTS

Local News from Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative

Tim Hemberger promoted to Manager of Operations & Maintenance

On April 16, Tim Hemberger officially became the Manager of Operations & Maintenance. In 1986, Tim was hired for the Warehouseman position before starting his lineman apprenticeship. He has been a journeyman lineman for most of his 32 years at the cooperative.

The Auburn native has always been involved in the community. Tim taught hundreds of children and adults the importance of electrical safety and conducted CPR and first aid training for RECC employees. He also volunteered to participate in the NRECA International program that brought electricity to rural areas of the Dominican Republic.

In 2014, he went on to earn his NRECA supervisory certificate. The longtime journeyman lineman will use his knowledge and experience to lead the department after the retirement of Lou Delaby. Congratulations Tim!



"I am looking forward to serving the membership in my new role as Manager of Operations & Maintenance," said Tim Hemberger (right) with Congressman John Shimkus.



Mark your calendars for the annual meeting on June 7

Location: Glenwood High School

Registration: 5:00 p.m.

Meeting: 6:50 p.m.



Purchasing, Design and Construction Technician Martin Hinton will retire June 1, 2018



Martin began his RECC career in 1995 with member services, but he spent his last 18 years as a field engineer in operations. His duties included staking, construction design and purchasing. In addition, Martin acquired several other

responsibilities such as turbine monitor, key account representative, primary solar contact and rate analyst. Martin served nearly 10 years in the United States Air Force and is a life member of the VFW, Springfield's Post 10302.



Enjoy your retirement, Martin!

Retirements bring change to RECC



President/CEO David Stuva, Warehouseman Dave McCarty and GIS/Mapping Technician Chris Bridges

With the upcoming retirement of Martin Hinton, current RECC employees will assume additional responsibilities. Flexibility is how small cooperatives get things done. As the saying goes, "We wear many hats."

Chris Bridges, GIS/Mapping Technician, will provide staking and design for new and upgraded services. Chris will also assume other temporary duties until the vacancy is filled. As of June 1, Warehouseman Dave McCarty will also take on the role of purchasing agent.

Dave's duties recently expanded last year when our in-house mechanic retired. RECC job descriptions are fluid and all roles will be filled, at least until the next retirement.

Nominating committee selects candidates

The RECC Nominating Committee met on March 8, 2018 and has chosen candidates for the board of directors in districts 7, 8 and 9 for elections to be held at this year's annual meeting. The committee nominated the three incumbent directors who are seeking re-election in their districts for three-year terms. They are:

District 7

Andy Goleman
1248 E. Divernon Rd
Divernon, IL 62530

District 9

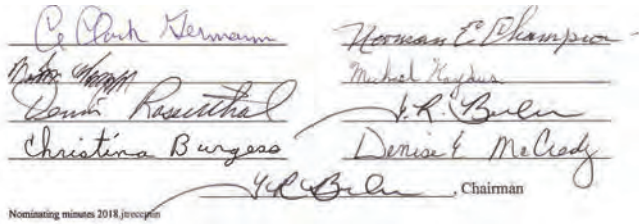
Cassie L. Eigenmann
11767 Hurricane Timber Ln.
Modesto, IL 62667

District 8

Lou Weitekamp
3253 Illinois Rt. 48
Raymond, IL 62560



Pictured front left: Christina Burgess, Melvin Wempen, Norman Champion and Denise McCrady. Back left: Dennis Rosenthal, C. Clark Germann, Michael Kaydus and Todd Becker



The nominations have been posted at the Auburn office, as stipulated in the co-op's bylaws. Other candidates may be named by petition for a district, signed by 15 or more members in that district. Petition forms are available from the co-op office in Auburn and must be returned by May 8 (30 days before the Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for

June 7). Any persons nominated by petition will be included in the 2018 Annual Meeting Notice, to be printed in the June edition of the Illinois Country Living magazine. Biographical information and a statement from each candidate will also be printed in the notice.

Thank you to these members for their time and interest in the cooperative's election process and to the candidates who are willing to work for the benefit of all RECC member-owners!



May is National Electrical Safety Month



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Cooperative communicators cover many topics

RECC hosted the Cooperatives Communicator Committee (CCC) meeting on March 21 at the cooperative headquarters in Auburn. Member Services Liaison Sandy Lex and Manager of Member Services Jeff Lancaster discussed the many changes taking place at our cooperative. Some of the topics included the NextEra power contract, rebates, geothermal

tax incentives, empowerment grants, scholarships and community involvement.

The CCC consists of two couples from each of the nine districts in our service territory. The meetings are part of RECC's effort to keep the membership informed of cooperative activities. The group meets three times a year at various locations.



Sandy Lex, Member Services Liaison, speaks with communicator group



Our office will be closed Monday, May 28, for Memorial Day.