



Rural HILIGHTS

Local News from Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative

RECC President/CEO announced



The board has selected Sean Middleton as the cooperative's new president/CEO. Sean's tenure will officially begin on Jan. 19, 2023, following the retirement of David Stuva, who held the position for 23 years.

"On behalf of the RECC board, it is my privilege to announce the appointment of Sean Middleton as president/

CEO," said Melvin Repscher, chairman of the RECC board. "As a board, we feel we have found the right person to lead RECC and steward our cooperative into the future. Sean is a proven leader with a wealth of cooperative and industry experience, and we have total confidence in his leadership.

"This is a significant time in RECC's history, and I look forward to working closely with Sean as he provides

direction to RECC and our employees," Repscher added.

Sean Middleton is a registered professional engineer who holds a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Bradley University and an MBA from the University of Illinois Springfield. He recently served as director of strategy and operations for Finley Engineering, where he championed cooperative and municipal client causes throughout the nation by solving smart grid and other technology challenges.

Sean has co-op experience, too. He was the manager of engineering at Illinois Electric Cooperative in Winchester, Ill. For more than 23 years, he led all new technology and innovation pursuits for RECC's neighboring cooperative.

"It is a tremendous honor to be appointed president/CEO of RECC," said Sean Middleton. "RECC has been providing reliable electric service for cooperative members in central Illinois since 1937. The opportunity to lead an iconic company that plays such a vital role in central Illinois, where I grew up, is truly humbling. I am excited to step into this new role and build on our historic legacy while actioning our vision for the future."

Retirement reception: Members and guests invited



David Stuva

Help us celebrate their retirement!



A reception will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023.



*RECC Auburn Office
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.*



Sandy Lex

Transformer Installation Honey Bend Substation



On Nov. 2, line crews replaced the Honey Bend transformer near Litchfield. The equipment had been on order for months due to the supply chain issues that have hindered the electrical industry. RECC had been using a temporary transformer provided by MJM Electric Cooperative since the failure occurred on Feb. 20, 2022.

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Place space heaters on stable surfaces and make sure clothing, papers, and other combustible items are at least 3 feet away from portable heaters.



COMMON CAUSES

of HOME ELECTRICAL FIRES



An average of 346,800 home fires occur every year, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Electrical issues (either failure or malfunction) account for 46,700 of those fires.

Common Causes

The most common causes of electrical fires are incorrectly installed wiring; overloaded circuits or extension cords; defective or improper plugs, switches or outlets; and the misuse or poor maintenance of lighting.

Warning Signs

Know the signs that indicate a possible wiring or electrical problem. These include flickering or dimming lights; discolored cords, outlets or switch plates; switches or outlets that are hot to the touch or emit an odor; and recurring blown fuses and tripped circuit breakers.

Prevention

Hire a qualified electrician to examine and repair any electrical issues in your home. Do not take on do-it-yourself electrical projects if you are not qualified.

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Sources: NFPA, The Hartford