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A monthly publication for members of Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative

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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS



Southwest Iowa REC has hired Davey Resource Group (DRG), of Alpharetta, Georgia, as a subcontractor to perform a complete field inventory of all of Southwest Iowa REC's electric distribution system. This will require physically visiting each pole, meter, and pad-mounted device that Southwest Iowa REC owns covering its entire service territory.

DRG began its work in January 2022. Should you have any questions, please call our office at 888-220-4869 for assistance.

Complaints Resolution Process

Southwest Iowa REC makes every effort to resolve all complaints brought to its attention. You can contact us at:

1801 Grove Avenue, Corning, Iowa 50841
1502 W South Street, Mount Ayr, Iowa 50854
415 Broad Avenue, Stanton, Iowa 51573
Or you can call (888) 220-4869.

If your complaint is related to service disconnection, safety or engineering standards, or renewable energy and Southwest Iowa REC does not resolve your complaint, you may request assistance from the Iowa Utilities Board by calling (515) 725-7321, or toll-free 1-877-565-4450, by writing to 1375 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50319-0069, or by email to customer@iub.iowa.gov.



Mark your calendars for
Thursday, September 8, 2022
for this year's
**Southwest Iowa REC
Annual Meeting!**



CEO's COMMENTS:

Are You Ready to Serve?

In one of the most notable inaugural speeches given, John F. Kennedy spoke his famous words, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." His inspiring words urged Americans to take actions that benefited the greater good. In essence, Kennedy was saying our country thrives when we all contribute our talents to the common good. On a smaller scale, I think the same can be said about our co-op, specifically with regard to our board members. Southwest Iowa REC's board members are community-minded individuals with a variety of skill sets. We rely on their many talents to help us make informed decisions on long-term priorities and investments. Our directors live right here in the co-op's service area, and we consider them the eyes and ears of the community because they provide their perspective on important community issues. We recognize it takes many people with different skills to create a well-rounded board that can represent the full spectrum of our community. That's why when we're seeking new directors, we want folks with diverse perspectives, experience, expertise and views. We're seeking local members of our community who can apply their unique talents to benefit all our friends and neighbors. But above all else, we're looking for folks who love our community and want to see it thrive now and in the future.

What does it mean to serve on the board?

Serving on Southwest Iowa REC's board means you're making a difference locally, using your individual talents and perspective to guide big decisions about the co-op that in turn benefit the larger community. While day-to-day decisions are made by co-op staff, major decisions are made by the board, whose mission is to look out for the vitality of the co-op and the community it serves. On a granular level, Southwest Iowa REC board members typically provide input and guidance on:

- budgets
- co-op goals and direction
- co-op's community/charitable contributions
- capital investments and upgrades in equipment and technology
- renewable investments and energy mix
- co-op's role and involvement in economic development

The energy industry is undergoing a major transition. Technology advancements and increased consumer preference for more renewable energy is driving change. Southwest Iowa REC is facing big decisions, and board members have an opportunity to help chart a course for our future. To serve the community best, we need input from a wide range of people that represent the broad spectrum of views within community.

Opportunity to serve

Southwest Iowa REC's board elections will be held at the annual meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2022. Members will have the opportunity to vote by mail ahead of the meeting or in person at the meeting.

While you don't need to be an expert in electricity or business to run, you do need to have a passion for the community and a willingness to actively serve and learn. We're looking for individuals who can represent the full gamut of the members we serve. Our board meets on a regular basis, and we offer specialized training opportunities to help board members make informed decisions. Board members gain a deeper understanding of the electric utility industry, the cooperative business model and local economic development efforts.

Ultimately, our board is the community pulse for the co-op and helps keep us on the right track. We love our community and want to help it thrive. If you share the same commitment and want to contribute to the greater good in a tangible way, I hope you'll consider running for a board position. More details about Southwest Iowa REC's director election process for 2022 will be published in future newsletters.



Phil Kinser

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Help us Find these Former Members

We are looking for the following former members of the cooperative. This month, we will be showing names listed A-J and next month we will do K-Z. These members have patronage checks at our offices. If the member is deceased, we would like to have a family member contact us with estate information so we can refund their patronage. Thank you for your help.

A New Beginning	Bell, Jeff	Brott, Jeff	Crees, Jason	Echternach, Mike J	Gannon, Lori	Hill, Mary L
Abbott, Dustin A	Bender, Gerald	Brown, Van	Crees, Mary	Elliott, Alice	Garber, Patricia A	Hoffman, Jack
Adams, Michelle	Benedict, Holly	Bryant, Paul	Creighton, Dustin	Enarson, Richard	Gehrts, James	Holden, Daryl
Allen, Lindsay K	Benshoof, Kelly	Bryant, Sondra K	Crestland	Fairchild, Dorothy	Geraldine M Laughin	Holland, Ronald B
Almquist, Gary	Bergen III, Bernard"Joe"	Burg, Gary	Cooperative	Farms, Hmr	Estate	Hollesen, Norman D
Andersen,	Berry, Neil	Butcher, Beckie	Crill, Oscar	Farms, Means	Gilbreath, Chuck	Houston, Richard
Christopher & Sherry	Black, Berdina	Byriel, Jo	Cronbaugh, Marvin	Fay, Mearl	Gilleland, Larry C	Howard, Lori
Anderson, Chris	Blair, Duane	Calkins, Ethel	Crow, Curtis G	Faux, Everett	Gillson, Gerald	Hoyt, John
Anderson, David C	Blake, Jeffrey &	Camden, Ronnie	Cunning Company	Feilen, Don	Glassinger, Danny	Hummell, Irma G
Anderson, James F	Shannon	Campbell, Doyle	Current, Chas	Felts, Tim	Goodnight, Rick	Hunt, Sanford
Anderson, John W	Shannon	Campbell, Lauren	Curtis, Steve	Fenimore, Rick E	Goodvin, Adam	Hutton, Robert
Anderson, R P	Blay, Brenda L	Carlson, Alex	Dale, Louva G	Fichter, James L	Gray, Edward Or	Jackson, Logan
Anstey, W Edward	Bleecher, Christine	Carlson, Russell	Damewood, Donald	Filkins, Evelyn G	Maria	Jaecle, Gary
Archer, Justin	Booge, Vincent H	Chrislip, Jon C	Darden Jr, Henry H	Fleming, Misty	Gray, Russ	Jahn, Susan
Armstrong, Niel	Boone, Melissa	Christensen, Kenny	Darden, Kathryn S	Fletcher, Brett	Greelis, Jerry	James, Eric
Arnold, Rick E	Bordenaro, Judi	Christensen, Tom	Darling, Ronald	Flowers, Rebecca	Griggs, William F	James, Gary
Bacon, Jean	Bowman, Josh	Clark, Jeffry T	Davenport, Frank E	Foggia, Gene	Grim, Harriet	James, Marie
Baker, Miles T	BP Products North	Clark, Robert E	Davis, Clyde A	Foreman, Don	Grimes, Darlene	Jefferson, William D
Barker, Christy	America Inc.	Cole Airport	Davis, Cynthia	Frame, Floyd	Gruber, Adam K	Johannes, Shirley
Barton, Jim & Bonnie	Brees, Deana &	Cole, Andrew &	Diggs, Dee	Frederickson, Matt	Gut, Tammy &	Johnson Farm
Bates, Douglas M	Darlene	Peggy	Dolecheck, Leland	Freeman Family Trust	Robert	Company
Bates, William D	Brees, Deane	Collom, Lee	Doyen Jr, Clement J	Frost, Larry S	Hagen, Johnathan	Johnson, Allison &
Bauer Sr, Frank	Briant, Robert E	Colwell, Wendy	Doyle, Donnie J	Fuqua, Doug	Hagenkord, Gary	Luke
Bayer, Eugene	Briggs, Audria	Connet, Dawn	Drake, Nathan A	Gadino, Nick	Hale, Robert	Johnson, Andrew L
Beedle, Robert	Briner, Lisa	Cook, Carolyn R	Dunkeson, Bill	Gage, Curtis E	Hamilton, Darren	Johnson, Laurie
Beemer, Brannen	Brokaw, Phyllis	Cook, Terrance	Dwyer, Charles	Gallup, Scott &	Hamilton, Marti	Johnson, Mark P
Bell, David	Broshar, Floyd	Cooper, Janet	Eads, Tom	Melinda	Harrington, Danette	Johnson, Mark,
					Harris, Richard D	Robert & Joan
					Hartman, Theresa	Johnson, Mervyn
					Hartsook, Jim	Johnson, Phillip A
					Hatfield, Sandra	Johnston, Matt
					Hayes, Mary	Jones, Chas & Leota
					Hays, Virgil	Jones, Chas E
					Helton, Lynn	Jones, David
					Henderson, J R	Jones, Scott
					Herrold, Hubert	Jorgensen, Marvin
					Hewitt, James R	Joynes, Barbara
					Hickman JR, Ralph	
					Hickman SR, Ralph	

List continues next month.

Changes to Southwest Iowa REC's Outdoor Lighting Program

For many years, Southwest Iowa REC has installed a cooperative-owned outdoor light for its members on the meter pole. These lights have been provided, maintained and replaced at no additional cost to the member other than the cost of the electricity registered through your electric meter.

Effective January 1, 2022, Southwest Iowa REC switched from installing 150-watt high-pressure sodium light fixtures to 50-watt LED light fixtures whenever a new light is installed or a repair to your existing non-LED light is needed. We will not upgrade you to the new LED light until your existing light stops working.

A \$5.00 monthly rental charge will be charged per light installed after January 1, 2022, and the energy consumed by the light will continue to be registered through your electric meter and billed accordingly. Southwest Iowa REC will continue to maintain and replace these LED lights, as necessary, at no extra charge to its members on the rental program. LED lights are very energy efficient and your monthly cost to have one (rental charge plus energy usage) will be between \$6.50 to \$7.50. This change is expected to be revenue neutral for the cooperative or result in a slight decrease in cost overall for our members.

We will no longer repair or replace your existing cooperative-owned outdoor light fixture with anything other than the LED light. Members that choose not to participate in the cooperative's LED rental lighting program, may opt to purchase an LED light from Southwest Iowa REC plus installation. Please contact the cooperative for the cost to buy an LED light and have it installed. Southwest Iowa REC will not install any outdoor lighting that has not been purchased through it and all costs to maintain and replace a member-owned light will be billed at time and material as applicable.

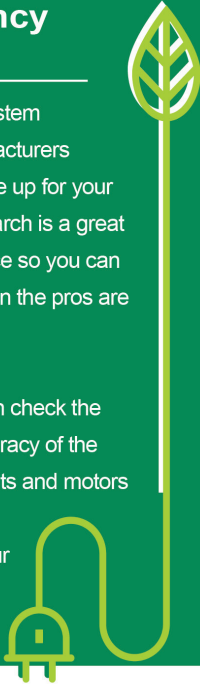


Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When was your cooling system last serviced? Most manufacturers recommend an annual tune up for your home's cooling system. March is a great time to schedule this service so you can beat the summer rush when the pros are busiest.

A qualified professional can check the amount of refrigerant, accuracy of the thermostat, condition of belts and motors and other factors that can impact the efficiency of your system.

Source: Dept. of Energy



Cavatini

- 3 cups uncooked pasta (3 different shapes)
- 1 lb. ground beef, browned & drained
- 1 (4 oz.) pkg. pepperoni slices, cut in half
- 1 (4 oz.) can sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1 (4 oz.) can sliced black olives, drained
- ½ cup diced green pepper
- 1 sm. chopped onion (opt.)
- 1 (30 oz.) jar regular Prego spaghetti sauce
- 1 (6 oz.) can tomato paste
- 1 (16 oz.) can tomato sauce
- ½ cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese



Cook pasta until tender and drain. Mix all the ingredients, except mozzarella cheese, together and heat through. Add cooked pasta. Place in a sprayed 9x13 inch pan. Bake, covered for 1 hour 15 minutes at 350°. Add mozzarella cheese on top; return to oven, uncovered, until cheese melts. Makes 8 to 10 large servings. This freezes well. Thaw and bake 1 ½ hours. Can also make separate servings in cavatina dishes.

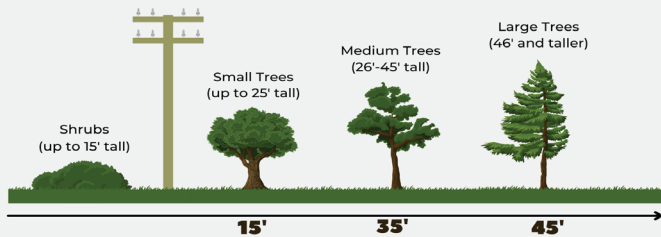
WINTER MORATORIUM ENDS APRIL 1, 2022

For those members who are on energy assistance or have a past-due electric bill – please remember that you need to contact the REC office before April 1, 2022 to make payment arrangements on your past-due bill to avoid disconnection of your electric service.



Plant the RIGHT TREE in the RIGHT PLACE

The larger the tree, the farther it should be from a power line. Avoid planting beneath power lines, near poles or close to electrical equipment.



Remember, know what's below by calling 8-1-1 before you dig.

Learn more at: [Safe Electricity.org](https://www.SafeElectricity.org)



April 11, 2022

LINWORKER APPRECIATION DAY

We thank lineworkers for their courage and commitment to powering our community.

2022 Energy Efficiency & Beneficial Electrification Program Delivery Costs = \$.0028/kwh



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