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Building momentum for energy efficient housing



Pictured above: Steven Grace, Daniel Leonard of Munyon Plumbing & Heating, and Tim Pfeiffer.

More than 200 building industry professionals and Iowa electric co-op staff attended the 2020 Momentum is Building conference, held Feb. 6-7 in West Des Moines.

Sponsored by the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of Iowa, the annual conference promotes residential energy efficiency building concepts and provides valuable CEU training for electricians, plumbers and HVAC

professionals. This year, 20 vendors and exhibitors attended the conference to share new trends and products related to residential energy efficiency. The conference also serves to educate the next generation of professionals as several construction students from Indian Hills Community College and Iowa Central Community College attended.

Sandra Adomatis of Adomatis Appraisal Services stressed the importance of properly marketing energy efficient homes in her general session keynote to the group. "Promoting energy efficiency housing is a group effort that requires support from utilities, builders, lenders, appraisers and realtors," she noted.

The annual conference is managed and organized by Iowa's generation and transmission cooperatives, including CIPCO, which supplies power to Southwest Iowa REC.



ATTENTION!!!

We have been taking all necessary precautions to assure the safety of our members, employees and communities during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. As of March 17th, our offices were temporarily closed to the public but staff is working and we will continue to serve your needs and process payments. We realize that many of our members will be affected by this pandemic emergency so we encourage you to contact us to discuss your situation and make payment arrangements. For updates and notifications, please visit our Facebook page, website (www.swiarec.coop) or call our offices (888-220-4869).



Pictured above: Denise Hallquist, Cacey Quick, Sarah Newton, Suzy Olson, Wendy Wimer, and Marilyn Rubel.

Administrative Professionals Day is April 22nd

THANKS TO OUR ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS!

CEO's COMMENTS:

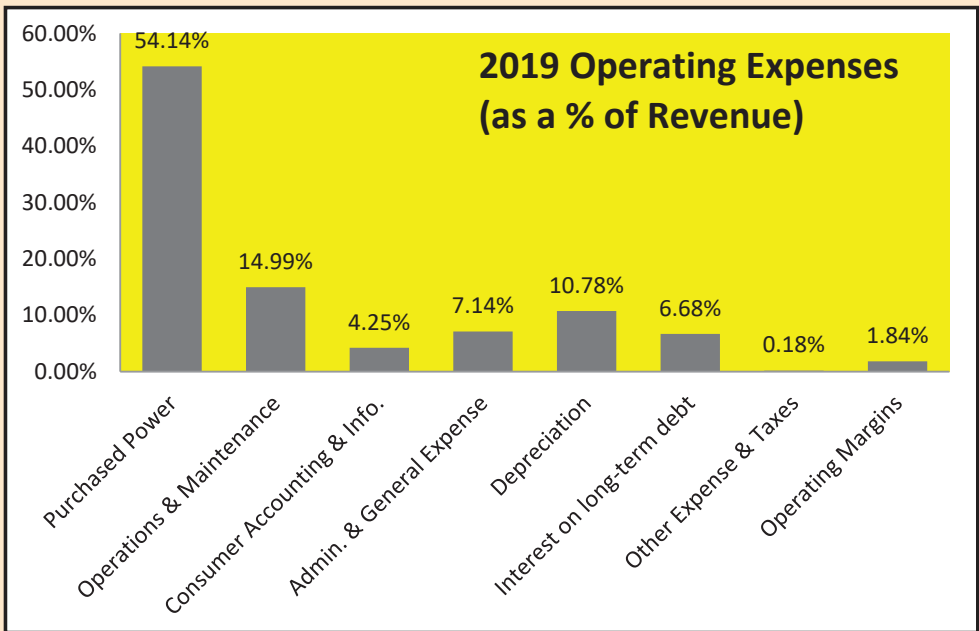
Cooperative Audit Completed for 2019

No Price Increase Projected in 2020 Operating Budget



Phil Kinser

The annual, independent financial audit of your cooperative's 2019 financial records was recently completed resulting in a clean, favorable audit opinion. The financial performance of your Cooperative in 2019 was very good and we were able to exceed all of the requirements placed upon us by our lenders. Kilowatt-hour sales for 2019 were 5.55% above budget and .53% more than 2018. Operating costs were \$7,063 below budget (excluding purchased power) and operating margins exceeded budget by \$184,601. Member equity improved from 43.95% in 2018 to 44.09% at the end of 2019 and \$346,649 of member patronage capital was refunded during the year. The following table shows where the money we collected from you was spent in 2019:



The Operating Budget for 2020 does not include any increase in the base price you pay for your electricity. The cost of wholesale power we purchase from Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO) is also projected to be slightly less than 2019 so the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) portion of your monthly electric bill should reflect that as well. In 2019, the average PCA applied (excluding electric heat sales) was (\$.0066) per kilo-watt hour resulting in member electric bill credits of \$580,153.97 which helped to lower your overall cost of electricity.

The Cooperative's ten-year financial forecast model was updated in December 2019. With all of the information available to us today, we anticipate a modest price increase being needed in the 2022/2023 timeframe. Our forecast is updated annually so we can refine our projections due to current conditions.

Sales during the first few months of 2020 have been below budget due to relatively mild weather. Our crews have been concentrating on vegetation management (tree trimming and removal), finishing construction projects started in 2019, line inspection and maintenance, mapping updates, preparing material orders for new construction projects and development of our next four-year construction work plan.

The 2020 Operating Budget includes \$2,147,290 in electric system upgrades and improvements to be completed by our line crews. These upgrades and improvements will finish out our 2017-2020 Construction Work Plan. A new Construction Work Plan for 2021-2024 is currently under development. We have also budgeted \$1,964,772 for ongoing operations and maintenance programs including vegetation management, pole inspection, transformer and breaker maintenance, general line maintenance and security light maintenance. All of our programs are designed to continue to provide you with safe and reliable electric service.



Help us Find these Former Members

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We are looking for the following former members of Rideta Electric Cooperative that served Ringgold, Decatur, Taylor and Unions counties; and Southwest Iowa Service Cooperative that served Adair, Adams, Cass, Fremont, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Taylor and Union Counties for the year 2002-2003. This month, we will be showing names listed K-Z. Last month we did A-J. 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.

KARAS, ARNOLD
KARWAL, KITTIE L.
KASAL, GERALD
KATZ, JACK
KEITH, FRANCIS
KELLER, DAVID
KELLEY, BRIAN D.
KINSER, GARY
KLIMEK, DEBRA
KNOEBEL, PAUL
KNOTT, LEONARD
KOENIG, KARLA
KREMENAK, BEN
LA FON, JAMES
LAMM, BONNIE J.
LAMMERT, CHAD
LEARNING TO LOVE FARMS,
LEE, ERNEST
LEWIS, ROBERT
LICHTHARDT, JOHN
LIVESTOCK USA

LOUDON, BARBARA
LUNYOU, FRANCES
MADDEN, BOB
MADISON, ROBERT
MARCELLUS, BUD
MAXWELL, EUGENE
MC KERN, JACK
MCCOY, RALPH
MCDOWELL, KAREN
MCDOWELL, PEGGY
MCFARLAND, JAY
MCI WORLDCOM
MCQUERREY, JAMES M.
MCVAY, JO ANN
MERCER, DAVE
MEYER, H. J.
MEYER, JIM
MILLER, CHAS. A.
MILLER, JOHN
MILLER, SCOTT
MOMMENS, JOHN M.
MOORE, DAVID L.

MORELOCK, NICHOLE
MORRISON, DUSTIN R.
MORRISON, MEREDITH
MUELLER, NATHAN
MUSSELMAN, AARON
MYERS, KATHY
NELSON, SCOTT
NEVINVILLE CHURCH
NICHOLS, HUGH
OGLESBEE, DWIGHT
OLLER, JONATHAN
ORMISTON, TAM
ORR, TAWNIA
PARKER, FRANK
PARKS, SUSIE M.
PARMER, SANDRA
PARROTT, MELVIN
PEIFFER, LINDA
PERSALL, CHARLES
PETERSON, ALAN
PITKIN, BERNADINE
POUSH, C.R.

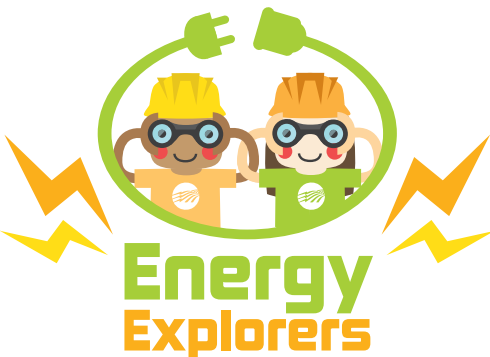
POWERS, SCOTT L.
PRYOR, JIMMY
PURDY, JENNY L.
RAUCH, DON
REISMAN, KEN
RENNINGER, TYRONE
RISSER, GAYLAND
ROBERTS, MAX
ROBERTSON, CALVIN
RUCKER, BARBARA L.
SALES, EARL
SAVILLE, HANNAH M.
SCANLAN, BILL
SCHAFROTH, RUSSELL
SCHILZ, JAMES
SHEIL, MICHAEL
SIEFER, MARTHA
SILVER CABIN
SKINNER, JOY
SLEEP, SCOTT
SMITH, GEORGE
SMITH, J. R.

SMITH, LINDA
SMITH, NORM
SMITH, PAT
SNIDER, SCOTT
SNYDER, CLINTON
SPORLEDER, CHRIS J.
SPRINGER, JEFF D.
STANDARD REGISTER
STEELE, DONALD
STEVENS, RAYMOND P.
STOGDILL, DAWN M.
STUART, BETTY
SUMMERS, MICHAEL M.
SWINE USA
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TAYLOR, JAMES
TAYLOR, JOHN E.
THOMPSON, RAY
TIEMANN, GARY
TILLEY, DENNIS
TONEY, ROY
TRENKLE, MIKE

TRUSTY, ALVIN P.
TURNER FARMS
TWEEDY, RANDY
TYNER, EDWIN A.
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WALKER, EVA C.
WALKER, STUART
WALKER, TERRY L.
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WATSON, MARLENE
WEAVER, KIM
WESTBERG, DWIGHT L.
WETZEL, RON
WHITE, VICTOR H.
WIESE, Alysia G.
WOLFE, DAVID
WOODHULL, GINGER
WOODS, CHAD
WYNN, JEFF

SPRING EFFICIENCY QUIZ

Spring is just around the corner! Take this quiz to learn how you can help save energy around your home. Hint: Check your work in the answer key below.



1. Sealing air leaks around _____ saves energy and keeps your home comfortable.

A) doors B) windows C) both A and B

2. Unplug devices and electronics that consume energy even when they're not in use, like _____.

A) refrigerators B) cell phone chargers C) dishwashers

3. Ceiling fans cool people, not rooms, so turn them off when you leave the room to save energy.

A) True B) False

4. LED bulbs typically use _____ less energy than incandescent light bulbs.

A) 25% B) 50% C) 75%

5. Planting _____ around your home can block unwanted heat from the sun.

A) flowers B) shade trees C) vegetables



Answer Key: 1. C 2. B 3. A 4. C 5. B

Bravo!

SWIAREC,

Thank you so much for your generous contribution to the Viking Center. We appreciate all you do for us here.

-Best Wishes for 2020,
Lauren Bond

We appreciate your thoughtfulness with your donation in memory of Larry.

-Thank you, The Family of Larry Heuer

Mr. Kinser,

As my first semester at ISU comes to a close, I would like to remind you of how incredibly thankful I am to have received a scholarship from SWIAREC. The opportunities you have provided me have helped shape an amazing path for my future. I will forever be grateful.

-Mallorie Wookey

Bacon Cheddar Ranch Pinwheels




- 8 oz cream cheese (softened)
- ¼ cup ranch dressing
- ½ cup finely shredded cheddar cheese
- 6 pieces bacon (cooked and chopped)
- 1 tbsp. minced chives
- Flour tortillas (6 small or 3 large)

1. In a small mixing bowl, combine cream cheese and ranch dressing. Mix until smooth.
2. Stir in cheddar cheese, bacon, and chives.
3. Spread in a generous layer over tortillas.
4. Roll tortillas tightly and slice into 1 inch pieces



Energy Efficiency
Tip of the Month



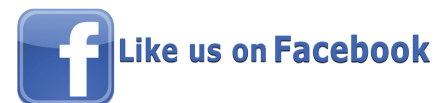
This spring, consider using a rain barrel to save energy. Rain barrels capture rainwater from a roof that can be used later for watering your lawn, garden or indoor plants.



Never use electrical cords that feel warm to the touch or are damaged in any way.

Safety starts with you.
MAY IS ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

Toss out damaged cords – they’re not worth the risk!
#ElectricalSafetyMonth. #BeSafe



2020 Energy Efficiency & Beneficial Electrification Program Delivery Costs = \$.0028/kwh



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