



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

# Hi-Lites

## Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. **2021 Annual Meeting**



### President's Invite

*by Greg Vieira, Board President*

It is our pleasure to invite you to the Annual Meeting of Tri-County Electric Cooperative to be held on Saturday, July 10, 2021, at the Mount Vernon facilities of the Cooperative.

Each year, members come to celebrate the Cooperative way of doing business with one another - family, friends and neighbors. Due to the pandemic, last year's annual meeting was cancelled. While there will be a few changes to our annual meeting this year out of respect for our post-pandemic circumstances, we are still very glad to have the opportunity to host our annual meeting of members this year. Members registering before the business meeting begins will receive a \$10 credit on their August electric bill. In addition, reports from officers of the board and management will be given. Three directors will be elected to two-year terms for 2020, and three directors will be elected to three-year terms for 2021. The official notice of the annual meeting was sent to the membership in the June 2021 *Hi-Lites*, according to our bylaw requirements.

The success of our Cooperative depends upon a well informed and involved membership. We look forward to seeing you on July 10th!

### MISSION STATEMENT

To safely provide our member-owners with reliable electric service, superior customer service, and practical energy solutions, all at reasonable prices.

3906 Broadway  
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

618-244-5151  
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Fax: 618-244-1496  
Pay by phone:  
855-385-9902

Mt. Vernon  
Office Hours  
Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Salem  
Office Hours  
Tuesday - Thursday  
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
(Closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.)

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### *President*

Greg Vieira - Salem

#### *Vice-President*

Donnie Laird - Waltonville

#### *Secretary/Treasurer*

Sam Phillips - Salem

Tom Beyers - Odin  
Phil Carson - Oakdale  
Doug Knolhoff - Hoyleton  
Larry Manning - Belle Rive  
Rick Russell - Richview  
Kathy Withers - Mt. Vernon

## Annual Meeting Reminders

Our intent is to continue the business of your cooperative while being respectful of our circumstances on the heels of a pandemic.

To start, we will be conducting the business of 2020 and 2021 consecutively starting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 10th, 2021 at the Mt. Vernon office. Members that are registered before 10:00 a.m. will receive a \$10 bill credit applied to their August billing statement.

Gates will open at 8:30 a.m. and a live line safety demonstration will take place on stage at 9:00 a.m. There will be a children's photo booth area available for you to take pictures of your children in a real lineman's bucket! Children will also get a pretend hard hat and an electrical safety coloring book. While we have chosen to forego the bounce house area this year as a precaution, we do plan on having a drawing for four lucky kids to win a Tri-County Electric Cooperative branded toy bucket truck (pictured below).

Members will also have a chance to win one of the many bill credits that will be in the prize drawing at the end of the meeting. Even though it is a condensed version of our normal gathering, we still can't wait to get back into the swing of things. We are hoping for the same great weather we have enjoyed for the past couple of years at Annual Meeting.

Candidates running for the 2020 and 2021 elections had their biographies published in the last issue of the Hi-Lites, along with the official annual meeting notice.

In the interest of hosting a socially distanced meeting, we will be removing the tables and spreading chairs further apart. Unfortunately, we will not be serving breakfast or lemon shakeups this year. Upon exiting, members will be given a boxed lunch prepared by Big Boy BBQ with BBQ sandwiches and chips. We look forward to seeing you once again at your Annual Meeting on Saturday, July 10th, 2021!



## Tentative Annual Meeting Agenda

2020 and 2021 TCEC Business Meeting  
3906 Broadway ST, Mt. Vernon, IL

**8:30 a.m.**

Gates Open / Registration

*No breakfast served this year*

Children's photo booth open until 10 a.m.

**9:00 a.m.**

Live Line Demonstration

**10:00 a.m.**

Business Meeting Begins  
Verify Quorum and Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Notice of Meeting

Approval of 2019 Minutes

2020 C&E Committee Report

2020 Election of Directors

Treasurer's Report

President's Report

Manager's Report

Report of 2020 Election Results

2021 C&E Committee Report

2021 Election of Directors

Unfinished & New Business

Report of 2021 Election Results

Adjournment of Business Meeting

Prize drawings at the end of the meeting

*Boxed lunches will be served to members as they exit the meeting.*

*No lemon shakeups this year. Sorry!*

## YOUR COOPERATIVE. YOUR VOICE.



## YOUR VOTE MATTERS

## Capital Credit Checks Will Be Mailed to Members Prior to Annual Meeting

If you received electric service in 1997, you will receive a capital credit check in the mail. If you have not received your check by July 12th, please contact the Cooperative office during normal business hours.

The amount of capital credits that a member receives is determined by how much electricity they used during the years for which capital is being retired and the co-op's cost of distributing the power during that time.

Instead of sharing profits with distant investors, Tri-County Electric Cooperative *returns money to local members* who use electricity.

One of the many benefits of being a member of TCEC is our business model. We are a cooperative and we return excess revenues or margins back to you. We call these capital credits. The board approved paying out \$858,522.58 in capital credits in 2021! It really does pay to be a member!

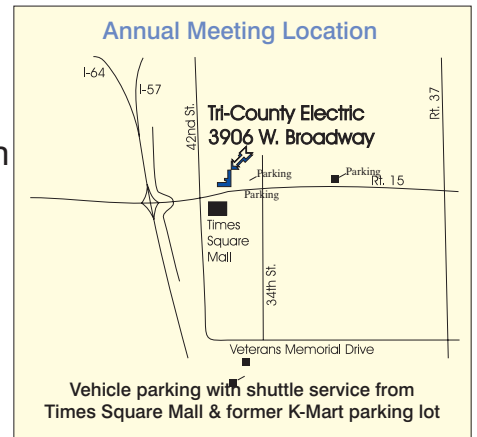
*Capital Credit Checks will be mailed out before Annual Meeting and will not be available for pickup at the meeting.*



*\*Limit one bill credit per customer number*




Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Annual Meeting of Members  
Saturday, July 10, 2021  
Register before 10:00 a.m. for \$10 credit on your August 2021 electric bill.



### 2021 Official Registration - \$10 Value

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_



**We wish you a safe  
and Happy 4th of  
July!**

*Cooperative offices will be closed on  
Monday, July 5th, 2021 in observance of  
Independence Day.*



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**Tri-County Electric Cooperative  
3906 W. Broadway St.  
Mt. Vernon, IL**

**August 16th, 2021  
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**