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24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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POWER in your hands



Because we're a co-op, we operate a little differently than other utilities. Miami-Cass REMC's decisions are made locally by directors who live right here in our community.

Everyone who pays to receive electricity from the co-op is a member. When you pay your electric bill each month, your money stays here — to pay for the electricity used or to make improvements to our local system to strengthen reliability. The money you pay the co-op doesn't line the pockets of shareholders. We exist to provide a service to you, our local members.

Throughout the year, we schedule opportunities for you to attend co-op events, such as our annual meeting and member appreciation day, so we can hear from you. We conduct an annual survey to gather your feedback on co-op programs and services so that we can plan and adjust for the future.

Our success lies in your satisfaction, which is why we offer these opportunities to engage and to listen to what you have to say.

Because you are part of an electric cooperative, you can count on our team to maintain local jobs, at-cost

electricity and first-class service, no matter what the economy throws at us.

Miami-Cass REMC is striving to keep our costs as low as possible so we can keep more money in your pocket. We want to help you maximize the value you get from our services and offerings. For example, we can help you save on energy bills through our free energy audit program and our Power Moves rebates.

Please know that you — the members of the REMC — are at the heart of everything we do. Co-ops adhere to seven guiding cooperative principles that reflect core values of honesty, transparency, equity, inclusiveness and service. While we've grown over the years, we're still driven by the same guiding principles to serve our community.

We hope to see or hear from you soon. This co-op was created for you, the members. The power is in your hands.



ROB SCHWARTZ
CEO



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ATTENTION MEMBERS: CHANGES COMING TO THE FACILITY CHARGE AND RATES THIS MONTH

Miami-Cass REMC has worked hard over the years to keep your rates as low as possible. Due to our diligence, your rates have not increased since 2014. However, the time has come for us to increase our facility charge and rates.

Your cooperative conducted a study over the past couple of months to be able to correctly adjust our

rates and facility charge to the amounts needed to sustain our business. We will be increasing the facility charge and rates starting this month.

We will release the percentages of the increase in the October Indiana Connection magazine and through another bill stuffer. For any further information, please contact the office during normal business hours.

TELL US YOUR STORY AND
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eighth grader making a difference
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APPLICATIONS ARE DUE **MONDAY, OCT. 2**

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY *Tip*

Did you know fall is the perfect time to schedule a tune-up for your heating system? Home heating accounts for a large portion of winter energy bills, and no matter what kind of system you have, you can save energy and money by

regularly maintaining your equipment. Combining proper equipment maintenance and upgrades with recommended insulation, air sealing and thermostat settings can save about 30% on your energy bills. *Source: Energy.gov*

Board meets in JULY

1. Counted seven board members attending. Attorney Jeremy Fetty attended via teleconference.
2. Jim Savage presented the WVPA monthly report.
3. Fetty presented the legal report.
4. Rob Schwartz presented monthly CEO report.
5. Minutes from previous board meeting were approved.
6. Financial reports reviewed and approved.
7. June monthly operating, member services, human resources and safety reports were reviewed and approved.
8. Set next board meeting for Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the REMC headquarters.

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BUCKET TRUCK PULL A SUCCESS

Congratulations to the team from Logansport High School for placing first in our 2023 Bucket Truck Pull! Thank you to all of the local schools who participated, Security Federal Savings Bank and all the community support.





CREATE AN ELECTRICAL SAFETY PLAN BEFORE YOU PLANT A TREE

TREES AND POWER LINES OFTEN COEXIST WITHOUT PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE PRECAUTIONS TO TAKE WHEN PLANTING A TREE.

Not only do dangers lurk for the person planting the tree, nearby power lines and trees can be harmed as well. Trees growing too close to electrical lines are the primary cause of momentary short circuits and flickering lights. When it storms, tree limbs that are too close to power lines can knock the lines out completely and create a greater threat to your safety.

Overhead utility lines are the easiest to see and probably the ones we take for granted most. Although these lines look harmless enough, they are extremely dangerous.

Meanwhile, underground utility lines can be buried very close to the ground's surface. That's why it's so important to call before you dig.

QUICK TIPS FOR SAFELY PLANTING A TREE:

Call 811 to have underground utilities marked at least a few working days, but no less than two full working days, before digging (IC 8-1-26). Knowing their locations helps you dig safely, and planting a safe distance away will help prevent damage from roots.

Create a basic plan, or a sketched diagram, before you begin planting to avoid future troubles. Using the information from the underground utility locator service will be a big help in setting some guidelines.

Consider a tree's potential growth when choosing its location. If it's expected to grow higher than 15 feet, choose a spot 25 to 50 feet away from utility lines and your home.

Plant with energy savings in mind. Not only can you upgrade your landscape, you can decrease your energy use, too. Trees can keep your home cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Just be sure you're aware of power line location and avoid structural damage.

Call your local cooperative if you need help trimming a tree away from power lines. This will keep you and everyone around you much safer.



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