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Reliability

Part of our service mission



Miami-Cass REMC exists to serve our members as a low-cost and reliable electric service provider. Your cooperative, in conjunction

with our power supplier (Wabash Valley Power Alliance), is constantly looking to increase reliability through reducing outages.

One of the ways to maintain reliability is being able to switch substations to keep the power flowing to your home or business. This issue is why Wabash Valley is connecting two of our substations — Bunker Hill and McGrawsville.

If you travel along Strawtown Pike (by Maconaquah schools), you will see large metal poles being installed along the roadway. This project will connect those substations, giving us more options to continue providing electricity to our members if one substation loses power or needs maintenance.

Once this project is complete, we will be able to serve you with power from our other substations. This gives us more flexibility in keeping the power on.

Your board of directors is always looking for ways to help Miami-Cass REMC avoid outages. With this substation upgrade and our aggressive tree trimming program, your co-op can continue to provide you with reliable service.

While our contractors are working on this improvement, please be aware and give them plenty of room. Their safety, as well as the safety of our members, is always our number one priority.

If you have any questions about your service, please feel free to contact us so we can help you. I am thankful for our members which continued support make this mission possible.

ROB SCHWARTZ
CEO

MIAMI-CASS REMC EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

MEET LORA GOODMAN

LORA GOODMAN

began her career with Miami-Cass REMC in October 2008. In her 13 years with the cooperative, she has held a variety of important positions.

Initially, she was trained as a customer service representative, but was quickly moved to the accounting department. Goodman remained in that position until 2015 when she moved to the human resources department. In her current position as director of human resources, she is responsible for human resources, payroll, benefits and director support.

Goodman is a graduate of Lewis Cass High School. Shortly after graduating, she joined the Army for three years and served as a military police officer. Goodman spent most of her time in the service stationed in Korea and Utah.

After leaving the military, she returned to the Peru area, married



and had three children — two boys and a girl. From 1992-2001 Goodman had a full-time career in photography.

In 2001, she and her children moved to New Mexico for seven years. During her time there, Goodman earned a degree in business administration from Western New Mexico University and worked in the accounting department for a local school administration.

After working for the school administration, Goodman ran the office for the county road department. She also continued her passion for professional photography with clients in New Mexico and Indiana.

Goodman returned to Peru in 2008 and started with the REMC shortly thereafter. She remarried in 2010 to her high school sweetheart, Mick.

She enjoys the simple things in life — like taking a walk, riding a Harley with her husband, and spending time with her family. For 14 years, many as a single parent, Goodman was a foster parent and opened her home to many

children during those years

Her children are now grown and have blessed her with four grandchildren — three boys and one girl. In her spare time, Goodman breeds miniature schnauzers (a hobby she started in New Mexico). She explained she is happiest when all the kids and grandkids are home.

Goodman enjoys the diversity of her position and the interaction she has with each of the employees. She said that her day can bring about just about anything and that it often takes a different turn than originally planned. Goodman shared that the most challenging aspect of her job is having to sometimes tell people things they don't want to hear.

When asked what career she would enjoy other than her current role, Goodman said she would have selected an attorney or even a graphic designer.

We at Miami-Cass REMC are proud to have Goodman as part of the cooperative family. She is a detail-oriented and dedicated employee, and we are fortunate to have her on our team.

TORNADO SAFETY

WHAT TO DO NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE

Do you know what to do if you're in the path of a tornado?



INSIDE:

- Take shelter in a windowless, interior room; a storm cellar; or the lowest level of the building.
- Stay away from glass doors and windows to avoid debris from heavy wind.
- Crouch down and make yourself as small of a "target" as possible. If you can, get under a piece of sturdy furniture, like a heavy table or desk. Always use your arms to protect your head and neck from injury.

IN A CAR, TRAILER OR MOBILE HOME:

- Get out immediately and go to the lowest floor of a sturdy nearby building or storm shelter. Cars, trailers and mobile homes can easily be swept away by a tornado or heavy winds.

OUTSIDE WITHOUT SHELTER:

- Seek low ground or depression and cover your head and neck. Be aware of possible risks like falling trees or power lines and lightning.
- Never seek shelter under an overpass or try to outrun the storm.



Board meets in MAY

1. Counted six board members attending. Attorney Jeremy Fetty also attended via teleconference.
2. Fetty presented the legal report.
3. Schwartz presented the monthly CEO report.
4. Minutes from the previous board meeting were approved.
5. Financial report given by Schwartz.
6. April monthly operating, member services and safety reports were reviewed and approved.
7. Set the next board meeting for Tuesday, June 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the REMC headquarters.



Thank you!

Miami-Cass REMC wishes to thank all who attended our annual C&I golf outing. We appreciate the support and participation!

OFFICE CLOSING

Our office will be closed on July 5 in honor of the Fourth of July holiday!



BOATING SAFETY

Stay safe when setting sail

Electric safety is as important on the sea as it is on the land. It's important to stay **at least 10 feet away from electric power lines and other electricity sources** when you are out on a boat. **Remember, water and electricity are a deadly combination.**

OTHER MARITIME MUST-DOS

- While on the water, **watch for signs that indicate where underwater utility lines are located.** Don't anchor your boat near them.
- When fishing, **check for overhead power lines** before casting your line.
- If your boat accidentally comes in contact with a power line, whatever you do, **don't jump in the water.** Stay on board and don't touch anything made of metal. Don't leave the boat until it has moved away from the power line.
- If you notice a tingling sensation while swimming, the water could be electrified. **Get out quickly, avoiding metal objects like ladders.**
- Equipment leakage circuit interrupters protect swimmers nearby from potential electrical leakage into the water around your boat. **Consider installing them on your boat.**