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2024 Director Election Packets to Arrive Mid-July

MEMBER-OWNERS! Shortly following your July bill, you will receive another mailing from T.I.P. REC which will be your election packet to vote for the Board of Directors who are up for election this year.

The election packet will have a cover letter explaining the voting process. Once again, you will have two options on how to vote: a Mail-In Ballot or online via SmartHub. SmartHub voting directions are in the cover letter. Candidate Bios for those running in the election will also be included in the packet.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **No Voting** at the August 28 Business Only Annual Meeting.
- Ballots must be postmarked no later than August 16, 2024 to be counted.
- All memberships casting a vote will receive a \$5.00 bill credit.
- **Do not include a payment with your ballot as it goes to a third party to be counted.**

To ensure a fair election, T.I.P. REC has again engaged a neutral 3rd party vendor to distribute and tabulate the ballots. It is very important that you, as a member-owner vote in the election, as your vote will count toward meeting the quorum requirement for the Business Annual Meeting.

Important Annual Meeting Reminder:

The Annual Meeting will be a Business Only Meeting held on Wednesday, August 28 at 1:00 pm at the Brooklyn headquarters. (320 Industrial Drive., Brooklyn, Iowa) and is open to member-owners to attend in-person.

- **Please note that there will be no meal, membership gifts or prize drawing at the meeting.**
- If you cast a vote, your name will be entered for a chance to win one of two grand prizes: TCL Roku 55" Smart TV or Blackstone 22" Electric Tabletop Griddle. **Attendance at the Business Only meeting IS NOT required to win.** Winners will be notified late August and arrangements will be made to deliver the prizes to the winners.

Annual Safety Procedures Practice



As part of T.I.P. REC's comprehensive safety program, all of our linemen review basket rescue procedures annually. During this review they practice how to rescue a fellow lineman using a basket truck who may have had electrical contact, heat exhaustion, an allergic reaction to a bee sting or heart complications while working on the lines.



They also review and practice pole climbing competency as seen in the picture above. The linemen check their harnesses, climbing gear and lanyards to ensure they are in proper working condition. Each lineman then takes his turn climbing the pole to practice his pole climbing skills.

Installing a New Grain Bin?

The State of Iowa requires specific clearances for electric lines around grain bins. T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative will provide assistance in planning for a safe environment for everyone working and living around grain bins.

The diagrams shown are according to the National Electrical Safety Code found in Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 199-25.2(3)b. An electric utility may refuse to provide electric service to any grain bin built near an existing electric line which does not provide the clearances required by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) C2-2017, "National Electric Safety Code", Rule 234F. This paragraph "b" shall apply only to grain bins loaded by portable augers, conveyors or elevators installed after December 24, 1997. (As adopted by the Iowa Utilities Board).

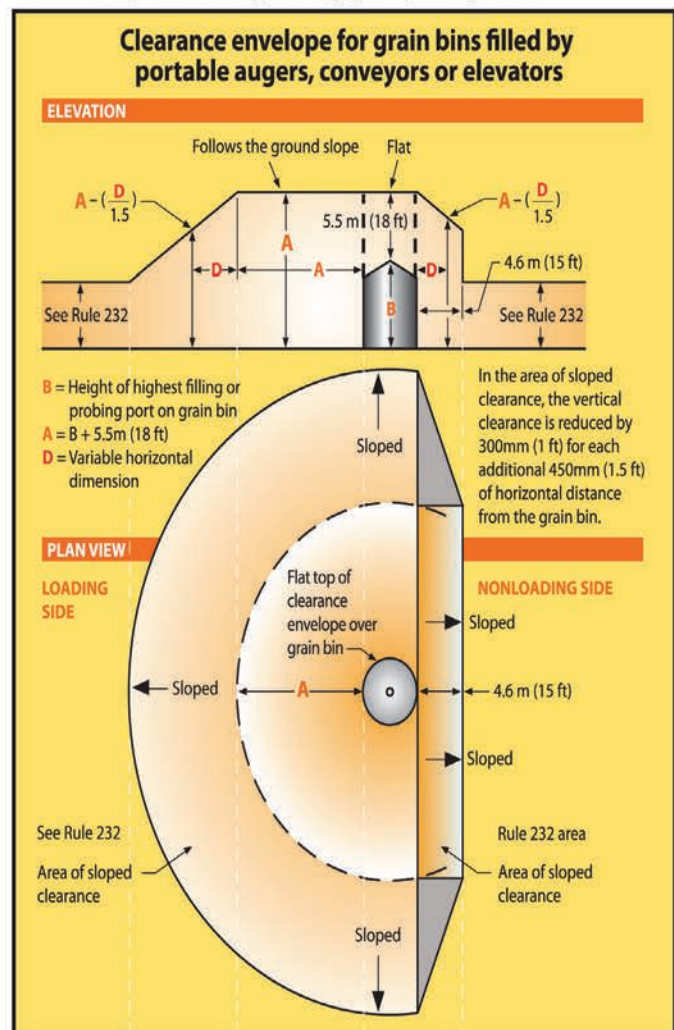
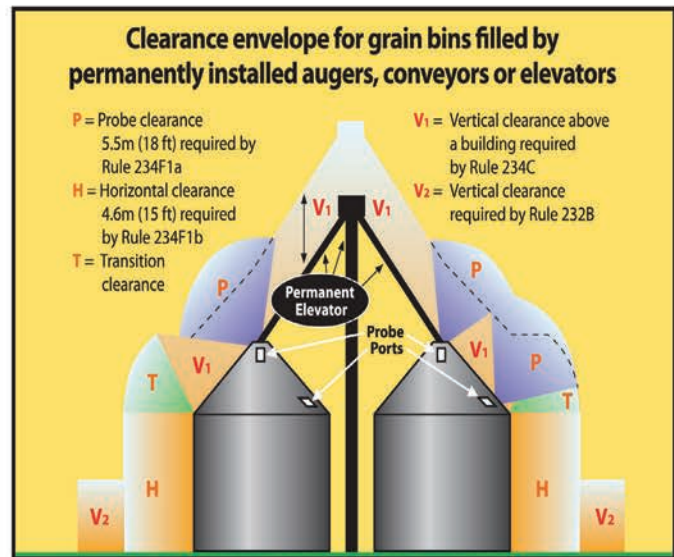
T.I.P. and its power supplier, Central Iowa Power Cooperative, are required by the Iowa Utilities Board to provide this annual notice to farmers, farm lenders, grain bin merchants, and city and county zoning officials. If you have any questions concerning any clearance regulations, please call T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative at (800) 934-7976 before any new grain bin plans are finalized. For your safety, T.I.P. standards exceeds those specified in NESC.



Pool Clearances

When installing a pool, clearance in any direction from the water level, edge of a pool, base of diving platform, or anchored raft is required by (ANSI) C2-2012, "National Electric Safety Code", Rule T-234-3.

If you have any questions, please call us at (800) 934-7976 before any new pool plans are finalized.



Grain Bin Disclaimer: These drawings are provided as part of Iowa electric cooperatives' annual public information campaign and are based on the 2017 Edition of the National Electrical Safety Code. To view the actual drawings, refer to that publication. Every care has been taken for the correctness of the contents for these drawings. However, the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives and its member cooperatives accept no liability whatsoever for omissions or errors, technical inaccuracies, typographical mistakes or damages of any kind arising from the use of the contents of these drawings, whether textual or graphical.

Youth Tour Winner, Jaidyn Rugg, Visits T.I.P. REC



Pictured above left is CEO/General Manager, Scott Long and Youth Tour winner, Jaidyn Rugg.

On May 22, Jaidyn visited the cooperative and was introduced to several employees, toured our current facilities and then our new headquarters. She also received a \$100 gift certificate to purchase supplies for the trip.

Upon returning from Washington, D.C., Jaidyn attended our Member Appreciation event and had a picture presentation, displayed souvenirs and visited with everyone about her Youth Tour trip.



BGM Ag Safety Day

T.I.P. REC participated in the BGM Ag Safety Day by having Cole Calkins, Staking Technician/Member Service, (pictured above left) giving electrical safety presentations and having Nate Egerton, Journeyman Lineman, (center) and Joe Kriegel, Brooklyn Line Foreman linemen demonstrate our Live Line Demo. Not pictured but taking over the Live Line Demo in the afternoon were Andrew Kloppenburg, Journeyman Lineman, and Landyn Haack, Apprentice Lineman.

Promoting electrical safety is one of our most important goals.



2024 T.I.P. REC DIRECTOR ELECTION

**VOTE BY MAIL-IN BALLOT
OR YOUR SMARTHUB ACCOUNT
AND YOU WILL RECEIVE A
\$5 BILL CREDIT**

**Only One Vote Per Membership
No Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting**

**By casting a vote, your name will be entered
for a chance to win one of two grand prizes:**

TCL Roku 55" Smart TV



**Blackstone 22" Electric
Tabletop Griddle**



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Electricity used to operate major appliances accounts for a significant portion of your home energy use.

Here's an easy way to lighten the load on your clothes dryer. Before you dry a load of damp clothing, toss in a clean, dry towel. The towel will absorb excess water, shortening the drying time. If your dryer does not include an autosense feature to determine drying time, remember to reduce the timer to about half of what you normally would. Remove the towel about 15 minutes after the cycle begins. Shorter drying times will extend the life of your dryer and save energy.

2024 Summer Help



MASIN SHEARER

T.I.P. REC is excited to have two young men join our Brooklyn and Sigourney linemen crews to help out this summer.

Masin Shearer will be working with the Brooklyn crew. He graduated from Marshalltown Community College with a Utility Line Technician Degree.

Masin is excited to start off his career with an amazing company and a very welcoming group of linemen.



CLAY MORSE

Clay Morse, son of Line Foreman, Shane Morse, will be at Sigourney helping the linemen. Clay will be a sophomore at William Penn University and hopes to graduate with two majors. He's also on the men's golf team there.

Clay looks forward to working at T.I.P. REC this summer because it's a great career and he feels that he will learn a lot of valuable things.

Aggressive Vegetation Management Program

The need to control growth of vegetation along power line right-of-way is easy to see in rural areas.

Overgrown right-of-way can cause problems during severe weather and can make it difficult to reach trouble spots to make repairs. This vegetation control program enables your cooperative to provide you with more reliable electric service.

In a continuing effort to control vegetation growth, T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative has hired Midwest Spray Team & Sales, Inc. to treat vegetation in power line right-of-way with governmentally-approved herbicides. They start our program the first part of summer, using foliage herbicides. Midwest Spray Team & Sales, Inc. will follow up in the fall with a basal treatment in the areas they could not foliage spray. Growth in county road ditches will be sprayed, but if the Midwest crew has any questions, they will attempt to contact the landowner before spraying.

This year, Midwest Spray Team crews will be treating power line right-of-way in the Conroy, What Cheer, Vining, Koszta and Victor substation areas.

If you have any questions or complaints, contact Hunter Connelly, Manager of System Operations, or Becca Stauffer, Operations Coordinator, in our Brooklyn office at 800-934-7976.

Vegetation management is yet another way that T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative keeps service reliability as one of our most important goals.



NOTICE: The Brooklyn office will be closed on Wednesday, July 17 from 7:00 am till 1:00 pm for an all-employee safety meeting.

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