



TIPS From T.I.P.

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2025 Director Election and Business Only Annual Meeting

Director Election - Your Board of Directors has decided to again have member-owners vote by Mail-In Ballot or electronically using your SmartHub account. **There will be NO in-person voting for the Director election.**

Member-owners will receive an Election packet in mid-July that will have a cover letter explaining the voting process, a Mail-In Ballot to vote, and Candidate Bios for those running in the election.

***All memberships casting a vote will receive a \$5.00 bill credit. Additionally, your name will be entered for a chance to win one of four grand prizes: \$ 250.00 bill credit. Attendance at the Business Only meeting IS NOT required. Winners will be notified late August.**

Business Only Annual Meeting - this year's Business Only Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 27 at 1:00 pm at the Brooklyn headquarters (320 Industrial Dr., 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.
- NO VOTING will take place at the meeting

Once again to ensure a fair election, T.I.P. REC has engaged a neutral 3rd party vendor to manage the election 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. All Annual Meeting reports will be available to you on our website www.tiprec.com/annual-meeting.

Happy Retirement, Dan!



Dan Roller, (right), Sigourney Journeyman Lineman, whose last day was April 30, 2025, is shown receiving an Appreciation Certificate from Scott Long, CEO/General Manager, for his 38 years of dedicated service to T.I.P. REC.

Dan began work on June 1, 1987, as an Apprentice Lineman on our Sigourney crew after previously working for three years at Guthrie County REC. With hard work and dedication, he then completed the Apprentice Lineman program requirements and became a Journeyman Lineman. On August 1, 2006, he was promoted to Sigourney Line Foreman.

We hope Dan enjoys this new chapter of his life and we wish him a long and healthy retirement!



Dan is pictured above standing by his Retirement picture board that's full of memories from his 38 years at T.I.P. REC.



Advance Notice of Business Only Member's Meeting

In preparation for the Annual Meeting of the members, August 27, 2025, the following information is provided.

Membership

The Association shall have no capital stock, but membership in the Association shall be evidenced by a certificate of membership or an accepted membership application.

Annual Meeting

At each regular Annual Meeting thereafter, a number of directors equal to the number of directors whose terms expire at the time of such meeting shall be elected to hold office for the term of three (3) years, and until their respective successors shall have been elected and qualified. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a board member of the Association who is not a member receiving electric service to their principal place of residence from the Association. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a board member of the Association if the person is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise of a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Association, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances. Upon establishment of the fact that a board member is holding the office in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, the board shall remove such board member from office.

A member shall not become or remain eligible for the office of director if such member or their spouse has a relative as hereinafter defined working fulltime for the Cooperative. A relative for this purpose shall be defined as such member's parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, aunts, uncles, great-aunts, great-uncles or first cousins and in addition any spouse of any of the foregoing persons.

Nominations

The nominees for the position of Director shall be named by a nominating committee, which nominating committee shall consist of two persons from each of four geographical areas. Said committee shall be named by the Board of Directors of the Cooperative. Said committee shall strive to select two nominees from each geographical area and the persons thus selected shall be reported to the Annual Meeting. The names shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Cooperative not less than 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting so that printed ballots can be prepared.

Members of the Cooperative shall be reminded of their opportunity to suggest persons to the Board for said nominating committee in the newsletter of the Cooperative several months prior to the annual meeting, or by such other means as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. The members shall also be reminded of their opportunity to suggest nominees to said nominating committee as candidates for the position of director after such committee has been appointed. No nominations shall be received from the floor at the time of the Annual Meeting.

MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT

OUR MEMBERS ARE VITAL PIECES OF OUR COOPERATIVE PUZZLE



T.I.P. REC WOULD LIKE TO INVITE OUR MEMBERS TO ENJOY A FREE MEAL

THIS SUMMER IN THE WILLIAMSBURG AREA!

MORE DETAILS TO COME VIA FACEBOOK POST & BILL INSERT

Budget Billing

If you opt for budget billing, your account is averaged for your last year of usage. That amount is what you would pay each month over the next 12 months. Periodically your account will be reviewed to ensure that your monthly payments are keeping up with your actual usage. If you are interested, give our office a call.

CONGRATULATIONS

T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative 2025 Scholarship Winners! *Lineworker Awarded \$1,000 Scholarship and Students Awarded \$500 Scholarships*



Parker Weeda
Belle Plaine High School
Marshalltown
Community College
Powerline Technician



Kyla Shaull
Belle Plaine High School
Iowa State University
Dietetics-Health and
Human Sciences



Cael Coburn
BGM High School
Marshalltown
Community College
Business



Ema Roberts
HLV Community School
Wartburg College
Nursing/Biology



Jay Bru
Green Mountain-Garwin
High School
DMACC - Agri Business



Kalon Spratt
Williamsburg High
School
University of Iowa
Radiological Sciences



Kylie Husak
South Tama County
High School
Iowa State University
Business



McKinley Chittick
Sigourney High School
Iowa State University
Pre-Veterinary Medicine



Owen Bral
Iowa Valley High School
Kirkwood Community
College
Business Administration



Taylor Mikesell
English Valleys High
School
University of Iowa
Sports Recreation and
Management



Wyatt Donald
Keota High School
University of Northern
Iowa
Computer Science

Nominate a Local Volunteer by June 30



Do you know someone in your community who deserves to be recognized for making a difference? Nominate them for the Shine the Light contest by June 30 and they could win \$3,000 for their local charity or nonprofit.

Sponsored by the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of Iowa, this is the fifth year of the Shine the Light contest, which celebrates the people who make our communities better. Three winners will be announced in September and each will receive a \$3,000 donation for their charity or nonprofit. The winners will also be featured in the September issue of Iowa Electric Cooperative Living magazine and on social media.

Go to www.IowaShineTheLight.com by June 30 to make a nomination and to review the contest rules.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Take advantage of the warmer weather to reduce home energy use. Avoid using your oven and use a grill instead. Not only will cooking outdoors eliminate the electricity used to power the stove, but it will also avoid raising the temperature inside your home, reducing the need for additional air conditioning. You can also avoid using the oven with tasty no-bake recipes. Get creative in the kitchen and explore new ways to save energy!

June Work Anniversaries

Jason Niehaus - 1 year
Chase Tremmel - 3 years
Tanner Meeks - 5 years
Breanna McIlrath - 17 years

Thank You!



South Tama Food Pantry Receives \$300 Operation Round Up Donation



Pictured above left to right: CEO/General Manager, Scott Long, Director, Lisa Tichy, South Tama Food Pantry President, Clyde Bearden, and Director, Randy Upham.

Our District 1 Directors Lisa Tichy and Randy Upham were happy to present a \$300 donation check to the South Tama Food Pantry in Tama.

The food pantry was opened by the Tama Ministerial Association on March 1, 1999. A Board of Directors made up of six volunteers manages the food pantry. The entire staff of 35 volunteers donate their hard work and time to ensuring everything runs smoothly and efficiently.

The food pantry serves between 130 and 150 families a month with the family size ranging from one to 12 members.

The food pantry is located at 137 W 3rd Street in Tama and is open Tuesday-Thursday from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. If you would like to donate to the food pantry, they are in need of peanut butter, soups, crackers, pasta, and rice.

NOTICE: The Brooklyn office will be closed on Wednesday, June 11 from 7:00 am till Noon for an all-employee safety meeting.

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