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T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative

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2026 Annual Meeting Highlights

T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative held its 88th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, August 26, at the cooperative headquarters in Brooklyn.

Scott Long, CEO/General Manager, welcomed everyone and then gave an explanation of the prizes and $5.00 bill credits for voting.

The Annual Meeting was called to order by Board President, Jerry Henning. He then introduced the Board of Directors.

The Certification of a Quorum, the reading of the Notice of the Meeting and Treasurer's Report was given by Anne Axmear, Secretary-Treasurer. There were motions to waive the reading of last year's Annual Meeting Minutes.

The 2026 election process was explained by Amanda James, Sullivan & Ward, P.C., Cooperative Attorney, and the report of the Nominating Committee and election results were given by Nominating Committee Chairperson Ronald Waechter. The following were re-elected for three-year terms: two incumbents, Craig Stallman, representing Iowa County District 2, and Jerry Henning, representing Poweshiek County District 3. Newly elected was Andy Weber, representing Keokuk County District 4.

Director Ronald Hoffman was recognized for his 36 years of dedicated service on the board. The meeting was then adjourned.

T.I.P. REC Participates in State Fair Lineman's Rodeo

Pictured above left to right: Adam Hawkins, Brooklyn Line Foreman, Tanner Meeks, Journeyman Lineman, and Kendall Bunn, Journeyman Lineman.

On a beautiful August morning, four of our employees, one who was a judge, Nate Egerton, Journeyman Lineman, and three that were competing, (pictured above) packed up their gear and headed to the Iowa State Fair to show the fair goers just how talented and determined they were when it comes to being an electric cooperative lineman.

Our linemen took part in four challenging events:

Timed Events: Apprentice and jouneyman teams test their speed and professional expertise.

Core Skills: Challenges include fast-paced pole climbing, cutout changes, and phase line switching.

Simulated Rescue: The critical "hurt man rescue" challenge requires participants to safely bring a simulated injured worker to the ground to initiate CPR and compressions.

Pictured from left to right: Kendall Bunn and Adam Hawkins participating in Mystery Event #1- cross arm insulator changeout.

Employee Service Award

Congratulations to Shane Morse, Sigourney Line Foreman, (right), for receiving his 20 year Service Award Certificate from Scott Long, CEO/General Manager.

T.I.P. REC would like to thank Shane for his many years of hard work and dedicated service to the cooperative and our member-owners.

Local Voices Shape Local Solutions

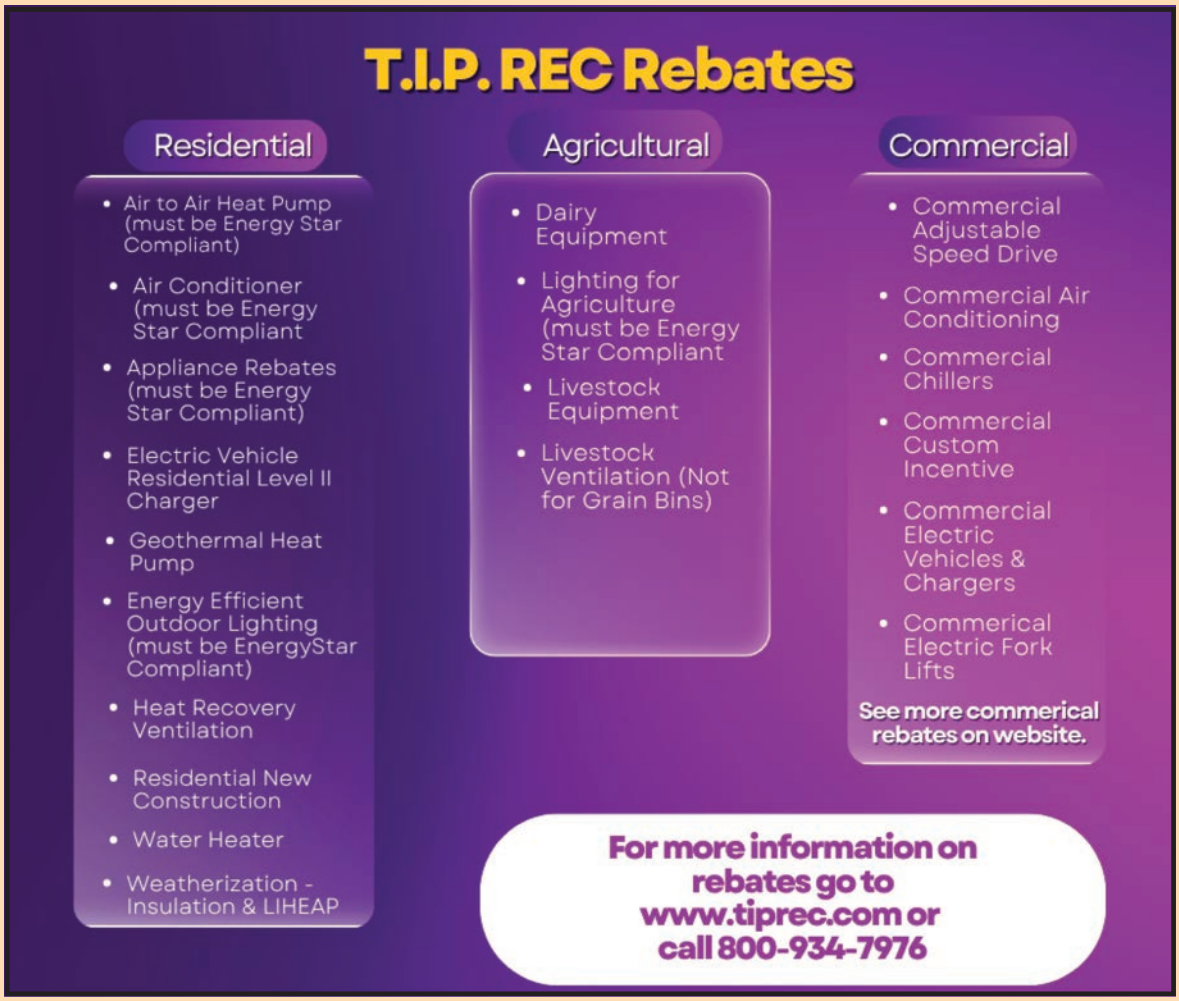
When you hear the word cooperative, what comes to mind? As your local electric co-op, we hope you think of T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative.

Regardless of the services offered, all cooperatives have one thing in common: they're led by the people they serve—and that simple idea makes a meaningful difference.

Cooperatives come in all shapes and sizes, each created to meet a specific need. Credit unions, producer cooperatives, retail cooperatives, housing cooperatives and utility cooperatives—like T.I.P. REC—provide reliable electricity to the communities they serve.

Unlike many businesses that answer to outside investors or shareholders, cooperatives are built for their members. Their goal isn't simply to earn a profit—it's to provide value, meet unique local needs and strengthen the communities they call home.

That's exactly what makes T.I.P. REC different.



Our story began in 1938 when neighbors came together to bring electricity to an area when other utilities wouldn't. While a lot has changed since then, our purpose has remained steady. We're still here to provide power and make decisions with our community's best interests in mind.

Being locally owned means we have the flexibility to focus on what matters most to the communities we serve. That's why no two electric cooperatives are exactly alike. Every community has different needs, and every cooperative reflects those priorities.

For some co-ops, that means expanding programs that help members save energy and money. Others may focus on supporting economic development, investing in new technology or creating new opportunities for local students. For example, we offer students the Youth Tour Trip to Washington, D.C. and Iowa Youth Leadership Academy webinars annually, USDA Rural Economic Development Loans to support local businesses and rebates to help offset the cost of purchasing energy efficient heating and cooling heat pumps and appliances for your home or business. (See list of rebates on page 2)

You'll also find the co-op difference in the little things. It's the lineworkers restoring power after a storm. The employees answering your questions when you call. The team members volunteering at community events. The board members—your neighbors—who help guide decisions for the future.

We're your neighbor and local energy partner, and we're committed to serving your communities for generations to come.

This National Co-op Month, we invite you to join us in celebrating the cooperative difference, because this co-op belongs to you. Cooperatives prove that when people work together, everyone benefits.

Your membership is what makes our mission possible—and it's what keeps us focused on serving the people and communities that matter most.

Ronald Hoffman Receives Appreciation Certificate

Pictured above left is CEO/General Manager Scott Long, presenting Director Ronald Hoffman with his Appreciation Certificate for 36 years of service.

Ronald has been representing Keokuk County on the board for 36 years. During this time, he has experienced a lot of changes in the electrical industry and his guidance and knowledge has been a tremendous asset to the cooperative.

T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative would like to thank Ronald for his many years of dedicated service.

Senator Dawn Driscoll and Representative Judd Lawler Visit T.I.P. REC

Pictured above back left to right: Directors Jerry Henning and James De Smet, Representative Judd Lawler, Directors Gene Von Ahsen, Craig Stallman and Randy Upah. Front left to right: Director Anne Axmear, Senator Dawn Driscoll, CEO/General Manager Scott Long, and Directors Lisa Tichy and Ronald Hoffman.

After discussing important issues with T.I.P. REC representatives, Senator Dawn Driscoll and Representative Judd Lawler received a campaign donation from Iowa F.O.R.E. PAC (Friends of Rural Electrification Political Action Committee).

District 1 and District 3 Operation Round-Up Donations

Pictured above left to right: CEO/General Manager Scott Long, Directors Lisa Tichy and Randy Upah, and Tama County Fair Board President Doug Bruene.

Our Operation Round-Up District 1 board members Lisa Tichy and Randy Upah along with CEO/General Manager Scott Long, were excited to present the Tama County Fair with a $1,000 donation. The Operation Round-Up Program donated $500 along with our power supplier, Central Iowa Power Cooperative, matching our donation.

Doug says their plan is to apply our donation to expand the fairs show arena in addition to adding more fans and ventilation. The area they are looking to create will be able to house daily activities for all the fair.

Pictured above left to right: Director James DeSmet, Thomas May, Co-Chairman of the local The Wall That Heals Committee, Scott Long, CEO/General Manager, and Director Jerry Henning.

Our District 3 Operation Round-Up Donation was donated to the Brooklyn Community Foundation to help support the Wall that Heals. This three-quarter-scale replica Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. and Mobile Education Center travels across the country and the town of Brooklyn was honored to host this amazing display, July 30-August 2.

Thomas commented, "From all of us on the planning committee that brought The Wall That Heals to Brooklyn, we are so thankful for all the support we received from the residents of our community as well as organizations and businesses like T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative. It was your support that made this dream a reality. As the week progressed, we were honored to hear the many stories as well as the healing that took place at the wall. This event was something that will long be remembered in Brooklyn history. Thank you all for your help to honor those that served and paid the ultimate sacrifice for our Country in Vietnam."

Supporting our rural communities to ensure they thrive is very important to T.I.P. REC.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Don't let phantom energy haunt your electric bill this October. Many electronics continue using electricity even when they're turned off. TVs, gaming systems, coffee makers and phone chargers can quietly draw power around the clock. While each device uses only a small amount, the energy waste can add up over time. Before heading out for Halloween fun, unplug devices you don't use regularly or plug them into a smart power strip that automatically cuts power when equipment is off. It's a simple trick that can help keep phantom energy waste in check.

NOTICE: The Brooklyn office will be closed on Wednesday, October 21 from 7:00 am till Noon for an all-employee safety meeting.

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