

# T.I.P. Current Connection

T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative

June 2026

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## 2026 Director Election and Business Only Annual Meeting

**Director Election** - Member-owners will be able to 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 26 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

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](http://www.tiprec.com/annual-meeting).



**MEMBER**

T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative  
Friday, June 26, 2026

Meal Served: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Location: Reinig Civic Center  
1007 S Prospect Drive  
Toledo, IA 52342

**MEAL 2026**

**APPRECIATION**

## Meter Testing this Summer

Anixter will be testing meters on our Marengo and Pilot substations this summer.

They will go up to your meter and test it which possibly can cause your electricity to blink momentarily.

This is just part of our annual maintenance and we appreciate your cooperation as they complete this project.



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# Congratulations!

## *T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative 2026 Scholarship Winners!* Lineworker Awarded \$1,000 Scholarship and Students Awarded \$500 Scholarships

**Gavin Khali**  
Sigourney Jr/Sr  
High School

Minnesota West Community &  
Technical College  
Powerline Technology



**Ashten Kalinay**  
BGM Jr/Sr High School  
Midwest Line College  
Lineman Program

**Raygann Milleson**  
Belle Plaine Jr/Sr  
High School  
Marshalltown  
Community  
College  
Trade - Welding,  
Smith Work



**Grayce Banos**  
Williamsburg  
Jr/Sr High  
School  
Kirkwood  
Community  
College  
Nursing

**Beau Burns**  
BGM Jr/Sr  
High School  
Cornell College  
Education &  
Kinesiology



**Thanks to all  
the students  
that applied for  
a scholarship.  
We wish all the  
2026 Graduates a  
bright future!**



**Brayden Wood**  
Sigourney Jr/  
Sr High School  
Iowa State  
University  
Ag Systems  
Technology

**Mackenzie Allee**  
HLV Community  
School  
Kirkwood  
Community  
College Physical  
Therapist  
Assisting



**Ellie Callahan**  
Mid-Prairie  
High School  
University of  
Northern Iowa  
Communication  
Sciences &  
Disorders

**Joshua Read**  
Iowa Valley Jr/Sr High School  
Indian Hills Community  
College  
Exercise Science/Kinesiology



**Gavin Sieren**  
Keota High School  
University of Iowa  
Biomedical Engineering with  
Pre-Med Track

## Advance Notice of Business Only Member's Meeting

In preparation for the Annual Meeting of the members, August 26, 2026, 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.



**Nominate a local volunteer  
and they could win  
\$3,000 for their charity!**

Contest entries accepted during June at  
[IowaShineTheLight.com](http://IowaShineTheLight.com)

### T.I.P. REC June 2026 Work Anniversaries

Chase Tremmel - 4 years  
Tanner Meeks - 6 years  
Quinton Heineman - 1 year  
Jason Niehaus - 2 years  
Breanna McIlrath - 18 years

**Thank You!**

## Adam Hawkins: Bringing Power to Rural Mountain Villages in Guatemala



T.I.P. REC is proud to announce that Adam Hawkins, Brooklyn Line Foreman, will join 17 other lineworkers (6 more from Iowa, 4 from Colorado and 7 from Oklahoma) in September for an electrification project in Guatemala. This amazing project is made possible through the coordination of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) International along with the Oklahoma and Iowa Associations of Electric Cooperatives and the Colorado Rural Electric Association.

The 2026 project is located in the rural mountain villages of Montenegro and El Estocal near the town of Gastatoya which is in south-central Guatemala about two hours northeast of Guatemala City. The area they will be

(See Top Right)

A graphic for the T.I.P. REC Safety Program & Book Donations. It features two circular photos: the top one shows a man in a yellow safety vest interacting with children, and the bottom one shows children sitting at a table reading books. The text reads: "T.I.P. REC Safety Program & Book Donations", "Time to learn about electrical safety & electric cooperatives", and "Donated Books Written and Illustrated by Patrick Wood".

**T.I.P. REC Safety Program & Book Donations**

*Time to learn about electrical safety & electric cooperatives*

Donated Books Written and Illustrated by Patrick Wood

Thanks to the Keota Elementary School and Meskwaki Settlement School for having Cole Calkins, Staking Technician/Member Service, come and present our electrical safety program to their elementary students.

In addition to the safety program, T.I.P. REC donated four books about electric cooperatives to their library so that all the students have an opportunity to learn from them.

We appreciate the schools allowing us to come and present our electrical safety program as T.I.P. REC feels it is a top priority to inform everyone of the dangers of electricity and how to use it safely.

working at has an elevation around 3,000 feet above sea level with very steep terrain and sandy soil which will make building in electricity quite a challenge.

The team of 18 lineworkers will be building out four miles of electric distribution powerlines providing power and wiring to approximately 100 homes (in two project sites), a school and a health care center. Additionally, the team will add a community service project to their itinerary to update the school's kitchen with new flooring, new shelving and a new refrigerator.

Adam commented, "I am looking forward to providing power to an area that has never had it before and getting to meet the people."

Make sure to watch for updates on Adam's adventurous trip in future newsletters and on our Facebook page.

### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

During these warm summer months, a smart thermostat can help keep your home comfortable while reducing cooling costs. Smart thermostats learn your routine and automatically raise the temperature when you're away and cool things down before you return, avoiding unnecessary energy use. You can also adjust settings remotely from your phone, so you're never cooling an empty house. Setting your thermostat a few degrees higher while you're away or asleep can lead to significant savings. Many smart thermostats provide reports and tips, helping you fine-tune your energy use and stay cool while keeping your electric bill in check.



**NOTICE:** The Brooklyn office will be closed on Tuesday, June 16 from 7:00 am till Noon for an all-employee safety meeting.

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