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T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative

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2026 Director Election and Business Only Annual Meeting

Director Election - The election packet you receive 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 26 Business Only Annual Meeting.
- Ballots must be postmarked no later than August 14, 2026 to be counted.
- All memberships casting a vote will receive a $5.00 bill credit, and your name will be entered for a chance to win one of four grand prizes: $250 bill credit. Attendance at the Business Only meeting is NOT required to win. Winners will be notified late August.
- **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.

Annual Meeting:

The Annual Meeting will be a Business Only Meeting held on Wednesday, August 26 at 1:00 pm at the Brooklyn headquarters. (320 Industrial Drive., Brooklyn, Iowa) and is open to member-owners to attend in-person.

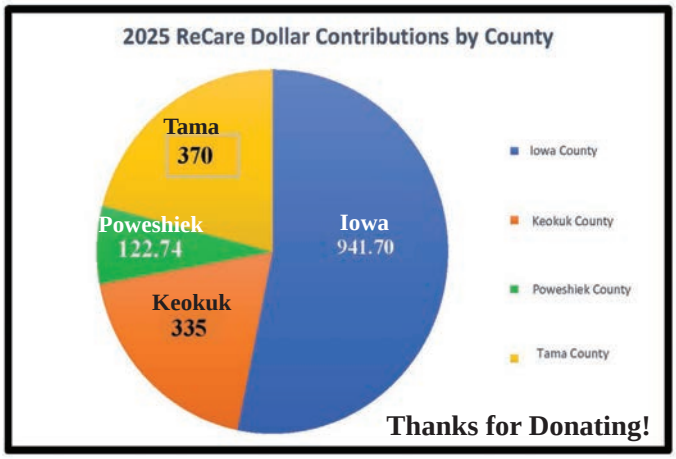
- Please note that there will be no meal, membership gifts or prize drawing at the meeting.

T.I.P. REC Youth Tour Trip Student Representative Visits Office

Before her trip, we had the pleasure of meeting our amazing Youth Tour Trip student representative, Julianne Brown. (pictured left)

She had a tour of our facilities in Brooklyn and CEO/ General Manager, Scott Long, (above right) presented Julianne with a gift certificate to use on her trip. Julianne is looking forward to learning a lot while on the trip.

We hope she has a wonderful time and look forward to hearing about her trip!



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Grain Bin Clearance Notice

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 and built after September 9, 1992, or to grain bins loaded by permanently installed augers, conveyors, or elevator systems installed after December 24, 1997. (As adopted by the Iowa Utilities Commission).

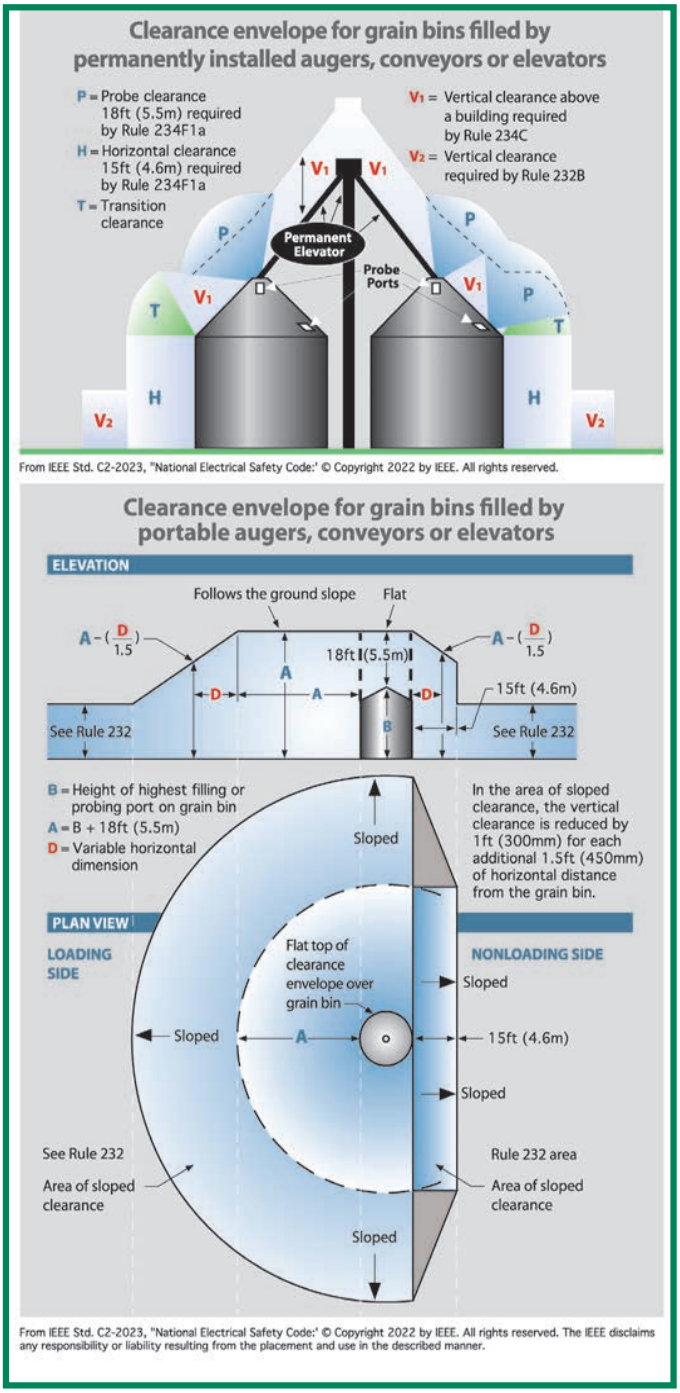
T.I.P. and its power supplier, Central Iowa Power Cooperative, are required by the Iowa Utilities Commission to provide this annual notice to farmers, farm lenders, grain bin merchants, and city and county zoning officials. If you have any questions concerning any clearance regulations, please call T.I.P. 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.

The picture above does NOT represent the clearances required between pools and power lines.



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Vegetation Management Program - Summer and Fall

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 Brooklyn, Homestead, Lancaster and Parnell substation areas.

If you have any questions or complaints, contact Cole Calkins, Staking Technician/Member Service, or Becca Stauffer, Operations Coordinator, in our Brooklyn office at 800-934-7976.

As service reliability is one of our most important goals, vegetation management is another crucial maintenance program that helps ensure your cooperative is able to provide you with reliable power.

Lineman Practice Critical Safety Procedures

As part of T.I.P. REC's comprehensive safety program, annually all of our linemen review basket rescue procedures. 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.

In addition, they also review and practice pole climbing competency as seen in the picture below. All the linemen check their harnesses, climbing gear and lanyards to ensure they are in proper working condition and then each lineman takes his turn climbing the pole to practice his pole climbing skills.

Linemen are pictured reviewing basket rescue procedures.

Pictured above are linemen taking their turn climbing the pole to practice their pole climbing techniques.

Nominating Committee Meets

Pictured above back left to right: Mike Bensmiller, Brett Kozishek and Dale Bringmann. Front left to right: Ronald Waechter, Chairperson, Donald Henning and Dean Papesh.

Your nominating committee met on May 28, 2026, to nominate candidates for your Board of Directors election to be voted on via Mail-In Ballot or SmartHub.

The election results will be announced at the Business Only Annual Meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2026.

We would like to thank the nominating committee for participating in the cooperative election process.

2026 Poweshiek Leadership Program Graduate

Congratulations to Journeyman Lineman, Andrew Kloppenburg, for graduating from the Poweshiek Leadership Program (PLP)!

Developing personal leadership skills, exploring county resources and issues, economic development, and networking with local businesses and state and county government leaders are just a few highlights of PLP.

T.I.P. REC offers this program to its employees to enhance the services we provide for our member-owners.

Ag Safety Day at Montezuma Community Schools

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the Montezuma Community Schools Ag Safety Day. T.I.P. REC employees pictured above left to right: Cole Calkins, Staking Technician/Member Service, Landyn Haack, Apprentice Lineman, and Adam Hawkins, Brooklyn Line Foreman, gave a safety presentation to students K-8 on how to stay safe when working outside around power lines and the dangers of electricity.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Running multiple major appliances at the same time - like your dishwasher, laundry machines and oven - can spike energy demand and strain on the grid, especially during peak hours (typically late afternoon to early evening). Instead of stacking appliance use, spread it out throughout the day or shift chores to off-peak hours when energy demand is lower. This not only helps improve overall efficiency but can also reduce your energy costs. A simple habit change, like doing laundry in the morning and running the dishwasher overnight, can make a big difference for both your wallet and energy reliability.

NOTICE: The Brooklyn office will be closed on Wednesday, July 15 from 7:00 am till 1:00 pm for an all-employee safety meeting.

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