



West Central Electric Cooperative

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safety  
seriously

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**WCE offices will be closed  
Friday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day  
and Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24-25  
for the Thanksgiving holiday**



**WINNER, WINNER! WCE Member Services Manager Brent Schlotzhauer presents Darlene Buckstead of Holden with a new air fryer. Buckstead was one of several winners receiving prizes after registering for drawings at the Missouri Electric Cooperatives Building during the Missouri State Fair.**

## **West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

### **Headquarters:**

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### **To report outages 24/7:**

Call 816-565-4942 or 1-800-491-3803 • or report outages at  
[www.westcentralelectric.coop](http://www.westcentralelectric.coop) under "View & Report Outages"

### **District office:**

506 N. Broadway, Oak Grove, MO 64075

### **Website:**

[www.westcentralelectric.coop](http://www.westcentralelectric.coop)

### **General Manager:**

Mike Gray

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# Grain bins have clearance requirements

To stay safe, many farming tasks require looking up and around for power lines: when operating large equipment with antennas or when using long implements, for example.

Another safety issue farmers should keep in mind related to power lines is grain bin location. The National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) addresses grain bins and their proximity to power lines with very specific requirements. The code does so to decrease the chances of farming equipment and machinery coming in contact with a live electrical line and because utility lines have clearance requirements.

If you are planning on building a new grain bin or remodeling around an area that already has one, contact West Central Electric Cooperative at 800-491-3803 or 816-565-4942. We can help with specific code requirements.

The taller a grain bin, the farther it must be placed from a power line. Not only is placing a grain bin too close to a power line extremely dangerous, it will most likely need to be relocated due to one or more code violations, and usually at the owner's expense.

Remember, calling us before installing a new grain bin or making changes around an existing one is free. Moving one is costly, it interrupts your farming schedule and is just an all-around hassle.

The NESC specifies both horizontal and vertical distance requirements

so don't leave a bin's location to chance. For example, a grain bin that is 30 feet high must be at least 93 feet from a power line, and all bins must have an 18-foot minimum vertical clearance from the highest point of the bin's filling port. There are also distance requirements for non-loading sides of bins. In addition, changes to the ground (landscaping, filling) and drainage work can affect clearance heights.

Even if you are not getting a new grain bin or making changes around an existing one, remember to always maintain adequate clearance when using a portable auger, conveyor or elevator to fill your grain bin or when moving machinery or farming equipment anywhere on your farm. Contact with a power line could be deadly. For more information about electrical safety, visit [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org).



## Play it safe near grain bins.

When moving equipment, be aware of power lines and maintain at least a 10-foot clearance to ensure safety. Follow all guidelines set by the National Electrical Safety Code.



# Safety is part of our culture

"Education and Training" is not just one of the Seven Cooperative Principles, it is a way of life at West Central Electric and cooperatives all across the nation. Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers and employees so that they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation.

Embedded in this principle is the commitment to educate our employees on safety measures to keep them and our members safe whether the situation is an emergency or an everyday, run-of-the-mill task.

"Some of the most dangerous work WCE employees do is far off the road in the dark, rain and ice with tree limbs falling and lightning flashing, but that is not the only place we are at risk. Day-to-day things like buckling your seat belt or getting someone to help you lift an awkward load could protect you from life-changing events, Engineering Manager Pete Nelson said. "We want everyone safe at home, work, or at play."

WCE employees take part in monthly safety meetings that cover a variety of topics from office safety to pole-top rescue to how to properly operate a fire extinguisher. Employees are also first-aid and CPR certified, renewing the certification regularly. Employees are not only ready to use their training to help each other on the job, but also in the event that a co-op member or member of the general public is involved in an accident or medical emergency.

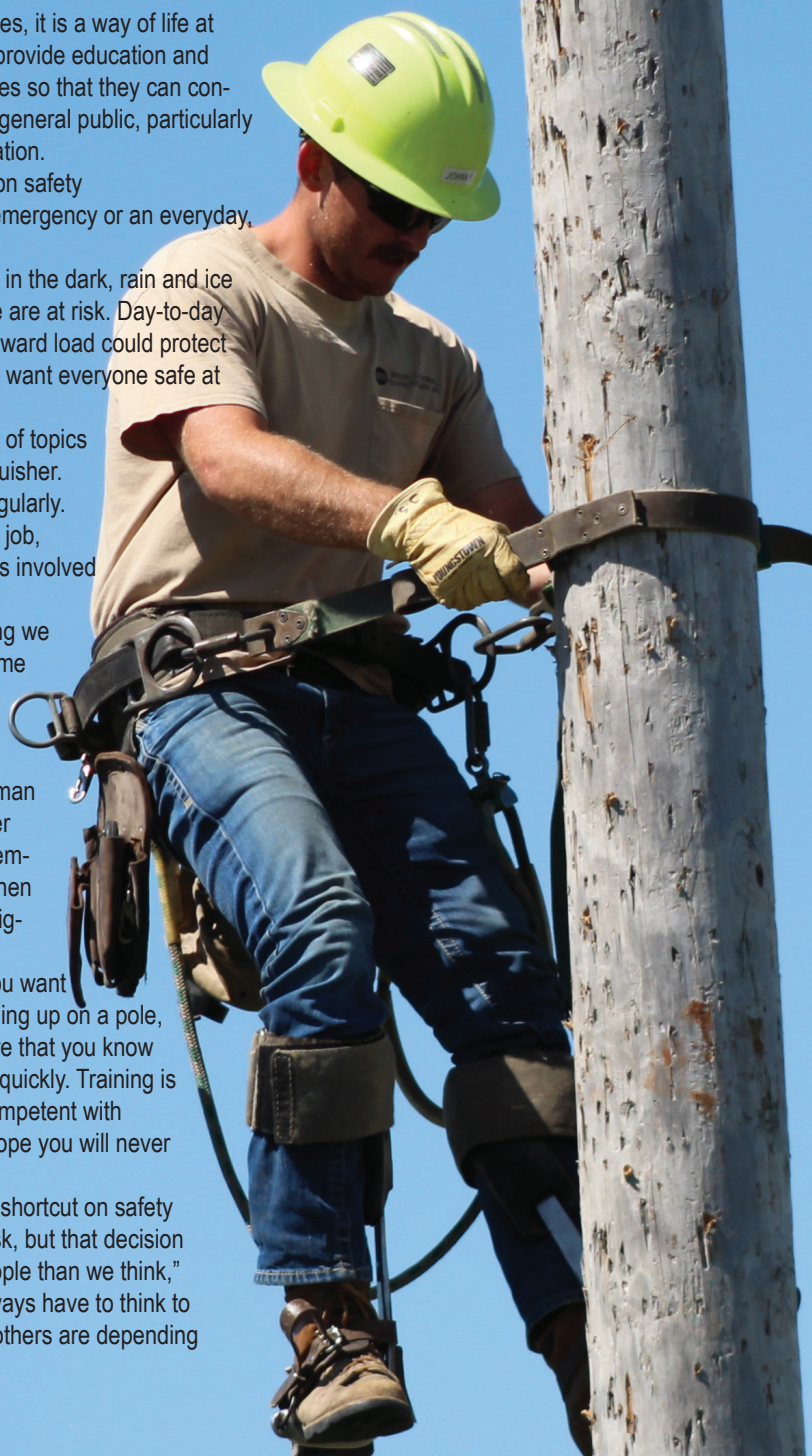
"I hope I will never have to use the first aid/CPR or fire extinguisher training we receive here," Accountant Pam Fuenfhausen said. "However, it does make me appreciate the fact that should a situation arise at work or outside, I have some training."

Earlier this fall, linemen at WCE participated in pole-top rescue training. Pole-top rescue training involves practicing techniques on how to get a lineman down from a pole in the event of an electrocution, a heart-attack or any other emergency rendering them helpless or unconscious and unable to lower themselves down from a pole. During this type of training, linemen climb a pole then harness and lower a life-sized dummy to the ground. Several hours are designated for pole-top rescue each year, and for good reason.

"It has to be 2nd nature," Line Foreman Todd Gast said. "The last thing you want to have to do is think when there's an emergency. If you have a buddy hanging up on a pole,

you want to make sure that you know how to get him down quickly. Training is the only way to be competent with something that you hope you will never have to do."

"It is easy to take a shortcut on safety and put yourself at risk, but that decision could affect more people than we think," Nelson said. "You always have to think to yourself, 'how many others are depending on you?'"



Pole-top rescue: Johnathon Sullins



First-aid training: Todd Gast





Pole-top rescue: Eric Wegener & Nate Collins

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—Line Foreman  
Todd Gast



Fire extinguisher safety: Jesse Underwood & Tim Frerking



# Can you help us locate these people?

The following members have capital credit refund checks due them. Checks mailed to the last address on file for these members have been returned. If you can provide a current address for any of the members listed below, or the name of an heir if the member is deceased, please contact Michael Newland at 1-800-491-3803 or 1-816-565-4942.

Adams, Terri M	17.11
Addington, Dennis L & Leona M	91.69
Adlard, John T III & Mary	282.33
Aguilar, Rosa M	71.74
Alberts, Daniel & Becky	30.13
Alexander, Anthony	15.32
Alexander, David O	60.95
Allen, Janet L	77.71
Alsup, Glenn M	90.99
Anderson, Derek R	7.32
Anderson, G. Ray	22.70
Anderson, Shawn D	83.27
Anderson, Teresa & Schaffer, Wm	14.47
Anderson, Timothy S	1.25
Anderson, Travis	17.42
Appleberry, James B	85.90
Apprill Construction Inc	32.48
Armstrong, Bradley	190.88
Arnold, Jeremy J	6.83
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Ascensio, Alfonso E & Rose I	2.05
Aselstine, James C & Christy	113.43
Ashlock, Dennis L & Nina	111.83
Bailey, Krystal	51.79
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Banks, Steve	225.74
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Barnes, William R, Jr & William	79.51
Barnett, Sandra Lee	15.50
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Barnum, Inez & Reddell, John	50.11
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Bly, John R & Patricia R	124.42
Bolton, Noah R & Kristen L	8.73
Bond, Jana Lee	59.85
Bondy, Paul G	28.63
Booth, Michael F	6.31
Bott, Debra S	8.22
Boyles, John M	14.20
Bradford, James K & Norma J	12.75
Bradshaw Kitchen & Bath	21.93
Bray, Darrel R & Donna S	214.29
Bree Contract Services Inc	5.14
Bree, Donald L & Donna J	68.41

Breedlove, Donald	32.83
Breit, Charles E & Margaret	13.14
Briggs, Annette	80.90
Brillhart, Donna	70.10
Brocchi, Carl M	5.99
Bron, Rebecca	76.21
Brown, Danny	291.04
Brown, Ellen	32.54
Brown, Jacob R & Jennifer L	47.22
Brown, Meghan R	78.48
Brown, Michael D & Brenda J	11.95
Brown, Michelle	190.36
Brown, Randy L	35.89
Brown, Timothy L	8.85
Brumble, Evan & Debbie	186.44
Brumble, Joshua & Rachael	70.18
Brumfield, Ruby	75.14
Brunner, Christopher L	18.10
Bunyard, James P & Melinda K	16.74
Burgess, Carole R	25.46
Burke, Lisa C & Gerken, John	2.24
Burnell, Ken & Michelle	35.87
Burns, R	12.28
Burruss, James D & Bonnie	8.12
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Campbell, Jeffrey S & Andrea S	266.69
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Coen, Robert J, Jr & Shirley A	73.20
Cohen, Steve M	61.17
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Coleman, Donny R & Peggy J	136.16
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Collins, Doris M	211.35
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Collins, Levin D & Barbara	12.91
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Cook, Rhonda M	8.34
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Cowart, Sonja M	13.61
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Cross, Shari K	60.38
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Davenport, Rick & Tammy	120.58
Davis, Barbara E	56.82
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Davis, Marvin D	173.44

Davis, Ray E	162.31
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Douglass, Robin	6.03
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Dyer, Tracy	75.90
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 Nolte, Mark W & Carol C 198.36  
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 Oltman, Kurt D & Teri J 31.86  
 Orozco, Grace A 13.45  
 Orr, Dean E & Mary 121.59  
 P & C Farms 12.21  
 Packham, Donnie R & Pamela K 138.83  
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 Palecek, Robert & Elaine 116.39  
 Palmer, Curtis & Anita F 43.10  
 Panichi, John J 69.42  
 Parker, Jason & Bunner, Samantha 17.57  
 Parks, Karen 8.78  
 Patti, Kathy D 22.05  
 Peddicord, John L & Margaret 150.74  
 Pemberton, Michael & Georgia 13.49  
 Pentico, Eileen G 42.21  
 Pepper, Denise L 22.35  
 Perry, Betty K 11.10  
 Petty, Cody 9.28  
 Phillips, Joseph & Crystal 68.30  
 Phillips, Richard N & Dana M 122.38

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# FROM THE WCE BOARDROOM...

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors held Aug. 25, 2022

A meeting of the board of directors of West Central Electric Cooperative was held at the offices of the Cooperative, in Higginsville, Missouri, at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022, pursuant to the bylaws of the cooperative and previous resolution of the board of directors. The meeting was called to order by President Densil Allen Jr. Cooperative Attorney Sheri Smiley caused the minutes of the meeting to be kept. The following directors were present: Densil Allen Jr., Colby Dowell, Clark Bredehoeft, Richard Strobel, Stan Rhodes, Dale Jarman, Robert Simmons, Jeremy Ahmann and Sandra Streit. Also present were General Manager Mike Gray and CFO Michael Newland.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Reorganization meeting was held and conducted by Smiley in accordance with the bylaws. The following officers were elected:

President: Densil Allen, Jr.

Vice President: Clark Bredehoeft

Secretary: Robert Simmons

Treasurer: Dale Jarman

Assistant Secretary: Stan Rhodes

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

After discussion, an amended agenda was approved.

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved its consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 28, 2022; expenditures for the month of July 2022; new membership applications and membership terminations.

## APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The following July reports were approved:

**Financing and Treasurer's Report:** Newland presented the July 2022 Operating Report (RUS Form 7) and Comparative Operating Statement. He reviewed the Financial and Statistical Report and Treasurer's Report with monthly and annual budget comparisons. He also gave the investment report. He presented and reviewed statistical data pertaining to operating revenue, expenses, margins, assets, liabilities, cash flow management, and KWH sales and ratios. KRTA ratios were reviewed. The payment process for outside payments was reviewed. A decision was tabled until next month to allow for Staff to review issues with minimum payments. Deferred revenue was discussed. A motion was approved to take a \$3 million draw from RUS.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE AUDIT --** Newland presented the 2022 audit report that was prepared by the accounting firm of Kelso-Lynch. There were no audit adjustments made. A motion to accept the audit as presented approved.

## Operations Report

Randy Burkeybile provided a written Operations Report and presented the report to the board. His report included the following: update on crews, outages for the month, a mechanic's report, updates on brush crews and right-of-way, and an update on the wire storage building was given. There was one injury with no lost time and one accident with a truck with no injuries.

**Safety and Engineering Report:** Pete Nelson provided a written Safety and Engineering Report and presented the report to the board. He reported on the NRECA conference he attended. Safety meetings, crew visits, and an engineer/staking department report was given. Make-ready work for fiber companies was discussed. An audit of high usage members was performed.

**Member Services Report:** Brent Schlotzhauer provided a written Member Services Report. He reported on Operation Round Up. He has received no complaints regarding the 2022 Annual Meeting. Solar systems and rebates given were also reported on as well as chamber meetings attended. He



attended the State Fair.

## AMEC REPORT

Bredehoeft gave a written report. Items of interest included a legislative report, dues committee report and an AECI report. Governor Parsons was at the last meeting he attended.

## NW REPORT

Simmons reported on the N.W. Electric board meeting. He reported on the inflation bonus given to employees and salaries. An AECI update was given.

## CFC MEETING REPORT

Simmons and Jarman attended the CFC Statewide meeting. They reported on the speakers and attendance.

## ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW

Gray led a discussion on the Annual Meeting wrap up for 2022. There were a couple of minor issues discussed with staff, but overall everything worked very well.

## HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Gray presented on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. A resolution to adopt it was approved by the board.

## REVIEW STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The standing committees were reviewed. Ahmann will be replaced on the Scholarship Committee by Colby Dowell. Streit will replace Max Swisegood on the Bylaw Committee.

## APPOINT NRECA REGIONAL VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE

Simmons was appointed as the NRECA voting delegate and Gray as the alternate.

## LEGAL REPORT

Smiley presented a report on legal matters.

## MANAGER'S REPORT

Gray presented the monthly Manager's Report. The Wage and Salary Committee will meet on Sept. 7, and the report will be given at the next board meeting. The retreat in January was discussed and dates will be provided next month. The topics to be covered, including the strategic planning with CFC, was discussed.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

None.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was called at 12:20 p.m. and adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

## FINANCIAL REPORT • Statement of Operations • July 2022

	This month	YTD 2022	YTD 2021
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,918,860</b>	<b>\$19,623,909</b>	<b>\$17,918,870</b>
Power Bill Expense	1,660,974	11,139,686	10,224,024
Operation & Maint. Expense	620,090	4,125,517	3,992,468
Depreciation Expense	212,988	1,474,357	1,406,157
Interest Expense	111,397	792,004	808,926
<b>Total cost of Srvc. (Total Expense)</b>	<b>2,605,449</b>	<b>17,531,564</b>	<b>16,431,575</b>
Operating Margins (Revenue less Expenses)	313,411	2,092,345	1,487,295
Other Margins	14,644	111,206	64,891
<b>TOTAL MARGINS</b>	<b>\$328,055</b>	<b>\$2,203,551</b>	<b>\$1,552,186</b>

