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From the manager's desk

WCE is searching for our great, young leaders

The new year is underway, and we find ourselves back in the swing of all those things that come around each year. For us, that means, among other things, the Rural Electric Youth Tour and CYCLE, and our scholarship programs.

West Central Electric's commitment to providing the youth of our communities with education and opportunities is two-fold. When we support our youth, they become stronger leaders and more productive citizens. The knowledge and experiences these programs provide also equip them to become the adult leaders of tomorrow.

Three scholarship programs are available for area youth

The first scholarship awarded by WCE was in 1963, and since that time, the cooperative has awarded more than \$650,000 in scholarship money to help our area youth further their education at colleges and universities, trade schools and lineman programs. Several of our current linemen were recipients of the WCE Electrical Distribution Systems Scholarship and were hired by the cooperative after completing their programs and internships.

Information about applying for the West Central Electric Cooperative Scholarship, the John & Kathryn English Memorial Scholarship and the WCE Electrical Distribution Systems Scholarship is on pages 4 and 5 of this issue of Electric News.

The Rural Electric Youth Tour brings young leaders to our nation's capital

In 1957, Senator Lyndon B. Johnson challenged the electric cooperatives to create a program to bring youth to Washington, D.C. to experience our country's history, see government in action, and to understand what our great flag stands for. WCE's first delegates were chosen in 1965, and since that time, 76 of our area's best and brightest students have attended the Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. In addition to making new friends, they have made valuable connections with peers and adults alike.



Michael Newland
General Manager

The Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience offers valuable connections

With the creation of the Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience (CYCLE) 21 years ago, WCE gained another opportunity to arm area young leaders with knowledge and experiences. A total of 53 local students have attended CYCLE, with the same opportunities as our Youth Tour delegates to make valuable connections and learn about our state's history and government.

Through the Youth Tour and CYCLE programs, students also gain knowledge about the cooperative system and the value of cooperative membership.

Encourage your students to take advantage of these great opportunities

As we embark on a new scholarship season, and Youth Tour and CYCLE delegate search, it feels great to know that we are helping to shape the leaders of tomorrow. If you have high school seniors, I encourage you to have them apply for our three scholarship programs. If you have high school juniors, I highly recommend they consider entering the Youth Tour and CYCLE contest. Receiving a scholarship or being chosen to represent our cooperative in Washington, D.C. or Jefferson City could make an impact that solidifies their direction or even changes their life.

What you need to know

We are your community partners

Engaging with those in our area communities through activities and events is not just a privilege for your local electric cooperative. It is something we strive for every day.

We ended December by helping Central Bank of Odessa present their Reality Check program to personal finance students at Odessa High School, and partnering with the Holden Area Chamber of Commerce on their annual Snow-

ball Drop for kids during their holiday edition of "Shop Small Saturday."

"These are just a couple of the many events we get to attend throughout the year," Communications Specialist Heather Hoflander said.

"There are a lot of events around our service area, and we love getting out in support of our local chambers, school districts and community groups," she said. "Participating in area festival and holiday parades, attending resource fairs, passing out candy and treats in our communities on Halloween -- it's all just a part of what we do."



IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO REMEMBER

2025 Rural Electric Youth Tour contest

Essays must be turned in to the Higginsville office no later than 4:30 p.m. Feb. 7, 2025.

Essays submitted online must arrive by 4:30 p.m. Feb. 7, 2025.

Applications for the

2025 John & Kathryn English Memorial Scholarship

must be postmarked no later than Feb. 14, 2025.

Applications submitted online must arrive by 4:30 p.m. Feb. 14, 2025.

Applications for the

2025 West Central Electric Cooperative Scholarship

must be postmarked no later than March 7, 2025.

Applications submitted online must arrive by 4:30 p.m. March 7, 2025.

Applications for the

2025 WCE Electrical Distributions Systems Scholarship

must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2025.

Applications submitted via email must arrive by 4:30 p.m. April 1, 2025.

YLC Logan distributes food donations

Two area food distribution organizations had a little more to give during the holiday season after receiving donations as part of a Missouri electric cooperatives' statewide project.

Missouri electric cooperatives' Youth Leadership Council representative Saul Logan of Warrensburg presented ECHO (Early Childhood Hunger Operation) of Warrensburg, and The Food Center of Johnson County with boxes of complete nutrition macaroni and cheese meals.

Logan, who completed the project as a requirement of his position on the national Youth Leadership Council, said he specifically chose the two organizations because of the work they do for the local communities. Logan said he especially wanted to include ECHO, because the group provides weekend supplemental food for preschool students who may not have other avenues of access.

The meals were packed by Logan and the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives' Member Services and Communications group at their annual fall conference. More than 10,000 meals were donated to food distribution organizations around the state by Missouri's electric cooperatives.



2025 Scholarship Opportunities

2025 West Central Electric Cooperative Scholarship

I. Amount of Scholarship

This year, approximately 20 high school seniors meeting DESE graduation requirements will receive a \$1,000 West Central Electric Cooperative scholarship for use at any college, university, trade or technical school the fall semester after their senior year/high school graduation.

II. Selection Criteria

A. The applicant will be selected without regard to sex, race, religion or color.
B. The applicant's parent or legal guardian must be a current WCE member.
C. A cumulative 3.0 or better grade point average is required.
D. Students MUST provide an ACT score or equivalent college entrance exam score to apply.

E. A high school transcript must accompany the application. ****Applications received without transcripts WILL BE PENALIZED.**

F. The Scholarship Committee will consider financial need and special circumstances when selecting the winner of this scholarship. Please address financial need and any special circumstances when answering question #7 on this application.

G. Please submit a recent photo along with your application. This photo will be used for press releases and for the WCE newsletter if you are selected a winner. If you submit your application online, please email a photo to heather@wcecoop.com.

H. All scholarship applications **MUST BE TYPED.**

I. High School counselor must sign your transcript. (Home school transcripts are accepted, but must be signed by the teacher.)

III. Restrictions

A. Children and grandchildren of current West Central employees and directors are not eligible to apply.

B. Four-year recipients of the John and Kathryn English Memorial Scholarship Trust will not be considered.

IV. Application Deadline

All applications **must be postmarked on or before March 7, 2025.** Send applications to: Heather Hoflander, West Central Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 452, Higginsville, MO 64037.

V. Online applications

Scholarship applications are available online at www.westcentralelectric.coop under the heading "Youth Programs." Applications may be printed and mailed, or filled out online and emailed. If you choose to email your application, please also either email your photo as a jpeg to heather@wcecoop.com or mail a photograph along with your transcript. Applications submitted via email **must arrive by 4:30 p.m. March 7, 2025.**

VI. Winners' Notification

Recipients of the scholarship will be notified by **May 1, 2025.**

2025 John & Kathryn English Memorial Scholarship

I. Background

The John & Kathryn English Memorial Scholarship Trust was created under the terms of the Last Will & Testament of Kathryn English. The purpose of this trust is to provide scholarship grants for high school seniors who meet DESE graduation requirements, and who are or were active 4-H members at the time of their high school graduation, and who desire to attend college the fall semester following their senior year/high school graduation to pursue a degree. John English, a former director of West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc., designated West Central's Board of Directors as Trustees of the Memorial Scholarship Trust.

II. Amount of Scholarship

The John & Kathryn English Memorial Scholarship Committee will award one \$1,000 scholarship (\$500 per semester) to a student beginning his/her freshman year in college. This student may reapply for additional funds for their next three years of study. Renewal requests will be filed in the spring and submitted with a transcript for the previous school year. Grants will be paid out by semester as long as the student remains enrolled full-time and meets academic requirements stated on the renewal application. The amount of these grants may vary due to availability of funds. The committee may decide to make one or more one-time scholarship awards based on merit.

III. Selection Criteria

A. The applicant will be selected without regard to sex, race, religion or color.
B. The applicant must attend a high school in West Central Electric's service area -- Lafayette, Johnson and eastern Jackson counties (including Oak Grove, Lone Jack and home school students) OR have a parent or legal guardian who is a current West Central Electric member. Districts NOT in the WCE service area (Sherwood, Grain Valley, Ft. Osage, etc.) may have students who qualify based on a parent or legal guardian being a current member of the cooperative.

C. A cumulative 3.0 or better grade point average is required.

D. Students MUST provide an ACT score or equivalent college entrance exam score to apply.

E. Participation in 4-H at the time of high school graduation is required.

F. Two reference letters are required. No letter may come from a relative, and one letter must be from an adult involved with 4-H (for example a project leader, a 4-H youth specialist, etc.)

G. Students must submit a copy of their completed Missouri Report Form (including required signatures) along with their application.

H. A high school transcript must accompany the application.

I. The Scholarship Committee will consider financial need and special circumstances when selecting the winner of this scholarship. Please address financial need and any special circumstances when answering question #4 on this application.

J. Please submit a recent photo along with your application. This photo will be used for press releases and for the WCE newsletter if you are selected a winner. If you submit your application online, please email a photo to heather@wcecoop.com.

K. Finalists will be required to participate in an interview with the scholarship committee. If applying, you should tentatively plan to be available that evening for interviews, should you be named a finalist.

L. All scholarship applications **MUST BE TYPED.**

M. High School counselor must sign your transcript. (Home school transcripts are accepted, but must be signed by the teacher.) ****Applications received without transcripts WILL BE PENALIZED.**

IV. Restrictions

Children and grandchildren of current WCE directors are not eligible to apply.

V. Application Deadline

All applications **must be postmarked on or before Feb. 14, 2025.** Send applications to Heather Hoflander, West Central Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 452, Higginsville, MO 64037.

VI. Online applications

Scholarship applications are available online at www.westcentralelectric.coop under the heading "Youth Programs." Applications may be printed and mailed, or filled out online and emailed. If you choose to email your application, please also either email your photo as a jpeg to heather@wcecoop.com or mail a photograph along with your transcript. Applications submitted via email **must arrive by 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 14, 2025.**

VII. Finalist Notification

Interviews will be scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, March 26, 2025. All students applying for this scholarship should tentatively plan for an interview on this date. Those scheduled for interviews **will be notified by March 1, 2025.**

2025 West Central Electric Cooperative Electrical Distribution Systems Scholarship

I. General Description

West Central Electric Cooperative, Higginsville, Missouri, will accept applications from students interested in pursuing a degree in Electrical Distribution Systems at an accredited institution in Missouri, Kansas or Iowa. This program provides for students a scholarship as well as on-the-job training. General provisions of the scholarship are as follows:

II. Eligibility Requirements

A. Applicant should reside in the West Central Electric Cooperative service area.

B. Applicant shall be expected to participate in an interview with the cooperative general manager and/or staff representatives in April of the application year.

C. Applicant should be a student in good academic standing with a minimum 2.5 high school cumulative GPA, or GED with 260 minimum score.

D. Applicant should be **admitted as a full-time student to the school of choice, and be accepted into that institution's Electrical Distribution Systems Program.**

E. Applicant should attend school commencing during the Fall semester immediately following receipt of the application.

F. Applicant is required to complete a summer internship at West Central Electric Cooperative.

III. Selection Criteria and Award of Scholarship

A. To be considered, applicants must submit a complete application by the **scholarship application deadline of April 1, 2025**. The criteria used to evaluate applications for award will be based upon the following:

- Academic achievement
- Civic involvement
- Leadership
- Ability to communicate clearly defined personal goals through personal goal statement (on application)
- Financial need
- Interview conducted by the general manager and/or cooperative staff

B. Selection Priority: This is a one-time annual scholarship awarded to full-time students attending an accredited EDS program. West Central Electric Cooperative will determine the number of awards based on need and the number of applicants as well as the availability of funds. In the event a student is unable to fulfill the requirement of full-time enrollment for the fall semester in the year the scholarship is awarded, the scholarship may be transferred to the next available alternate.

C. Scholarship Award: The scholarship provides up to \$5,000 annually to begin in the fall semester upon the student's verified enrollment. The scholarship may be used for the cost of tuition, fees, books, tools, and/or other costs associated with a student's education. The scholarship is renewable each semester if the recipient meets the continued expectations of the scholarship, up to \$10,000 maximum per recipient.

IV. Application

Deadline for application to assure consideration for the next following academic

year is **April 1, 2025**. Please submit the following to be considered:

- Letter of acceptance to an accredited institution and admittance to the school's EDS program.
- High school transcript, college transcript or official GED score report.
- Complete scholarship application, including personal goal statement.
- Two letters of character reference.
- Applications may be printed and mailed along with transcript or GED report and letters, or you may apply online at www.westcentralelectric.coop under the heading "Youth Programs." If you apply online, please mail your high school transcript or GED score report and your letters of reference. Applications submitted via email **must arrive by 4:30 p.m. April 1, 2025**. Please also either email your photo as a .jpg to heather@wcecoop.com or mail a photograph along with your transcript and letters.
- Applications may be mailed to West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc., Attention: Heather Hoflander. P.O. Box 452, Higginsville, MO 64037.

V. Expectations of Scholarship Recipient

A. Recipient must maintain 3.0 GPA per semester. There will be a one (1) semester probation should the student's grades fall below a 3.0 GPA. Failure to return to a 3.0 could mean loss of scholarship. Applicant will provide the cooperative with a transcript at the end of each semester.

B. Recipient must attend all classes and work as scheduled. Excessive school attendance absences may result in suspension or termination of the remainder of the scholarship benefits.

C. Recipient must comply with the institution's student policies and rules. Failure to abide by such policies and rules may result in suspension or termination of the remainder of the scholarship benefits.

D. Recipient must contractually agree to work at West Central Electric Cooperative for four years following completion of the degree. A copy of the employment contract is attached as Exhibit A. The receipt of this scholarship is expressly contingent upon the successful applicant executing said employment contract, Exhibit A. Failure to complete the contract would mean reimbursement of the scholarship based on incomplete term. Employment after graduation will be solely at the discretion of West Central Electric Cooperative management. The employment contract may be changed or terminated at any time due to employee misconduct or if a position is not available.

E. In the event the student initially awarded the scholarship is unable to fulfill the requirement of full-time enrollment for the fall semester, the scholarship may be awarded to the next available alternate.

F. Release of Information: In submitting the application, the applicant grants permission for the scholarship committee to review high school and college transcripts and to contact character references. Submission of the application also grants permission to promote and publicize the scholarship and recipient(s).

G. Recipient must submit an official transcript to West Central Electric Cooperative at the conclusion of each semester to verify eligibility and GPA.

VI. Winners' Notification

Recipients of the scholarship will be notified by **May 1, 2025**.

Scholarship applications are available from your high school counselor's office, online at www.westcentralelectric.coop or from West Central Electric Cooperative's Higginsville office. Call WCE at 1-800-491-3803 for more information.

2024 Member Appreciation Day Winners

Willie Wiredhand Collectible Ornaments:

- Tami Schooley, Warrensburg
- Carolyn Hutchko, Leeton
- Barbara Walker, Napoleon
- Cory McLaren, Bates City

\$25 Energy Certificate:

- Pat Ficken, Knob Noster
- Chase Brackman, Concordia
- Elda Goetz, Higginsville
- Edwin Stevens, Higginsville
- David Olinger, Odessa
- Leila Keune Wellington
- Bill Kim, Oak Grove
- Kathy Elbel, Holden

Energy Efficiency Kit:

- Dale Chaney, Warrensburg
- Karen Daniel, Higginsville
- Tom Sumpter, Oak Grove
- Andrea Strawbridge, Kingsville



It was a great day to visit with our members who came out for the annual Member Appreciation Day in December. (Top) WCE members exchange holiday greetings. (Bottom) Edwin Stevens registers for the prize drawings.

We appreciate our members every day

Each year at Christmas, we host "Member Appreciation Day" at each of our offices. We enjoy this time to be able to share a cup of coffee and a visit, provide some prizes and listen to your thoughts. Although only one official day is set aside, we want you to know we appreciate you EVERY day.

We appreciate our members who participate in the Operation RoundUp program, your kind words when we are restoring your power during challenging and sometimes dangerous situations, and those willing to serve on our nominating committee, board of directors and RoundUp Board -- we appreciate your dedication to your cooperative and your communities!

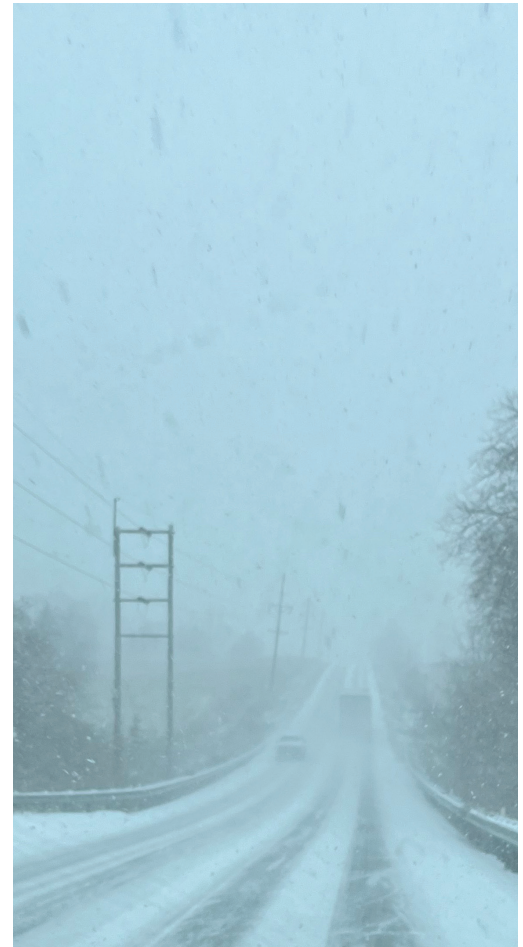
Digging out

The season's first snow Thanksgiving weekend was only a narrow swath through our service area, but it left crews digging out equipment two days later to start the week's jobs.

"Sometimes you may have to dig out the poles or transformers to get out to a job, but that's just being a lineman in Missouri in the winter," WCE lineman Brandon Heck said.

The storm brought a winter weather advisory and below normal temperatures throughout the weekend. But not everyone was as lucky (or maybe unlucky) to get several inches of white to officially start the Christmas season.

"We helped with the Holden Snowball Drop the day the snow came in, and it was pretty blustery traveling," Operations Manager Scott Gard said. "The roads were pretty covered for a bit, but once we got a little farther south, there was nothing at all."



Highway 13 in Lafayette County Thanksgiving weekend.

Safety and efficiency

Electrical Safety:

At West Central Electric, safety is our TOP priority -- your safety and the safety of our employees. Since electricity is invisible, people often forget to respect its potential for danger.

Please respect electricity. Always be aware of power line locations when working or playing outside, and always assume a downed power line is live and NEVER go near one.

Watt:

Simply put, a watt is a unit of power, named after James Watt, who invented the steam engine.

Current:

Measured in amperes (amps), current is the amount of electricity that is moving through the path as pushed by voltage (pressure). Continuing with the fluid analogy, current can be thought of as flow.

Voltage:

Voltage, which is measured in volts, is what makes electric charges move. Industry professionals often liken electricity to an invisible fluid that moves through some materials better than others while doing its job. In this example, voltage would be the pressure needed to move the fluid along. No voltage (pressure), no movement of electricity (fluid).

Ground fault:

This is when an electrical circuit malfunctions and finds a path to ground outside the established path. When there is a ground fault, a human in contact with the wiring may suddenly become part of the pathway to ground.

Arc:

An arc is a discharge between two electrodes that can cause intense heat or light. Lightning is a big arc.

Joule:

Simply put, a joule is a unit of work or energy.

Conductor:

Conductor: This is anything electricity can go through.

Circuit:

This is an electrical pathway in which electricity enters and exits. Your home's electrical system/wiring has different circuits. Several devices that don't draw much power (a lamp or clock, for instance) can be plugged into the same circuit, while large appliances that draw a lot of power are usually placed on their own circuit.

Insulator:

This is anything that is really bad at conducting electricity, like most plastics and rubber (although everyday rubber-soled shoes may not protect you).

Path to ground:

Electricity likes to take the easiest path. If electricity's usual path is interrupted, the current will take the new path. If that path is a person, electrical current will shock or kill as it runs through the body, since the body has become part of the electric circuit or pathway.

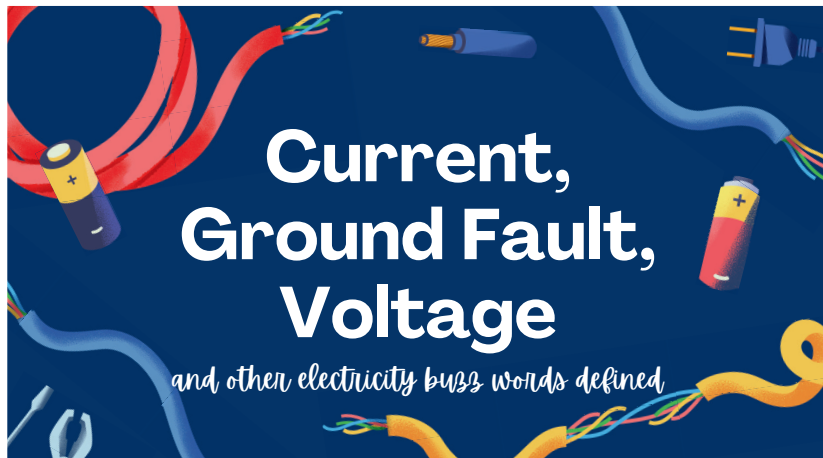
Ground literally means the earth or ground in the term "path to ground" because electrical circuits can be connected to the ground. A ground wire is a wire that has been intentionally connected to the earth but does not typically carry electricity, although it can if the system detects a problem.

AFCI:

This acronym stands for arc fault circuit interrupters, and they break the circuit when they sense a dangerous electrical arc. AFCIs are more sensitive to arc faults than regular circuit breakers.

GFCI:

This stands for ground fault circuit interrupters, and they help protect against electrical shock and electrocution as long as they are working properly. GFCIs detect whether electricity is staying inside the circuit or leaking out somewhere else (like through you). It's a good idea to test them monthly.



Step potential:

As its name implies, it is the potential for a person to step from one voltage to another, which can cause electrocution. When there is stray electrical current running through the ground from a downed power line or other electrical source, it often spreads like ripples on a pond, and each ripple represents a different voltage. This happens because the electricity going into the ground is not limited to just where the wire touches. The ground resists the flow, which can cause a "pool" of electricity to form. When you step in it, you give it another path to take.

From the WCE boardroom

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors held Nov. 26, 2024

A meeting of the board of directors of West Central Electric Cooperative was held at the offices of the Cooperative, in Higginsville, Missouri, at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024, 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. Attorney Sheri Smiley caused the minutes of the meeting to be kept. The following directors were present: Clark Bredehoeft, Richard Strobel, Dale Jarman, Robert Simmons, Colby Dowell and Elizabeth Houtsma. Stan Rhodes and Jeremy Ahmann were absent. Also present was General Manager Michael Newland.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

After discussion, the agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved its consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of Oct. 24, 2024; expenditures for the month of October 2024; new membership applications and membership terminations.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The following October reports were approved:

Financing and Treasurer's Report: Accounting Manager Rebecca Hoeflicker presented the October 2024 Operating Report (RUS Form 7) and Comparative Operating Statement. She reviewed the Financial and Statistical Report and Treasurer's Report with monthly and annual budget comparisons. She also gave the investment report. She presented and reviewed statistical data pertaining to operating revenue, expenses, margins, assets, liabilities, cash flow management, and KWH sales and ratios. She reported on the impact a large load has. She reported on interest rates and the impact to the budget of the make-ready work and vehicle sales. Billing that has gone out on the hurricane help was reported on.

Operations Report

Operations Manager Scott Gard provided an oral report to supplement his written Operations Report. He reported on crews, and outages and causes for the month. He gave a mechanic and fleet report. He also gave a brush crew and right-of-way report.

Safety and Engineering Report: Engineering Manager Pete Nelson provided an oral report to supplement his written Safety and Engineering Report. As of Oct. 31, 2024, employees have worked 729 days without a lost-time accident. Co-op employees drove a total of 47,135 miles as of the end of October without a serious accident. He reported on safety meeting presentations, including working load limits and minimum breaking strength. Crew visits and issues with locates were discussed.

Member Services Report: Member Services Manager Brent Schlotzhauer provided his written Member Services Report. His report included RoundUp enrollment and RoundUp updates. Communications Specialist Heather Hoflander gave a report on the Cooperative Insights Member Engagement Summit she attended. The FFA Area IV speech contest was judged by the cooperative, trick-or-treat events attended were reported on, a new member services meeting was attended and



the Oak Grove High School senior mock job interview day was attended. A presentation was also given to the Lafayette County 4-H County Council.

IT Report:

IT Manager Tim Bowler gave the IT report. He discussed locates, phishing emails and ransomware. AML features were discussed and daily reports that will be able to be generated.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Dowell and Jarman gave an update on the scholarship committee including potential ways to get new applicants.

REVIEW AND APPROVE THE 2025 BOARD MEETING DATES

The 2025 board meeting dates were reviewed and approved: January 22-23 – Board retreat and Monthly Board Meeting, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, August 28, September 25, October 23, November 25, December 18.

BOARD PER DIEM

A discussion was held on the board per diem. The board per diem was set at \$400 a meeting, effective Jan. 1, 2025.

LEGAL REPORT

Smiley gave the legal report for the month.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Newland presented the monthly Manager's Report. He reported 4-H kids will submit photos for next year's calendar. An annual emergency preparedness meeting was held. He is reviewing department budgets and tree-trimming contract rates. The manager's fall meeting at Associated Electric was reported on. A rates and cost-of-service study from Toth was updated on, and different scenarios for a potential rate increase will be reviewed next month. He discussed deferred revenue and when to bring it back in. He reviewed projects being done office wide.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

FINANCIAL REPORT

October 2024 Statement of Operations

	This month	YTD 2024	YTD 2023
Revenue	\$2,900,523	\$31,017,585	\$27,429,293
Power Bill Expense	1,803,537	18,814,754	15,856,577
Operation & Maintenance Expense	822,402	7,385,930	6,426,968
Depreciation Expense	213,745	2,101,268	2,236,153
Interest Expense	135,805	1,331,563	1,240,215
Total cost of Service (Total Expenses)	2,975,489	29,633,515	25,759,913
Operating Margins (Revenue less Expenses)	(74,966)	1,384,070	1,669,380
Other Margins	26,542	295,639	577,751
TOTAL MARGINS	\$(48,424)	\$1,679,709	\$2,247,131