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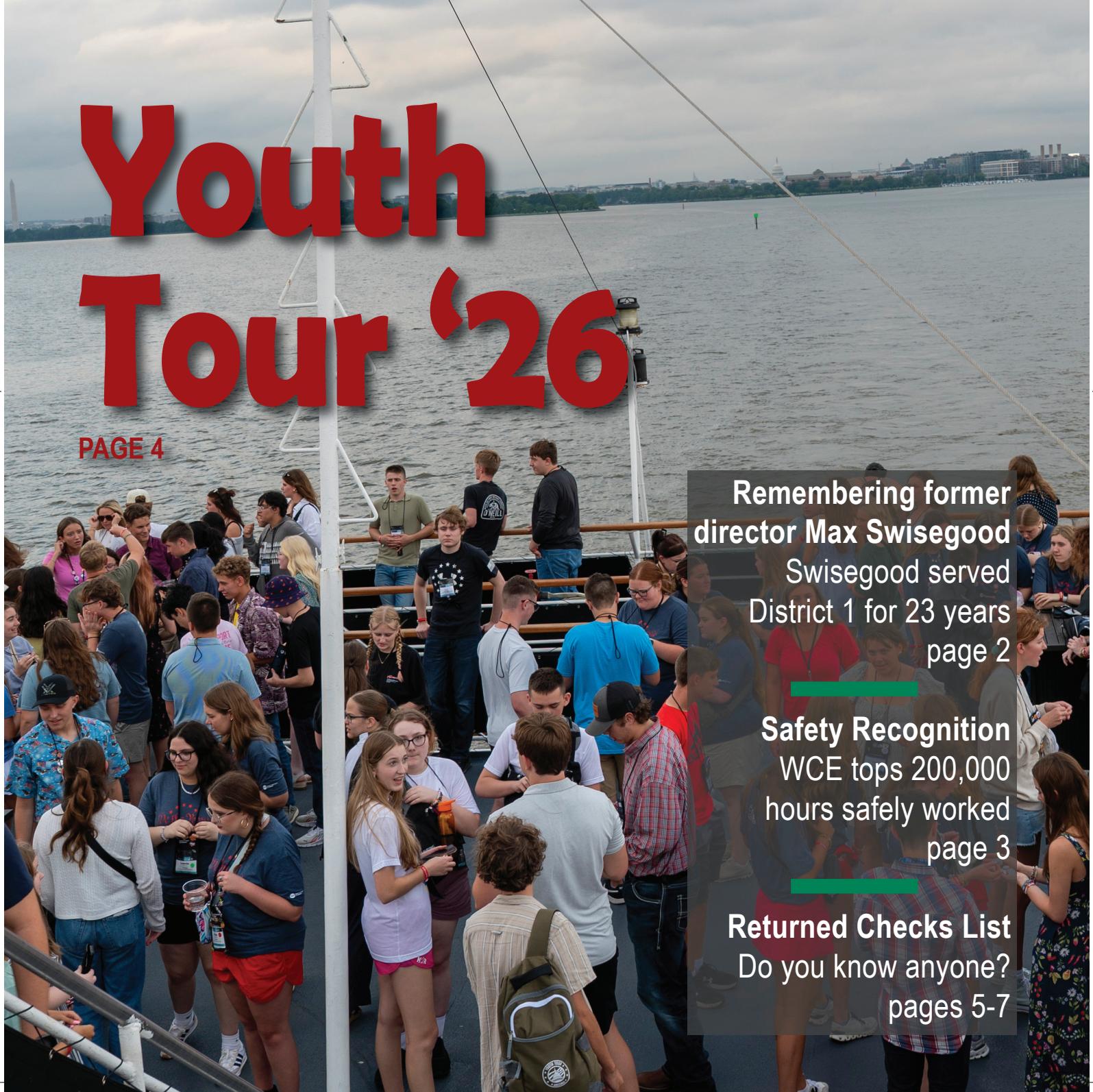
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"Report Outage"

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**General Manager**  
Michael Newland

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## From the manager's desk

### This is our "why"

Committing to working safely is not just something we say at West Central Electric, it is something we live out each and every day. When our team of dedicated employees arrives in the morning, going home to their families at the end of the day is the number-one goal.

In the past two years, our safety culture at the cooperative has evolved from a list of things we do to a front focus for all our employees. We have always focused on safety, but during this time we have become more intentional on remembering our "why" -- that is the families we go home to each night.

I am so proud to know that we have created a culture that invests in proper personal protective equipment (PPE) for all employees and proper PPE testing, discusses any drift from best practices in monthly safety meetings, has all employees represented in safety committee meetings, invests in safety measures in our physical offices, and much more.

I am also proud to share the recognition our employees have received for their outstanding safety record. In October, WCE was one of 35 Missouri electric cooperatives recognized for working safely. Our team has now logged more than



Michael Newland  
*General Manager*

200,000 hours safely worked.

There is another part to our safety culture, and that is working to ensure the safety of our members through our practices out in the field as well as providing education and information.

Safety is first in our mission statement:

"West Central Electric Cooperative focuses on enhancing the quality of life for our members by providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity in a professional manner."

I believe both parts of our safety culture here at West Central are worth taking note, and I commend our employees for their commitment to working safely not only for themselves and their families, but also our members.

*Sincerely,*  
**Michael Newland, CPA**  
**General Manager**

## Remembering former director Max Swisegood

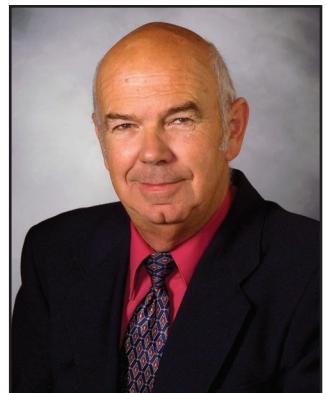
Max Swisegood, long-time West Central Electric Cooperative director, was killed Nov. 18, 2025 in an ATV accident.

Swisegood served on the board for more than 23 years. He was first elected in 1998, and was reelected seven times before announcing his retirement in December 2021.

During his time on the board, Swisegood served on the Scholarship Committee, Annual Meeting Committee, Bylaws and Policy Committee and the Operation RoundUp Committee. He was elected to serve as WCE's representative on the NW Electric Board of Directors, a position he held at retirement.

As a director, Swisegood always said his goal was to "keep the rates as low as possible, but make improvements and changes as needed for efficient services."

Swisegood is survived by his wife, Verna; daughter Shelly Drecktrah (Brad); grandsons Jacob Swisegood (Deanna) and Caleb Drecktrah (Logan); four great-grandchildren; Verna's children, Lana and John Crawford; Darrin Cole, Clint Cole and grandchildren Lauren and Brandon Nystrom, Cole and Sarah Crawford, Kersten and Chase Morrison, Crayton and Paige Crawford, Caleb and Trisha Cole, Levi Cole, Jake Cole, Wesley Cole, Gabe and Taylor Cole, as well as 12 great-grandchildren.



## What you need to know

# WCE tops 200,000 hours safely worked

West Central Electric Cooperative was one of 35 Missouri electric cooperatives recognized for working safely. Employees of the cooperative were recognized for working a total of 149,308 hours without a lost-time accident. Since the award period, that number has climbed to over 200,000.

"We are proud of the steps these cooperatives have taken to ensure each and every employee goes home to their families safe at the end of every day," said Johnie Hendrix, vice president of risk management and training for the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives (AMEC). "We offer a tremendous amount of training that always stresses safety. But in the end, it is the employees themselves who have created a culture of safety at these cooperatives."

The recognition came on Oct. 1 at the 2025 annual meeting of AMEC, which is the Jefferson City-based statewide service organization for Missouri's electric cooperatives.

"I am proud of our employees, their dedication to safety and the safety culture we have created at WCE to ensure every employee goes home to their families," said WCE General Manager Michael Newland, who accepted the award at the Missouri Electric Cooperatives annual meeting in October.



AMEC Director of Safety Training Services  
Bruce Stumpe (left) presents WCE General  
Manager Michael Newland with the safety award.



### Net Metering & Interconnection Act

West Central Electric Cooperative has a net metering agreement for interconnection of a distributed generation source. Our policy, agreement and application reflect the standards set by the Net Metering and Easy Connection Act. For more information, contact our Higginsville office at 800-491-3803 or 816-565-4942.



# YOUTH TOUR & CYCLE 2026



## • Youth Tour 2026

- June 14-20, 2026
- 3-5 local students will win (depending on number of entries)
- More than 100 students from Missouri and more than 1,800 students from across the nation will attend.
- You will visit memorials, the Capitol Building, the Smithsonian Museums, cruise the Potomac at night, meet and visit with your senators and representatives, and make valuable connections!



### Contest Details:

High school juniors who attend a school in the West Central Electric service area, or whose parents or legal guardians are current members of WCE are eligible.

### How Do I Enter?

Submit a 600-word, typed essay on ONE of the following topics:

**“How my electric cooperative has made (or is making) a difference in my community”**  
OR

**“How my electric cooperative has made (or is making) a difference in my school”**  
OR

**“How my electric cooperative can make (or is making) a difference in my/my family’s life”**

### Information Packets Available Here:

[www.westcentralelectric.coop](http://www.westcentralelectric.coop)  
under “Youth Programs”

**DEADLINE: 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2026**

## • CYCLE 2026

### Cooperative Youth Conference & Leadership Experience

- July 14-17, 2026
- 5 local students will win
- More than 100 students from Mo.
- Top-notch speakers and hands-on leadership activities including the chance to write and debate your own bill on the floor of the Mo. House of Representatives
- Day trip to St. Louis
- Meet other young leaders from around the state, and make valuable connections!



## From your cooperative

# 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 your name, or the name of a deceased person to whom you are the heir, appears on this list, claim your property by calling 800-491-3803.

50 Highway Lake Stop, LLC	61.04
Adair, Becky	534.52
Adamson, Mike & Christine J	55.19
Adcock, Sara M	35.57
Addleman, Sylvia	22.02
Adkins, Johnny R	9.88
Ahrens, Devon L	9.18
Akin, Sandra Dee	11.63
Alderson, Rhonda	175.17
Aldrich, Tina	35.74
Alkire, Ronald	114.72
All Seasons Campers Inc	129.85
Allen, Michelle	39.63
Alley, Justin A	4.69
Ameritech-Holden	247.82
Ancona Construction Inc	242.34
Anderson, Gregory S	8.50
Anderson, Jeremy W	15.08
Anderson, Nancy	20.64
Angel's Transmission	427.48
Anstine, Kelli	80.81
Arnott, Russell A & Jackie	123.82
Arthur, Gregory E & Sue	124.08
Asebedo, Pedro&Jones, Elizabeth	12.69
Aspire Home Building LLC	65.86
Atcheson, Thomas M & Sharai M	20.05
Atty, Alford C Jr & Chong H	185.51
Ayres, Heather	173.74
Bacon, Walda	241.95
Badua, Brandon & Melissa	17.20
Bailey, Marjorie M	39.36
Bainbridge, Robert W & Cheryl D	124.28
Baker, Charles	163.30
Baker, Helen B	20.34
Baker, Otis L & Jennifer	5.42
Baker, Richard & Terri	87.71
Baldwin Properties Inc	10.97
Bales, Bernard & Lauren	302.02
Banks, Connie E	434.27
Barker, James E & Amanda K	7.48
Barker, Larry T	199.31
Baumgarden, Rodney L & Kristy	579.25
Bauml, Donald L & Laura	19.34
Bayless, Stuart W & Cindy	79.94
Belk, Steven E & ChenBelk, Nina	45.70
Benson, Robert & Renee	310.02
Blake, Peyton B	17.78
Blankenship, Jeffery D & Tonya	7.24
Blaylock, Darrel R	27.24

Bob Talley Construction	17.47	Davis, Jack L Jr	20.22
Bolin, Bonnie	69.03	Davis, Sean	7.20
Bowlen, Mark W	91.32	Davis, Wanda	8.22
Bradfield Jr, Edward	31.23	Dawson, Debbie	33.35
Bradley, Amy	50.67	Day, Charles E	10.79
Breneman, Melissa & Kenneth S	13.24	Deberry, Kim A	48.53
Bridges, Emily & Weddle, Derrin	16.17	Decks Unlimited	11.56
Brooks, Virginia	550.08	Devine, Marissa	5.21
Brown, Glen D & Corbin N	6.83	Dieckman, Jerome J & Kasi R	12.99
Brown, Shanita	20.73	Dillard, Ronald D	18.65
Brubaker, Justin H	9.89	Dillon, Jason C	13.58
Bruce, Richard D	11.75	Dittmer, Ward	5.93
Buchmann, Casey D	99.26	Dohn, Waco E & Sandra L	34.87
Buckley, John E	26.71	Donovan, Amanda J	29.07
Bundy, Kevin M	116.56	Driscoll, James D & Beth A	12.62
Burditt, Derrick	15.82	Driscoll, Joseph D	20.39
Burditt, Jodie	19.69	Drury, Ricky A	86.51
Burgess, Crystal U	197.20	Ducos, Chris & Melissa	86.77
Campbell, Christopher E & Selina	7.21	Ducos, Christopher K	21.65
Cantu, Eladio	8.91	Duffey, Jason D	7.91
Caponetto, Mitch & Deborah	593.37	Duncan, Bobby D & Linda J	13.52
Carey, John Richard & Deronda	12.71	Duncan, Ralph A & Anita L	30.48
Carey, Roger L & Michelle L	9.92	Dunmire, Janet L	19.26
Carlson, Robert & Michelle	395.95	Durigan, Elaine B	17.20
Carpenter, Jerry	64.79	Eagle, Marilyn S	26.99
Carson, Sarah E	65.69	Earhart, Greg W & Diane R	20.23
Carter, Karen	156.51	Elgin, David L & Ruth E	76.46
Carter, Kenneth N	339.38	Ellison, Travis & Tiffany	179.17
Case, Brandon T & Susan E	20.15	Enloe, Stephen R	8.90
Cash, Timothy B	306.25	Erwin, Troy	165.66
Cemper, Eugene B	11.02	Espravnik, Homer B	18.68
Chapman, Dalonda Jackson	10.43	Ethridge, Doug & Sandra	74.24
Chapman, David L & Brenda L	26.12	Evans, Douglas W & Marcy L	155.27
Childress, Rachel L	19.18	Fagundes, David M	20.73
Chilton, Patrick W & Cheryl	126.69	Fain, Melinda	407.75
Chipman, Gary & Daniell	446.06	Farrow, James E & Sherrill A	8.31
Christianson, Douglas & Rebecca	12.62	Fekkers, Matthew & Meredith K	109.86
Cisco, Kayla M	15.58	Findley, Matthew S	16.56
Clinger, Evelyn	147.84	Finley, Eddie L & Sandra	7.49
Clow, Ron	3.41	Fitzpatrick, Robin	5.14
Collins, Melanie & Granado, Eddi	35.85	Flaspohler, Kim	9.95
Colvin, Krista	8.66	Flood, Shirley	17.91
Compton, Jacquelynne	21.20	Fohey, John & Judy	109.82
Connelly, Gene D	9.81	Fort, Troy	152.47
Cooper, Betty A	109.80	Fountain, Melissa	7.03
Cooper, Kyle E	10.03	Frazier, Steven P	12.33
Cooper, Michael W	5.55	Fricke, Merritt R & Linda S	171.70
Cox, James M	338.04	Friedhofen, Christina R	5.88
Crawford, Eleanor L	100.39	Fritsche Jr, Don	131.58
Cropper, John A & Jacqueline K	9.37	Frye, Alysha	45.78
Culbertson, Merle R & Janet	62.69	Gage, Jeffrey A Sr & Angela D	22.75
Cumberford, William E & Virgie	97.73	Garrett, Marne C	81.10
Curtis, T G & Karlann L	82.20	Gass, Lisa L	95.77
Dale, Brian K & Shelly R	5.92	Gearhart, Kim& Bendure, Amanda	15.63
Danner, Justin L	66.11	Gehrke, Fred E	244.48
Daugherty, Doug & Elizabeth	43.10	George,Janaiya&Lashon, Maurice	17.37
Dave Eaton Enterprises	13.73	Giberson, David & Debra S	104.27
Davidson, Casandra	22.66	Gieseke, Linda J	11.46
Davidson, Darla	7.83	Gill, Laura R	16.32

# From your cooperative

## Can you help us locate these people?

Gillotti, Louis & Jennifer	38.47	Jackman, Rachael J	12.76	Mallory, Loren C	8.92
Gooding, Codie R	5.69	James, Belinda L	5.58	Manes, William F & Pauline K	0.41
Goodrich, Richard N	8.73	Jarrett, Valencia N	9.75	Mann, Kenneth C & Donna	256.56
Goodwin, Houston C Jr & Joan J	10.58	Johnson, Andy D & Amy L	22.52	Mansfield, Lisa N	0.75
Graves, Walter & Turner, Yvonne	0.05	Johnson, Dominiq	8.06	Marrs, Scott	39.37
Green, James R & Pamela M	14.08	Johnson, Keith C & Daisy	11.41	Martin, Anita	241.23
Griffith, James T	8.22	Johnson, Melanie	92.74	Martz, Lore L	14.07
Grimes, Kristoffer M & Gwendol	17.27	Johnson, Randy D & Melinda	91.30	Mason, Clifford & Holly	52.06
Grimes, Sharen	67.56	Johnston, Mike	31.42	Masterson, Joe	30.81
Grimes, Steven P	12.14	Jones, Destiney R	7.24	Mathis, Rhonda	31.35
Groves, Jeff & Tammy	4.86	Jones, Mark E & Debra E	631.52	Mayden, Thelma	19.86
Guevel, Mary E	6.15	Jones, Thomas R	14.02	Mcalister, Terese C	39.09
Guinn, Elton H Jr	103.50	Justice, Jack D & Michelle	141.24	Mcallister, Tina R	6.45
Hackley, Jeffrey C & Wendy	9.12	Kamm, Travis & Kari	22.59	Mcavan, William C & Linda R	40.24
Hadley, Chester R	11.71	Karnes, Anthony R & Brandy	5.66	Mccabe, Christopher D	40.12
Haerinch, Dennis P	12.64	Keener, David L & Tracy J	50.90	Mccorkendale, R L	14.03
Hall, Joshua & Marisa	11.05	Keiley, Corey & Crystal	12.18	Mccullough, James E	21.58
Hall, Peggy A	9.48	Keilholz, Me Won	23.10	Mccune, Ronald D	7.43
Halsey, Marilyn	25.64	Kelly, Madeline S	19.55	Mcdonnell, Matthew & Tamara D	87.35
Halsey, Marilyn J	7.38	Kenney, Paul G Jr	14.30	Mceldery, Margaret	24.48
Hamblen, Chad B	98.62	Kester, Lorie	43.28	Mclaury, Thomas J	14.38
Hamlin, Trent L	54.37	Ketterman, Shari	30.54	Melcher, William & Sears, Nicol	18.59
Hanks, Gayla M	18.08	Khan, Dana L & Melissa	97.69	Mendenhall, David S	238.36
Hansen, Alyssa	11.22	Kiewiet, Edward H	172.83	Mendenhall, Karen S	32.44
Harbison, Timothy E & Danyell	19.41	King, Earl L	290.48	Mers, Brett L & Sherry L	31.43
Harkins, Paul & Emily	258.24	Kingsbury, Dwaine	131.10	Meyer, Stephen L & Patricia L	131.80
Harper, Harlan C	70.10	Kinney, Liegh A	251.76	Miller, Anna M & Devian A	5.57
Harris, Paula	112.07	Kirkendoll, Teresa A	15.56	Miller, Chris A	19.29
Harrod, Kali & Jarvis	5.38	Knaus, Howard & Sarah	92.03	Miller, Jean L	85.04
Hattey, Dennis & Kathleen	85.58	Knisely, Kristie	18.36	Miller, Rebecca	141.58
Hauser, David E & Karen D	237.94	Knox, Thomas C & Erin L	34.68	Mills, Jerry M	32.59
Hazen, Jill A	20.88	Koch, John J	13.21	Mills, Sean C & Carrie R	44.82
Heckadon, Heath A & Stacy A	50.90	Koch, John J	12.33	Missouri Investment Property	73.34
Heeren, John L	139.31	Lageman, Timothy A	57.29	Montgomery, Pamela	120.22
Hefner, Brian D & Michelle	27.23	Lakewood MHC LLC	81.42	Moore, Randy D	67.12
Hennrich, Shirley A	140.97	Lamasters, Jeremy & Mandy	53.73	Morales, Ivan	144.96
Hicks, Toni	16.73	Lamb, Johnny R	6.75	Morgan, Dan W & Cindy	78.39
Hieronymus, Daniel & Nancy	28.82	Lane, Samantha	35.27	Morris, James H	15.51
Higgins, John G	6.61	Lappe, Brian	80.62	Morris, John L	44.28
Hildebrand, Braden G & Rachel E	14.75	Larkin, Darrell D & Brenda	44.43	Morris, Raymond	57.88
Hill, Christina M	9.92	Lawrence, Sharon E	44.00	Musselman, Norman R	5.10
Hill, Judy D	67.99	Learned, Richard & Rebecca	34.34	Muzzy, Donald W	17.55
Hill, Kimberly L	6.13	Leclair, Teresa	7.68	Nails, Rodney L	57.98
Hodson, Monty L & Sharon L	10.60	Ledbetter, Brett M	22.50	Neal, H W & Shirley	336.16
Holden, Kathy L	34.71	Lee, David & Terre	127.22	Neal, William D Jr	13.96
Holmes, Henry & Evelyn	198.23	Lemen, Rodney & Shanna	21.64	Nelson, Karmann Gilbert	14.03
Home Professionals Realty Inc	23.93	Lenger, Mark R	64.79	New, Curtis D	17.01
Houghton, Michael M	8.98	Leslie, Randall & Wendy B	353.33	Nextel Communications	384.11
Howard, Philip W & Sherry L	100.08	Lewis, Jeffrey S	65.21	Nicolson, Sheryl A	197.60
Howell, Thomas F	197.19	Lightfoot, Larry & Karlene	51.56	Niermeier, Jeff & Lenessa D	399.86
Hoyt, Michael	15.68	Linder-Dunn, Katelynn M	15.45	Noland, Judy A	54.90
Hughes, Steven L	16.09	Littrell, Carolyn	75.67	Noland, William L & Nilda	17.23
Hunt, Patricia L	6.02	Lloyd, David W	30.66	Novak, Richard & Tricia L	19.27
Hunter, Gregory C & Christine A	89.53	Locklear, Steven & Crystal	99.30	Novotny, Mark A	18.65
Hurley, Les & Kora	345.49	Long, Lisa M	10.99	O'Dell, Kelly	69.51
Hurshman, Carla	31.80	Longview Communications	27.86	Oglesby, Jason & Katie	125.04
Hutchison, J D & Norma	20.47	Lottman, Shawn & Jill M	127.92	Oliver, Susan J	50.11
Huwar, Taylor	8.45	M S Land LC	2.26	Overstreet, Tiffany D	21.47
Infranca, Daniel M Sr	18.93	Maberry, James T & Linda	4.09	Pallette, Jesse M	80.76

## From your cooperative

### Can you help us locate these people?

Palmer, Tammy L	6.60	S R K Construction LLC	28.91	Travers, John M & Lori	16.83
Parisse, Eugene L & Janice L	37.96	Saale, Carol J	36.88	Tubbs, Kemberly K	85.63
Parker, Alan & Tawana	19.78	Saladino, Jeannine	197.44	Tucker, Karla	19.18
Parker, Walter	7.21	Sams, Hannah	72.59	Underwood, Mark D	98.37
Parks, Nancy S	16.94	Sanchez, Timothy S & Paula M	15.04	Vance, Aaron	23.65
Parsons	26.60	Sanders, Jami A	8.44	Vaughan, Andrea	113.64
Parsons, Monnie & Janettie	10.85	Savage, Linda	83.57	Vaughn, Debbie J	96.19
Parsons, Wm W Jr & Lillian	19.85	Schooley, Gary	63.32	Verlaque, Louis	10.17
Patrick Investments LLC	7.84	Schultz, Dawn A & Mya J	5.93	Vogler, Cory R & Tammy L	18.81
Patrick's	129.05	Schuyler, Neil	6.91	Walker, Johnathan M &	
Peal, Franklin P	24.68	Seeley, James	5.99	Reifschneider, Summer L	17.52
Pedersen, Nicholas J & Jenny	86.49	Serpa, Jessica	52.27	Walters, Brian A	10.81
Pellom, Alex & P L	62.55	Settle, James R	64.26	Warren, Cole & Jeannette	99.43
Pemberton, Joseph W	19.72	Seward, Danelle	9.35	Watkins, Robert W	42.82
Perdue, Harold L Jr & Mary L	14.25	Shade Tree Companies	10.01	Webb, Francesca M	8.91
Perry, Charles Dana	133.04	Shamblin, Joshua A	18.42	Wertenberger, David E	104.59
Perry, Dale A & Tanya A	407.76	Shanks, Devin & Katrina G	131.79	West, Debbie	8.13
Perry, Eddie L	116.41	Sheninger, Anita E	12.54	West, Jarrod N & Diana	115.68
Perry, Ron D	34.89	Sherrard, Ellen	78.42	Westmoreland, G T & Adrien	92.50
Peters, Jessica R	11.92	Shiloh Estates LLC	369.67	Weydert, Collin D	6.20
Pettengill, Bryan W	24.08	Shippy Custom Homes LLC	14.50	Wheeler, Tanya	47.18
Pettid, Joy M	25.92	Slater, Terra	130.52	White, Jason M	24.04
Peyton, Ladawn M	27.07	Smith, David P & Beth A	71.54	White, Justin & Jones, Kristen	8.02
Phillips, Bradly & Beth	281.05	Smith, Dyan M	14.19	Whitt, Brad R	9.32
Phoenix, David L & Kristy L	33.68	Smith, Eric & Sabrina	15.36	Wiggins, Randal D & Heidi L	152.81
Pierce, Michael L	8.94	Smith, Joanna	31.84	Wilcox, Susan	159.45
Pirowski, Tracy A	7.76	Smith, Joshua D	61.71	Wilcoxen, Ryan M & Johansen, Le	18.61
Pittsville Cemetery Assoc	13.27	Smith, Kyle M	83.27	Wilder, Andrew D & Savitri	24.66
Poole, Larry & Mary Kay	142.04	Smith, Michelle C	18.69	Wilhoit, Joe T & Sandy	65.06
Pope, Suzanne	116.58	Smith, William L	240.81	Wilkinson Construction, LLC	19.04
Porter, Christina & Pullium, Mar	53.22	Spaniol, Robert J	86.61	Williams & Williams Inc	7.40
Posey, Carol S	5.23	Spencer, Michael & Jenny L	15.16	Williams, Bradford & Linda P	554.19
Prather, Barton F	34.76	Spicer, Gary W	22.43	Williams, Brent E	13.92
Preston, Roger A	14.53	Sprague, Eric L	37.21	Williams, Connie	5.56
Pullen, Lawrence R	285.69	Stack, Tom & Julie A	50.78	Williams, Jason	5.29
Putthoff, R P	15.32	Stafford, Loren M & Barbara	229.78	Williams, Ron L	13.65
Qingxiong, Ma	102.84	Stark, Bob & Laura	134.41	Williamson, Toby E	7.98
Quick City Christian Church	28.09	Steidley, Erik & Rostine, John	94.99	Williston, Aaron M & Guenevere	41.16
Quick, Lyle E & Landa L	78.03	Stilwell, Mark S	13.74	Wilshire, Jeffrey	87.37
Ragon, Savanna K	17.89	Stinson, Mark & Hoke, Beth	14.87	Wilson, Bill & Rose M	11.73
Ragon, Star L	8.73	Stock, Ronald G	9.26	Wilson, Thomas H & Estrella	39.82
Rajkovacz, Joseph F & Joan M	33.13	Storey, Julie	115.20	Wimberly, Samuel L	27.30
Ray, Richael	13.52	Strickland, Rex	50.28	Winchell, Casey & Jessica	35.50
Renick, Kenneth L	76.28	Summerlin, J Lee & Shirley	44.83	Windsor, Robert H & Lois J	120.80
Richter, William V & Marsha	1.41	Sumstad, Michelle L	22.82	Wise, Davie Joe	11.66
Riesterer, Frances E	118.11	Tarr, Cody D	73.98	Withrow, Ron D & Vicki	46.28
Riggins, David	8.07	Taylor, Mike	59.24	Wolff, Gregory & Irene	12.41
Roach, Aaron & Laura S	20.77	Taylor, Roger & Mary J	531.16	Woodall, Luke D & Lillian N	14.50
Roberts, Mary L	30.23	Tebbe, Troy & Mindy	125.06	Woodworth, Tabitha A	149.02
Roberts, Philip & Tammy	161.45	Tennyson, Robert E Jr & Shelle	212.98	Wright, Kenneth D	11.53
Robertson, Steven N	42.44	The Golden Group	6.28	Wright, Raye L	11.52
Robinson, Frank & Linda K	93.78	Thompson, Bryan M	11.94	Wulser, Jasmine M	8.61
Rohde, Ashtyn R & David	7.41	Thompson, Dennis	9.78	Yack, Brenda	15.80
Rohde, David T & Erin R	5.25	Thompson, Jessica M	14.83	Yates, James L	4.19
Ross, Bob & Pam	133.03	Thompson, Julie L	9.58	Young, David & Christine	178.44
Ross, John C & Lauren M	23.09	Tilden, Gladys	24.63	Young, Mary	6.35
Ross, Sheila	7.69	Tittsworth, Terri	47.59	Zuniga, Juan	9.64
Rushly, Jonathan & Naomi	303.75	Torre, Katherine	22.83		
Russell, Robin	102.35	Towles, Chester	131.70		

# From the WCE boardroom

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors held Oct. 23, 2025

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. Oct. 23, 2025, 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: Allen Jr., Clark Bredehoeft, Richard Strobel, Dale Jarman, Robert Simmons, Stan Rhodes, Jeremy Ahmann and Elizabeth Houtsma. Colby Dowell was absent. Also present was General Manager Michael Newland.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved its consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting on Sept. 25, 2025; expenditures for the month of September 2025; new membership applications and membership terminations, and the treasurer's report.

## FINANCING AND TREASURER'S REPORT

CFO Rebecca Hoeflicker presented the September 2025 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 interest rates, the impact of large loads on the budget and projections for October. She gave updated budget numbers and reported some fleet has come in and has been paid for. She reviewed investments. New services connected were reported on. Deferred revenue will not need to be brought in. A bridge line of credit of \$5 million was approved due to the 2025 Government Shutdown and the RUS loan being put on hold. The financial reports were accepted as presented.

## APPROVAL OF STAFF REPORTS

The following staff reports were approved:

### Operations Report

Operations Manager Scott Gard provided an oral report to supplement his written operations report. He reported on crews, pole changeouts, and outages and causes for the month. He gave a mechanic and fleet report. New service installations and issues with locates were discussed. A brush crew and right-of-way report was given, and a request for bids has gone out. An update on when fleet will arrive was discussed.

**Safety and Engineering Report:** Engineering Manager Pete Nelson provided an oral report to supplement his written safety and engineering report. As of Sept. 30, employees have worked 1,063 days without a lost-time accident. Co-op employees drove a total of 36,170 miles as of the end of September without a serious accident. He reported on safety meetings, crew visits, and gave an engineering/staking department report. The RESAP audit was reported on. The Holden Substation was discussed. MoDOT issues on Highway 13 were also discussed. He gave an update on Lone Jack. Potential new subdivisions were discussed.

**Member Services Report:** Member Services Manager Brent Schlotzhauer provided a written member services report. He provided updates on Operation RoundUp, the communication department activities including education, safety programs and parades attended. Chamber meetings and member surveys were reported on. Net metering was discussed including two qualified facility generator application agreements. Updates on the 2025 Member Satisfaction Survey were reported on. Vanilla Direct cash payments was presented on. Kiosk issues with check readers were discussed. The board approved using Vanilla Direct for cash



payments. He also discussed the proposal to have a new member handbook sent by email instead of by paper mail, although the paper mail will be an option to members who request it. Cost savings to the co-op is estimated to be \$6,000 annually. The board approved using the online handbook.

## AMEC REPORT

Bredehoeft gave an update on the meeting held in September. Departmental reports were provided in the board packet. iPad voting was discussed.

## AMEC ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Board members who attended the AMEC annual meeting gave a report.

## ROUNDUP FOUNDATION REPORT

A RoundUp Foundation report was available in the board packet and accepted.

## BOARD RETREAT

Newland and Administrative Assistant Kim Lewis discussed the board retreat dates. The board retreat will be moved to Feb. 26-27, 2026.

## NW REPORT

Simmons and Newland gave the NW Report. They reported on the new manager search, Lone Jack, the Turney project, the Holden Rural Substation, and discussed old poles and aging transformers. A rate increase of 4% by NW was reported on. Deferred revenue was brought in. Equity was discussed.

Smiley gave the legal report for the month.

## MANAGERS REPORT

Newland provided a written report to the board prior to the meeting. He discussed fleet, gave an asset update and equipment availability due to recent outages and replacements. An additional small bucket truck needs to be purchased at a total cost of \$241,000.00. He will bring this back next month. The NW rate increase and the cost-of-service study with CFC will be presented at the November meeting. He discussed furloughed employee assistance due to the current government shutdown. The board approved furloughed employee assistance. A staffing update was given and open positions were discussed. Rates for the cooperative will be discussed next month and equity was reviewed. The report was accepted.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

None.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was called at 11:43 a.m. and was out at 11:57 a.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### September 2025 Statement of Operations

	This month	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,447,183</b>	<b>\$32,287,777</b>	<b>\$28,117,063</b>
Power Bill Expense	2,122,817	19,560,263	17,011,217
Operation & Maintenance Expense	683,272	6,823,451	6,563,528
Depreciation Expense	221,976	1,965,453	1,887,523
Interest Expense	131,191	1,247,683	1,195,759
<b>Total cost of Service (Total Expenses)</b>	<b>3,159,256</b>	<b>29,596,850</b>	<b>26,658,027</b>
Operating Margins (Revenue less Expenses)	287,927	2,690,927	1,459,036
Other Margins	40,176	279,806	269,097
<b>TOTAL MARGINS</b>	<b>\$328,103</b>	<b>\$2,970,733</b>	<b>\$1,728,133</b>