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Alternate Energy Production Facility Notice Requirement

On January 1, 2013, a notification requirement went into effect. This requirement applies to the owner of an alternate energy production facility which will be attached to an electric transmission or distribution line. Alternate energy production facilities are defined as solar, wind turbine, waste management, resource recovery, refuse-derived fuel, agricultural crops or residues, or wood burning facilities used to generate electricity.

Under this requirement, the owner of the facility is required to provide written notification to their utility of the intent to construct or install the facility at least 30 days prior to construction. In the written notice the owner must provide information on the type of facility and the anticipated completion date of the construction.

If you are considering installing an alternate energy system please contact RVEC at 712.659.3649.

- SAVE THE DATE -
Annual Meeting
Sept 7, 2022

RACCOON VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
Will Be
CLOSED
SEPTEMBER 5H FOR LABOR DAY

**Stop by and see us at
the Iowa State Fair!**

Visit our booth in the 4-H Exhibits Building on the southwest end of the fairgrounds. We'll have plastic hard hats and suckers for kids (while supplies last).



Try on some real lineworker gear and pose for fun photos in our safety selfie station!


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- Outage Information -

If you don't have power or have an emergency call 712.659.3649.

RVEC phones are answered 24 hours a day 7 days a week.



Jim Gossett

— CEO Comments —

RVEC Board of Directors held Member Appreciation meetings over the last few weeks, locating them in their individual or combined districts. Four meetings were held in all, with postcards going out in the mail to member-owners inviting them to a gathering in their district.

This is the board making direct contact with our member-owners in its purest form. I was fortunate to be involved in all the meetings, as were other RVEC employees. I enjoyed sitting down in small groups, learning the questions and answering as best we could and following up later when we couldn't. 08.35.03

Member-owners had questions about tree trimming, safety, security lights, electric vehicles and more. Many wanted to know more about what they have seen in the news about the potential for rolling blackouts this summer and the transition to generation from renewable power resources.

It takes a slow and logical approach to transition electric generation away from fossil fuels in such a way to maintain the affordability and reliability of your power supply. It all boils down to having reliable baseload generation for when renewables aren't available. This is why we call it "all-of-the-above." We will continue to advocate on your behalf for energy strategy on a state and federal level.

I also met last month with RVEC board candidates for the open seat in the district 1, Dave Schroeder and Jim Heithoff. You will find their photos and candidate information on page 3. RVEC member-owners have a say in how their cooperative is run by electing a fellow member-owner to represent them on the board. RVEC has been fortunate over the years having strong leadership at the board level. We expect that to continue with the election this fall.

Fallen Power Line Safety

- Stay far away from fallen power lines and from anything that is touching them. Assume the lines are energized and dangerous.
- Fallen lines are most common after storms and high winds. Debris from a storm can hide fallen power lines. Fallen trees may contain energized power lines.
- Shuffle, don't run, from a fallen power line. Shuffle with your feet together and on the ground. Running or taking large steps can increase the chance that you will be shocked or even killed.
- If a power line falls on your car, stay inside unless the car catches fire. In such a case, jump clear of the car without touching metal and the ground at the same time.

Report outages and hazards!

Call RVEC if your power goes out or you see an electrical hazard such as a downed power line. Our phones are answered 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Why Membership Matters

You could be a member of a lot of different places; a gym, a 4-H club, a food of the month club – the list goes on and on! But what makes being a member of a co-op different? The simple answer to that question is that when you are a member of a co-op, you are also an owner.

You own a stake in our business, and just like any stakeholder, there are many benefits to your membership. As a member-owner of RVEC, you have a say in the representatives who are elected to serve on the co-op's board of directors. You have an opportunity to make your voice heard every year at our Annual Meeting. You get a say on policy issues your electric cooperative supports or opposes. You can even help to determine how your profits are redistributed.

Our bottom line is providing you with safe, reliable and affordable electricity. Sure, we have to think about expenses, overhead and other aspects of daily business, but when we have a little left over, we send it back to you. And returning capital credits to you is a major part of why being a co-op member matters. As your local electric co-op, we get to be a part of this community. When we think about membership, we think about all of the ways we can give back to you, our members – and that's what matters most to us.

Director Candidates Appointed by Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee nominated the following members of the Cooperative for the office of Director for the term specified to be voted on at the Annual Meeting to be held on September 7, 2022.

DISTRICT 1

Jim Heithoff

- Lives 5 miles northeast of Coon Rapids
- Married to Brenda. They have 1 son
- Job – farmer and Regional Manager for Iowa Farm Bureau
- Farms - cattle, hogs and sheep
- Hobbies - woodworking, welding and anything with kids and agriculture
- Member of Annunciation Catholic Church, Coon Rapids; Carroll Co Pork Producers, President; Past member of ISU Extension Council and Carroll County Fair Board. Retired Ag Education Instructor for Coon Rapids Bayard; 30 year 4-H Leader and past board member for Farm Bureau.
- RVEC Cooperative Member since 2017
- **What is your primary focus for RVEC member-owners and how will you support it?**
Continue to be a viable service provider to our member-owners. Remain reliable while adapting to new technologies.
- **Why are you seeking election to the Cooperative's board of directors?**
Member-owner co-ops rely on people who step up. In the rural area, I believe we are stronger together. I am a proud member-owner of RVEC.



Dave Schroeder

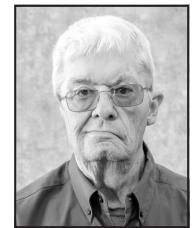
- Lives 4 miles west of Coon Rapids
- Married to Linda. They have 3 sons.
- Job – farmer
- Farms – corn, soybeans and cover crops
- Hobbies – grandkids activities, camping and NASCAR
- Member of Coon Rapids Methodist Church, Iowa Corn Growers and Iowa Soybean Association
- RVEC Cooperative Member since 1993 34.32.12
- **What is your primary focus for RVEC member-owners and how will you support it?**
We have a reliable source of electricity. I want that to continue.
- **Why are you seeking election to the Cooperative's board of directors?**
I believe I can add my perspective to the board so we can make the best decision for the member-owners. I like to think things through and research instead of making a quick decision.



DISTRICT 6

Jeff Cranston

- Lives east of Odebolt in Richland Township in Sac County.
- Has 1 son and 1 daughter and 5 grandchildren.
- Has farming operation with row crops and livestock.
- Member of Saint Martin's Catholic Church, Odebolt Development Community, Odebolt-Arthur Athletic Booster Club, Farm Bureau, Iowa Corn Growers, Iowa Soybean Association and the Pork Producers
- Original and founding director of the WIE Biodiesel Plant in Wall Lake, Iowa.
- Hobbies include all sporting events, reading spending time with family and friends. 12.28.03
- Director since 1999 and was a Corn Belt Power Cooperative Director from 2007-2010
- **What is your primary focus for RVEC member-owners and how will you support it?**
I want to educate the importance of all energy - electric, coal, wind, hydro and solar, by using my experience and continue to maintain our goals.
- **Why are you seeking re-election to the Cooperative's board of directors?**
I will continue to represent the members and use my education and training to support our mission - to safely provide, reliable, affordable and responsible service while being a leader in our community's property and growth.





**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

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Bus-Stop Safety Reminders

With children heading back to school this month, this is a good time for parents to teach children about school bus safety.



- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing.
- Wait for the bus to come to a full stop and its doors to open before stepping off the curb. 28.33.01
- Although other vehicles are required to stop when a school bus does, don't rely on that. When crossing the street in front of a bus, make eye contact with the driver and look all ways at traffic before stepping out.
- Stay in your seat, keep your head, arms and hands inside and keep aisles clear of books and bags.
- Wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from your seat and leaving the bus.

Spot Your Number

Read Watts Current and watch for your location number. If you spot it, call RVEC by the 20th of the month and you will receive an electrical bill credit for \$25.00.