# Unity of Purpose

McDonough Power Cooperative 2015 Annual Meeting Thursday, August 27, 2015 • 7:00 P.M. The Crossing • 1600 W. Jackson St., Macomb, IL 61455



### **Official Meeting Notice**

Notice is hereby given that the 78th Annual Meeting of the members of McDonough Power Cooperative will be held at The Crossing, 1600 W. Jackson, Macomb, Illinois at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 27, 2015 to take action on the following matters:

- The approval of the minutes of the annual meeting held August 21, 2014
- 2. To hear reports of officers, directors, employees and committees
- 3. To elect three directors, one from District 2, one from District 5 and one from District 8
- 4. Unfinished business
- 5. New business

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## **Grand Prizes**

Three (3) lucky members will win a \$200 energy bill credit

~Each member who attends the meeting will receive a \$10 credit on their September energy bill.~

### YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN THESE PRIZES

### **Annual Meeting Program**

5:00 p.m.	Registration Begins				
Free pork chop sandwich, chips, cookies and Coke					
will be served from 5:	00 р.т. – 7:00 р.т.				
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Entertainment by The Sally Weisenburg Band				
7:00 p.m.					
Call to Order	Steve Lynn, Chairman				
Invocation					
Pledge of Allegiance					
Notice of Meeting	Steve Youngquist, Secretary				
Action on Minutes of 2014 Annual Meeting	Steve Youngquist,Secretary				
Treasurer's Report	Jeff Moore, Treasurer				
Nominating Committee Report	Pat Young, Chairman				
Election of Directors	John D. McMillan, Attorney				
Chairman's Report	Steve Lynn, Chairman				
Introduction of Guests and Employees					
Lavern and Nola McEntire Lineman Scholarship	Lavern McEntire				
President's Report	Mike Smith, President				
Operation Roundup Vote	John D. McMillan, Attorney				
Service Awards	Mike Smith, President				
<b>Drawing of prizes –</b> Member must be present to be eligible member of your Cooperative.	e for all prize drawings and you must be an active				

Adjournment

### The Sally Weisenburg Band



The Sally Weisenburg Band (Sally, Don Berbaum on the guitar, steel guitar and harmonica, and Tony Corpus on the drums) play mainly clubs, festivals and private events regionally in the Midwest. They're known more than anything for their blues and R&B interpretations but they wear a lot of hats and can also play anything from standards to Motown to instrumental surf music. With recent addition of the steel guitar, they're also very comfortable playing a lot of old country and Texas swing.

Sally's inspiration has come from many, but she cites Ruth Brown as one of her major influences. Add to that the Irma Thomas, Aretha Franklin, Howlin'Wolf, Bobby Bland, Dakota Staton and on and on. Sally is in that executive league with those who have been her influences – a truly great natural singer. She is also in that rare position of an artist who has earned the great respect of her peers.

#### **Report to the Members - Unity of purpose**

When President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave the executive order to create the Rural Electrification Act in 1936, unity of purpose ultimately made it possible to light up the rural landscape. Unity of purpose is the essence of cooperation. The odds were against success, but farmers banded together and weathered the cold wind and the blazing heat to go door to door and ask for \$5 from each new co-op member. The pioneers of the rural electric movement worked shoulder to shoulder to build the infrastructure necessary to deliver electricity to the rural areas. They sacrificed a lot so today we can enjoy the benefits that having electricity has afforded us.

Unity of purpose has provided a firm foundation on which the cooperative business model has thrived. With more than 900 electric cooperatives strong, the rural electric program comprises the largest electric utility in the country, which carries significant clout with elected officials. Through relationships with members of Congress and the state legislature, co-op leaders from across the state, representatives from National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association (NRECA) and the AIEC work together to find common ground with such issues as the environment, safety and the electric grid.

And co-op members can be assured they have a voice with political issues involving their co-op through the Cooperative Action Network. Action.coop, the NRECA's portal for collecting comments on these issues, is a way for co-op members to band together and make their collective voices heard. In 2014, cooperative advocates sent more than one million



Mike Smith President and CEO

Steve Lynn Chairman

comments to the EPA in opposition of the proposed new source performance standards rule regulating new power plants.

Unity of purpose is also demonstrated during outages. When large storms cause wide-spread outages, the Emergency Work Plan through the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) kicks in. Co-ops can be certain they have the support of other co-ops from Illinois and across the country to respond with equipment and personnel to help in restoring power quickly and safely.

Through the Touchstone Energy's national branding campaign for coops, an alliance of 750 co-ops strong, individual co-ops are pooling resources to offer valuable programs such as these:

Co-op Connections: a member benefit program available to only cooperative members that offers discounts on more than 27,000 deals through local and national vendors. The program includes Cooperative Healthy Savings, which provides savings on prescription drugs, dental, vision, chiropractic, X-ray, laboratory and hearing services at participating vendors. And through Cashback Mall, co-op members are rewarded for shopping through the online retail site.

- TogetherWeSave.com: a site that provides real world, interactive ways for members to learn how making little changes can make a big difference in their energy use. "How-to" videos and a blog can provide step-by-step instructions for making those changes.
- Economic development education and assistance to bring jobs and tax revenue to rural areas.

Commitment to community is one of the seven cooperative principles. Striving to improve the lives of their members is paramount to co-ops. Co-ops and their members team up with their local communities to help those in need. For instance, some cooperatives offer "round-up" programs. When members of participating co-ops pay their electric bills, the extra change from rounding to the next dollar is deposited into a fund that helps to support local charity efforts. And cooperatives often provide assistance in the way of personnel and equipment to supplement efforts to beautify an area, clean up damage after a storm or provide grants to local schools to bring much-needed tools to improve the learning process.

Through unity of purpose, as cooperatives, we all have an obligation to work together to improve the quality of life in rural Illinois. We're here to make a difference today and tomorrow.

#### Minutes of the 77th Annual Meeting of McDonough Power Cooperative

The 77th Annual Meeting of the members of the McDonough Power Cooperative was held at The Crossing in Macomb, Illinois at 7 PM on Thursday, August 21, 2014.

Registration began at 5 PM with food and beverages provided in the entrance foyer during registration. Musical entertainment was provided by the Blueridge Riders.

Board Chairman Steven Lynn called the meeting to order at 7 PM. President Mike Smith gave the invocation, which was followed by the presentation of colors by Boy Scout Troop # 332, the Pledge of Allegiance and a National Anthem Video.

Chairman Lynn began the meeting by introducing the members of the McDonough Power Board of Directors, the Cooperative Attorney and CEO and their spouses. Steve also noted that we should remember Stan Prox, who passed away earlier this year. Stan was a member of the McDonough Power Board from September 1, 1987 until his passing in 2014. Steve noted that Stan was a very important part of McDonough Power and that his service to the Cooperative will be missed.

Chairman Lynn stated that the Cooperative bylaws require at least 1% of the Cooperative members for a quorum. As of 7 PM, registration showed 324 registered members and Chairman Lynn declared a quorum present.

Chairman Lynn introduced Secretary Steve Youngquist, who read the official notice of the meeting. The Notice was mailed on August, 1, 2014 to 3553 members. Steve noted that the 2013 annual membership meeting minutes are contained verbatim in the notice of the meeting mailed to the members and asked if any member would like to have the minutes read. In the absence of a request for the reading of the minutes, Chairman Lynn requested and received a motion to approve the minutes as printed, which pass without objection on a voice vote.

Chairman Lynn introduced Treasurer Jeff Moore, who gave the Treasurer's Report and referred the members to the printed report in the Annual Meeting Notice, showing all revenue and expenses for the 2013 calendar year and the balance sheet as of December 31, 2013. Treasurer Moore noted that the financial records of the Cooperative are audited each year and recommended approval of the Treasurer's Report. Chairman Lynn requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Upon motion made, seconded and approved without objection by voice vote, the Treasurer's report was approved.

Chairman Lynn introduced Leroy Tappe, who served as Chairman of this year's Nominating Committee. Leroy made his report of the Nominating Committee meeting, including the date of the meeting, the members in attendance and the candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee nominated David Lueck as the candidate for Director from District 4, Jeffrey N. Moore as the candidate for Director from District 6 and Steve Youngquist as the candidate for Director from District 9. At the conclusion of his report, Leroy turned the meeting over to Cooperative Attorney, John McMillan. John reported that, in addition to the three nominees nominated by the Nominating Committee, the Cooperative also received a petition signed by fifteen members, nominating Gordon Rands as a candidate for election as Director to serve District 4. John referred the members to the written report of both the Nominating Committee and the nomination made by petition, which were set forth in the Notice of the meeting.

Attorney McMillan said that, as a result of the nomination of two candidates for Director for District 4, we have a contested election, and that ballots were given to each member at the time of registration. The ballot form was displayed on the video screen and John discussed the method in which the member should mark the ballot in order to cast a vote that would be counted for the election. John then noted that the Cooperative bylaws provide for the appointment of inspectors of election, to count the votes. John stated that he was authorized by the candidates to appoint members Ellen Zoerink, Clarence Waldinger, Joe Erlandson and Lowell Lueck as the inspectors of election. The inspectors, with the assistance of staff, collected the ballots from the membership and retired to a separate room, along with Attorney McMillan, to count the ballots.

Chairman Lynn made his report to the members and thanked the Blueridge Riders for the entertainment, Boy Scout Troop # 332 for the presentation of colors and the Pledge of Allegiance, the Macomb Bomber Booster Club for cooking the pork chops and the Clever Clover 4-H club for serving the meal. Steve reported that 2014 has been a very busy year for the Cooperative, noting that we are in the process of remodeling our

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headquarters building and constructing a new warehouse. Steve noted that many improvements are being made to the headquarters facility. Steve also noted that we are in the process of replacing the Woodland substation located on Wigwam Hollow Road, which will be moved to higher ground. Steve further noted that highway construction has required the relocation of numerous transmission and distribution lines, which work was done by both Prairie Power and the Cooperative linemen. After making note of the many community service projects undertaken by the Cooperative each year, Chairman Lynn introduced McDonough Power CEO Mike Smith.

President Smith introduced guests of the Cooperative who were in attendance and then introduced all of the Cooperative employees. At the conclusion of introductions, Mike asked Lavern McEntire to come forward and present the Lavern and Nola R McEntire Linemen Scholarship to this year's recipient, Levi Vogt.

In his report to the membership, President Smith thanked the members for taking the time to attend the meeting and for participating in the business of the Cooperative. Mike followed up on the report made by Chairman Lynn and further discussed the new improvements being made to the Cooperative headquarters facilities. Mike also made a note of publicly thanking the Board of Directors for their service and the many years of dedicated service given

to the Cooperative by the late Stan Prox. Mike noted that he was asked to make a presentation to the Warren County Historical Society about the Rural Electrification Program and how it came to be. Mike reported that this caused him to do some further research on the history of the REA program and shared much of that history with the membership. Mike noted that it took many years for the Rural Electrification Program to pass and that it was a grassroots effort by the members and their representatives. After completing his report in the history of the REA program, Mike reported that we continue to travel to Springfield and Washington to seek assistance from our legislators on rural issues. President Smith stated that the Cooperative is again asking for another grassroots effort from our membership, noting that Keep Electric Bills Affordable cards were distributed to the members at the time of registration. Mike asked the members to complete the cards and drop them off with staff when they leave the meeting. The cards will be used to demonstrate the support that rural cooperative members have for the use of all available energy sources, in order to generate electricity in a cost-effective manner.

Attorney McMillan returned to the podium to announce the results of the election of Directors. John reported that the ballots had been counted and that, in the contested election in District 4, David Lueck received 243 votes and Gordon Rands received 51 votes. John also noted that both Jeff Moore and Steve Youngquist, who ran unopposed, received sufficient votes for reelection and declared the following candidates to be elected for a three-year term:

#### District 4 — David Lueck District 6 — Jeff Moore District 9 — Steve Youngquist

President Smith presented the following service awards: 15 Years-Jeff Moore, 20 Years-Steve Lynn, 25 Years-Dawn Beck, 35 Years-John McMillan and Tim Norton, 40 Years-Ron Paulsen.

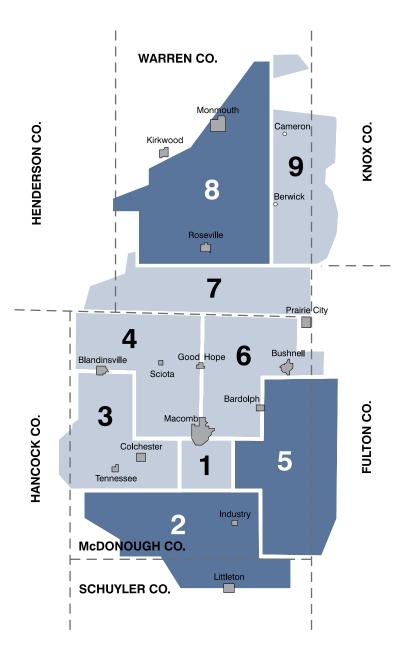
President Smith also made a presentation to Journeymen Lineman Joe Wernsman, who recently completed the Lineworker Certification Program offered through Northwest Lineman College

President Smith supervised the drawing for door prizes, including the three grand prizes of a \$200 credit on the Member's September electric bill, several door prizes donated by our vendors and the name-a-minute drawing of members who would receive a \$25 credit if they were in attendance.

President Smith thanked the members for attending the Annual Meeting and the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary

#### **2015 Annual Meeting**





Michael D. Cox District 1 Director



Jerry Riggins District 2 Vice Chairman



Walter Lewis District 3 Director



David Lueck District 4 Director



Steven L. Lynn District 5 *Chairman* 



Jeffery N. Moore District 6 *Treasurer* 



Mike Smith Macomb President/CEO



John D. McMillan Macomb *Attorney* 



Steve Hall District 7 Director



Bob Dwyer District 8 Director



Steven Youngquist District 9 Secretary

### Nominating Committee Report

Pursuant to the Bylaws, the members of the nominating committee met at The Red Ox Restaurant in Macomb, Illinois, on June 4, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. to nominate candidates for election as directors at the McDonough Power Cooperative's next annual meeting of members to be held at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 27, 2015.

The following members were present:

Keith Waller	Jane Nissen
Sarah Curtis	Ned Null
Matt Housewright	Wanda Carson
Pat Young	Mary Jo
Jim Grant	DeCounter
Frank Kane	Marc Hanson
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The committee selected the following nominees to be candidates for director to serve for a three-year term and to be elected at the annual meeting:

DISTRICT #2:	Steve Lynn
DISTRICT #5:	Jerry Riggins
DISTRICT #8	Bob Dwyer

Any 15 or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition.

> Pat Young Chairperson

### **Director Candidate Profiles**

#### **District 2 - Jerry Riggins**



Power Cooperative in District 2. Jerry was elected to the McDonough Power board in August of 1988. He also serves as Director of Prairie Power, Inc. which is McDonough Power's wholesale power supplier.

Jerry was born and raised in the Macomb area. He lived in Bethel Township until his teens, when his family

moved to Macomb. While in Bethel Township, his family was a member of McDonough Power Cooperative.

Jerry attended Industry schools and graduated from Western High School in Macomb in 1968. He attended WIU and earned a Degree in Animal Science.

"I have really enjoyed my time on the Board. I feel we have an excellent group of employees, both past and present," Jerry said. "I feel we have accomplished significant things throughout the Cooperative and hope to maintain quality service to our members."

Jerry and his wife, Lynne (Johnson, who is also from Macomb) were married in 1971. They moved to their current residence in Bethel Township in 1973, where they have a grain and livestock farming operation with their son and son-in-law.

#### Director 5 - Steve Lynn



Steve Lynn represents members of the McDonough Power Cooperative for District 5. He was elected as a director to the McDonough Power board in August of 1994 and now serves as President.

Steve has served on the board 20 years as a director for McDonough Power. "I want to thank the members for allowing me to serve on the board," Steve says. "I believe

we have a great group of employees who are very well trained. I enjoy working with the board of directors as we continue to improve our cooperative." Rose Marie, his wife serves as a director for McDonough Telephone Cooperative.

Steve was born and raised in the Macomb area. While growing up he was active in 4-H and FFA. He graduated from Bardolph High School in 1967 and attended heavy equipment school in Chicago. He then married Rose Marie O'Hern (originally from Vermont) in 1969. They lived in New Salem Township until 1979 when they moved to Mound Township. Steve farms approximately 500 acres and Rose Marie operates her Christmas ornament business "Dough Delights" from their home.

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#### Director 8 - Robert J. Dwyer



Dob represents members Dof McDonough Power Cooperative in District 8. Bob was elected to the board in August of 2005. Bob was born and raised

on a farm near Atkinson, Illinois. While growing up Bob was active in 4-H and FFA. He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Atkinson. He graduated from Atkinson High School

in 1977. He spent most of his time working with cattle on their family farm and exhibiting livestock with his brothers.

Bob has enjoyed serving on the McDonough Power Board, and attending and learning at the various training sessions offered to Directors. He hopes to continue serving the Board and helping it continue to prosper, while providing excellent service to the membership of the cooperative.

Bob and his wife, Cathy (Sprout) were married in 1981. They own and operate a breeding cattle operation.

Bob enjoys traveling, especially going to other cattle operations and livestock shows & sales across North America. He and his son, Nick, also manage the Annual Foundation Female Sale at the Dwyer farm over the Labor Day weekend. 2015 will be the 19th anniversary of this cattle sale.

#### **Service Awards**















Billing Clerk/Customer **5** Years

Joe Wernsman Journeyman Lineman 5 Years

> **Bob Dwyer** Director 10 Years

**Clay Wiemerslage** Journeyman Lineman **10 Years** 

> Mike Cox Director 20 Years

**Doug Bear** Journeyman Lineman 25 Years

#### **Treasurer's Report**



Jeff Moore Treasurer

The statement of revenue and expenses; along with the balance sheet of December 31, 2014 are based on figures submitted to the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) on our financial and statistical report as of December 31, 2014.

An annual audit of your cooperative's books and records is made each year as of December 31. Dreyer & Kelso, P.C., P.A. of Mission, Kansas were responsible for this year's audit. The auditor's final analysis indicates that the reports and books of the cooperative were accurate and maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Only by having all these facts and figures and the assistance of legal counsel is it possible for your board of directors to make sound decisions on the many complex matters that come before the board each year. These written reports have been submitted to the board by the C.E.O. and staff throughout the year.

### **2014 Revenue and Expenses**

Our Receipts:	2013	2014
We furnished electric service for total receipts of	\$10,704,034	\$10,904,780
Our Expenses:		
Electric Power Cost Us	\$6,612,863	\$6,844,460
Expenses for Operating and Maintenance of System	2,498,925	2,360,546
We Estimate our System Depreciated	851,914	906,407
Our Taxes are	27,875	18,842
Our Interest on Long-Term Debt	397,133	415,399
Our Total Expenses were	10,388,710	10,545,654
Operating Margins for the Year	315,324	359,126
Non-Operating Margins	623,378	495,886
Income from Equity Investment	0	_
Net Margins and Reserves	938,702	855,012

#### How the Dollar was Divided

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Wholesale Power	60.9%	60.7%	61.0%	61.8%	62.8%
Depreciation	7.2%	8.1%	8.1%	8.0%	8.3%
Operation & Maintenance Expense	24.7%	24.6%	24.3%	23.3%	21.6%
Taxes	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%
Interest Expense	2.8%	3.0%	2.7%	3.7%	3.8%
Operating Margins	4.1%	3.3%	3.6%	3.0%	3.3%

### **Balance Sheet**

Assets	2013	2014
Total Utility Plant in Service	\$26,946,040	\$29,633,112
Construction Work in Progress	380,863	1,104,939
Total Utility Plant in Service	27,326,903	30,738,051
Less Depreciation of Plant	(10,574,814)	(11,242,643)
Net Value of Utility Plant	16,752,089	19,495,408
Investment in Associated Organizations	4,620,749	4,925,545
Cash	271,986	389,508
Temporary Investments	0	0
Notes Receivable	0	0
Accounts Receivable-Electric Energy	1,097,449	972,211
Accounts Receivable-Miscellaneous	760	5,044
Materials & Supplies	125,558	111,914
Prepayments	52,851	53,917
Other Current & Accrued Assets	4,445	4,445
Deferred Debits	632,754	552,894
Total Assets	\$23,558,641	\$26,510,886

Liabilities & Members' Equity	2013	2014
Patronage Capital	\$ 9,221,907	\$ 9,794,628
Operating Margins	890,641	807,207
Non-Operating Margins	309,063	308,806
Other Margins & Equities	(15,804)	55,700
Long-Term Debt	11,569,311	11,128,596
Memberships & Consumer Deposits	125,307	136,077
Accumulated Operating Provisions	157,694	128,138
Notes Payable	250,000	3,248,862
Accounts Payable	845,421	699,727
Other Current & Accrued Liabilities	196,910	194,257
Deferred Credits	8,191	8,888
Total Liabilities & Members' Equity	\$23,558,641	\$26,510,886

#### McDonough Power Cooperative

### History

	Wholesale Power Cost	Consumer Power Cost	Plant Investments	Equity	Annual Revenue	Annual kWh Sales
2005	0.062	0.107	16,838,065	46.2%	7,429,309	69,255,008
2006	0.063	0.111	17,690,156	47.1%	7,614,756	68,368,691
2007	0.053	0.114	19,135,903	47.8%	7,929,331	69,841,938
2008	0.055	0.114	21,493,814	45.9%	8,875,568	77,770,241
2009	0.066	0.126	23,260,171	43.6%	9,268,729	73,832,088
2010	0.074	0.126	24,343,647	43.2%	9,984,950	79,299,852
2011	0.073	0.128	25,086,051	44.3%	9,774,257	75,943,123
2012	0.076	0.133	25,963,631	44.6%	10,123,694	75,578,856
2013	0.076	0.132	27,326,903	44.2%	10,704,034	80,254,044
2014	0.079	0.134	30,738,051	41.4%	10,904,780	80,867,480

### Long-Term Debt Obligation

	2013	2014
Total Funds Borrowed	\$11,819,312	\$14,377,458
Principal Payments Made	\$368,053	\$387,715
Interest Payments Made	\$543,342	\$569,776

### **Cooperative Operating Stats**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total Miles of Line Energized	1,415	1,408	1,409	1,412	1,413
Cost of Purchased Power	6,077,773	5,933,381	6,181,249	6,612,863	6,844,460
Total kWh Purchased	82,391,721	81,608,089	81,759,220	86,738,715	87,176,154
Total kWh Sold	79,299,852	75,943,123	75,578,856	80,254,044	80,867,480
Percent of Line Loss	3.5%	6.7%	7.4%	7.3%	7.1%
New Members Connected	15	8	2	13	8
Number of Members Served	5,166	5,167	5,181	5,190	5,181
Avg. Monthly kWh Used by Member	995	928	908	970	985
Avg. Monthly Bill per Member	130.38	126.68	129.36	138	140
Avg. Cost per kWh to Member	0.1311	0.1366	0.1425	0.1424	0.1425

### Vote for Operation Round Up® Program

### McDonough Power Cooperative Cares

As a member of McDonough Power Cooperative you could have a unique opportunity to make a difference by participating in the Operation Round Up® program. Operation Round Up® is a voluntary charitable fundraising program for McDonough Power members to have their electric bill rounded up to the next whole dollar in order to benefit and support charitable community organizations.

#### All McDonough Power members who choose not to participate can choose to opt out. Members can opt in or out at any time.

#### **Mission:**

The mission of the McDonough Power Cooperative Cares Fund is to assist in strengthening the communities served by McDonough Power. We will accomplish this mission by providing financial assistance to selected charitable organizations through the Operation Round Up® program.

### Where did Operation Round Up® Begin?

The program was started by Palmetto Electric in South Carolina in 1989 as a way for cooperative members to give back to the community. The program has been adopted by rural electric cooperatives across the nation.

### Why is McDonough Power involved in charitable organizations?

One of the cooperative principles is Concern for Community. We feel a strong responsibility to the people in the communities we serve that goes beyond simply providing reliable electricity. One of the most rewarding aspects of Operation Round Up<sup>®</sup> is that it is an extension of the concept of neighbor helping neighbor that built our electric cooperative. Operation Round Up<sup>®</sup> helps co-op members reach out to worthy causes in their communities and work together to help others.

#### How does it work?

Members who wish to participate in the program have their electric bill rounded up each month and those few cents are deposited into a separate fund. For example, if your electric bill for one month is \$85.75, the bill would be rounded up to \$86.00 and the extra \$0.25 would be deposited in the Operation Round Up® fund. The donation averages \$6.00 per year per account. The rounded up amount will be listed on your statement each month. Bill statements should be kept and used for tax purposes.

#### Who determines where funds go?

The McDonough Power Cooperative Cares Fund - Operation Round Up<sup>®</sup> is a separate entity with its own board of directors who oversee the funds. The directors of the fund are members of McDonough Power and will receive and review applications from organizations requesting funding for charitable purposes and decide how to distribute funds according to the bylaws of the Trust.

#### Who is eligible for funding?

Any organization within the McDonough Power service territory can apply for funding. Funds will not be used to pay utility bills or any type of political contributions.

### What are some possible uses of funding?

The fund is used to benefit people and organizations for community service projects, economic development, education and youth programs, environmental projects, and emergency assistance within the McDonough Power Cooperative service territory. These are only examples, funding is not limited to these items. The Operation Round Up® Board will determine where funds are distributed.

### How will members know where funds go?

A list of distributed funds will be featured periodically in *The Wire*, the center section of the *Illinois Country Living* magazine, as well as on our website – www.mcdonoughpower.com.

### If I have more than one account will each one be rounded up?

Yes, each account will be rounded up, but if you would like only one of your accounts rounded up, you can choose to opt out the other accounts.

#### My account is on Budget Billing, can I still participate in the program?

Yes, the rounded up amount will be calculated from your actual billed amount, not the budget amount.

#### How do I opt out?

All member accounts that are not opted out will be included in the program. If you choose to opt out you must notify us by calling our office at 309.833.2101. You may opt out or back in at any time in the future if your situation changes.

### **Mcdonough Power Programs & Services**

Cooperative members are encouraged to participate in the programs and services listed below. Please contact the Cooperative if you have any questions.

#### 📕 Rebates –

Cash rebates for the installation of electric heat pumps and geothermal systems.

Consumption History and Usage Information –

Basic information for members.

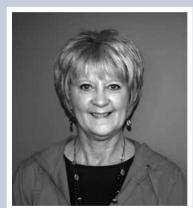
Security Lighting – Low cost outdoor lighting.

- Budget and Levelized Billing Levelize your monthly electric bill.
- Visa/Mastercard Permits convenient payment of your electric bill, even by phone.
- Automatic Bank Draft Have your electric bill paid directly from your bank account.
- Safety Programs and Speakers Available for school and adult groups.
- Special Electric Heat Rates Incentive rates for electric heating systems and geothermal heating and cooling.

- **Online Bill Presentment & Payment** View current as well as previous billing history, also pay your bill from the comfort of your own home. www.mcdonoughpower.com
- **Co-Op Connections** Your source for exceptional discount offers from area businesses and national retailers.

Debbie Fowler retired in June after 18 years of service

Cameron Fire
Department - Live
Line Demo



Directors touring Pioneer Plant in Good Hope ►





▲ Illinois Cooperative Council Youth Conference – Live Line Demo

#### PROXY

#### As a member of McDonough Power Cooperative, an Illinois Corporation, I the undersigned, appoint:

my proxy to vote in my stead at meeting of members to be held at 7:00 p.m., August 27, 2015 at The Crossing, Macomb, Illinois, McDonough County.

Witness, my hand the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_

Witness

Signature of Member Giving Proxy

One member can vote not more than one proxy. Proxy not valid unless signature is same as reverse side.

A "name a minute" will be drawn from the entire membership list during the business meeting. If these members are in attendance, they will receive \$25 credit on their September electric bill.

### **Cooperative Personnel**

Employee		Length of Service
Mike Smith	President & CEO	8 Years
Ron Paulsen	Line Superintendent	41 Years
Scott Traser	Finance & Accounting Manager	29 Years
Kelly Hamm	Energy Services Manager	9 Years
Douglas Bear	Journeyman Lineman	25 Years
Dawn Beck	Administrative Assistant	26 Years
Brandon Cousins	Apprentice Lineman	1 Year
Eric Dewitt	Apprentice Lineman	2 Years
Jamison Holthaus	Journeyman Lineman	9 Years
Dan Lotz	Storekeeper/Meter Tech	2 Years
Michele Lovell	Billing Clerk/CSR	5 Years
Tim Norton	Journeyman Lineman	36 Years
Amy Warrington	Customer Service Rep.	8 Years
Joe Wernsman	Journeyman Lineman	5 Years
Clay Wiemerslage	Journeyman Lineman	10 Years

The Employees of McDonough Power Cooperative look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting

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### **Annual Meeting Registration Instructions**

Please bring the registration card above to the annual meeting so you can save time in registering. At the end of the business session, there will be a drawing for three (3) grand prizes. Each grand prize winner will receive \$200 credit toward their electric bill.

You must be present to win!!!

#### **Highlights From Past Annual Meetings**

