

## CALHOUN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FINALIZES RLF LOAN

Calhoun County Electric Cooperative is proud to support local business growth through its Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). Recently, CCECA finalized a \$20,000 RLF loan with Ben and Maddie Wozniak, owners of Wozniak Woodworking LLC. The funding assisted in the purchase of an existing Rockwell City business formally known as Warner Woodworking.

For Ben, who has experience in cabinetry and construction, the purchase of the business came together naturally and allowed him the opportunity to return to his hometown with his wife, Maddie. Ben shared that it means a lot to him to be able to keep a local business operating and to help people in the area.

Wozniak Woodworking will continue to provide custom cabinetry and woodworking services to Rockwell City and its surrounding communities. Ben and Maddie bring new ideas to the business and community while continuing the tradition of quality craftsmanship established by the former business owner, Gary Warner.

For CCECA, assisting with the transition of ownership through our Revolving Loan Fund, helps ensure that a valued local business continues to operate and grow in Rockwell City. Providing a low-interest loan to help with the purchase of Wozniak Woodworking LLC is an exact reflection of



PICTURED L TO R: MADDIE & BEN WOZNAK, CCECA CEO KEATON HILDRETH

what our RLF program was designed to do; to support local economic and community development within our service area.

This investment also marks an important milestone for Calhoun County Electric Cooperative, as it represents the 50th loan finalized through the cooperative's Revolving Loan Fund program that began in 2000. Since then, CCECA has been able to provide \$1,413,500 in low-interest loans to support economic development. These funds have provided many local business owners with the ability to develop and expand their business.

CCECA is committed to investing in the future of local communities, and the Revolving Loan Fund is one way we show our commitment to the communities we serve by helping encourage local entrepreneurship and economic opportunity. We are proud to celebrate this milestone and look forward to continuing to support businesses like Wozniak Woodworking for years to come.



### YOUTH TOUR DELEGATE SELECTED

Declan Spencer, a student at South Central Calhoun High School, has been selected to represent Calhoun County Electric Cooperative as the 2026 Youth Tour delegate to Washington D.C. Declan will also receive a \$250 pre-paid debit card from CCECA to use while on the trip.

Declan will join other students from across Iowa in visiting our nation's capital June 14-20, 2026. While on the trip, students will learn about the electric cooperative industry and business model and advocate for rural communities. They will also have the opportunity to visit historic landmarks and meet with elected officials. Calhoun County Electric Cooperative is proud to provide this opportunity to a local student.

Declan is the son of Nick and Brigitte Spencer from rural Rockwell City. Congratulations, Declan!

## CCECA TAKES PART IN HIGH FIVE FRIDAY

High Five Friday is a simple but meaningful way to spread positivity in our community. Each week, a local business or organization gathers outside the school to welcome students with smiles, encouragement, and plenty of high fives as they start their day. It's a small gesture that can make a big impact - boosting confidence, creating connections, and reminding students that their community is cheering them on.

On Friday, April 10, Calhoun County Electric Cooperative participated in High Five Friday at the South Central Calhoun Elementary School in Rockwell City. Our team enjoyed greeting students and helping kick off their morning with positive energy and encouragement.

CCECA is proud to support initiatives like High Five Friday and looks forward to continuing to invest in the students and communities we serve - one high five at a time!



## CALHOUN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE PARTICIPATES IN REC DAY ON THE HILL

Calhoun county Electric Cooperative Association (CCECA) was proud to participate in the 2026 REC Day on the Hill held at the Iowa State Capitol. This annual event brings together electric cooperative leaders, staff and advocates from across the state to connect directly with legislators and share the voice of rural Iowa.

Nearly 200 advocates, dressed in green, filled the Capitol to emphasize the importance of reliable, affordable electricity and to address the unique needs of cooperative members. CCECA representatives spent the day meeting with local lawmakers to discuss issues that directly impact the communities we serve.

A key focus this year was strengthening protections for utility line workers. Proposed legislation aimed to increase penalties for those who threaten or harm utility workers while they are on the job. Line workers often work in dangerous conditions, especially during storms and emergencies, and ensuring their safety remains a top priority.

Discussions also covered energy policy topics, such as third-party solar proposals and their potential impact on local control, reliability and fairness for cooperative members. While electric cooperatives support renewable energy when it makes sense locally, maintaining a balanced and responsible approach is crucial to protecting all members.

Besides legislative discussions, the event also provided an opportunity to educate policymakers about the cooperative difference. As a not-for profit, member-owned utility, CCECA is dedicated to providing safe, reliable and affordable power while reinvesting in the communities we serve.

Events like REC Day on the Hill play a crucial role in making sure rural voices are heard and represented in decision making. CCECA appreciates the chance to build relationships with elected officials and advocate for our members.

We appreciate the time legislators took to meet with us and thank them for their ongoing support of rural Iowa and electric cooperatives.



# JOIN CCECA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association (CCECA), our strength lies in the dedication of our member-owners, especially those who take an active role in shaping the cooperative's future. One of the most impactful ways to contribute is serving on the CCECA board of directors. This is your opportunity to be a voice for your community, advocate for members' needs and guide the cooperative toward continued success.

## Why serve on the board of directors?

Serving as a director is more than a position - it's a commitment to the members, the cooperative and the community. As a board member, you will:

- ▶ **Make a difference:** Represent your neighbors and ensure members' voices are heard in critical decisions.
- ▶ **Shape the future:** Help guide policies that impact energy reliability, affordability and sustainability.
- ▶ **Develop leadership skills:** Gain valuable experience in governance, strategic planning and decision making.
- ▶ **Support your community:** Advocate for policies that benefit local members and strengthen our cooperative's mission.

## What does a director do?

Board members play a crucial role in setting the cooperative's direction by engaging in key responsibilities such as:

- ▶ **Strategic planning:** Helping shape CCECA's long-term vision and initiatives.
- ▶ **Financial oversight:** Monitoring budgets and ensuring fiscal responsibility.

- ▶ **Risk management:** Identifying challenges and maintaining operational stability.
- ▶ **Member representation:** Acting as a direct link between the cooperative and its members.
- ▶ **Political advocacy:** Engaging with policymakers to support cooperative-friendly policies.

Directors also stay informed on industry trends, emerging technologies and regulatory changes to ensure CCECA remains at the forefront of energy innovation.

## How the nomination process works

CCECA's nominating committee plays a vital role in ensuring a fair and democratic election process. This process includes the following steps:

- 1. Recruitment:** One committee representative from each district helps identify potential candidates.
- 2. Candidate selection:** The committee reviews eligible members and encourages qualified individuals to run.
- 3. Nominations:** Interested members can submit their names to the committee for consideration.
- 4. Petition option:** Members can also seek election through petition nominations.

## How to vote

CCECA provides members the opportunity to vote in their respective district elections. This year, members in District 1, District 3, and District 5 are eligible to

## BOARD ELECTIONS IN 2026: POSITIONS AVAILABLE

At CCECA's Annual Meeting on Sept. 9, 2026, three board positions will be open for election:

**District 1:** Currently held by Jim Miller

**District 3:** Currently held by Jason McKenney

**District 5:** Currently held by Steve Boedecker

vote in the election for the district they belong to. Members can vote:

- ▶ **By mail:** Ballots will be sent to members in districts 1, 3, and 5 with clear instructions for submission.
- ▶ **In person:** Votes can be delivered directly to CCECA's headquarters in Rockwell City during regular business hours or placed in the drop box. Ballots may also be returned in-person at the Annual Meeting on September 9, 2026.

## Get involved

If you are passionate about making a difference and ensuring a strong future for CCECA, consider joining the board! To learn more or submit your candidacy, contact:

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**Your cooperative. Your leadership. Your future.**

By serving on the board, you help shape the policies and decisions directly impacting CCECA and the community. Don't miss this opportunity to be a leader in CCECA's future!

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE SELECTED

The Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association Board of Directors appointed the following member-owners to the nominating committee during the regular April 21, 2025 board meeting. The committee nominates members to serve on CCECA's board of directors.

**DISTRICT 1:** Mike Barrett, Brandon Betten, Scott Pitstick

**DISTRICT 3:** Randall Berg, Scott Hansch, Steve Vosberg

**DISTRICT 5:** Nick Spencer, John Wahl, Glenn Wuebker

The nominating committee will meet in June to nominate members of the cooperative for the office of director. Directors whose three-year terms will expire are: Jim Miller (District 1), Jason McKenney (District 3), and Steve Bodecker (District 5).

## MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR CCECA'S 90TH ANNUAL MEETING AND MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT

2026						
September						
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**September 9, 2026**

# CCECA BOARD APPROVES ALLOCATION

The patronage allocation of \$280,000 for 2025 has been applied to all Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association (CCECA) member-owners' patronage accounts that received service last year. Your allocation amount is shown on your April 2026 statement.

Deferred patronage allocations are revenues exceeding the operating expenses of the cooperative, which are shown in the books as margins. This is allocated back to member-owners as patronage and is in proportion to the amount you paid to the cooperative for electric service in 2025.

At present, the patronage has no cash value and cannot be used in payment of electric bills, or any other bill owed to CCECA. Even if you move off our lines, the patronage cannot be paid to you until that year is approved to be refunded by the board of directors.

The only time patronage can be refunded, other than the board of directors approving a general refund to all member-owners for a particular year, is if the owner is deceased. The executor must complete the required paperwork. Estates are usually refunded several times per year when approved by the board of directors.

Please keep CCECA informed when you have a change of address. This ensures any future patronage checks will come directly to you.



## May Member Challenge

Find the answers within the stories, features, and content of this newsletter and you could win a prize. **Send your answer to [member\\_challenge@calhounrec.coop](mailto:member_challenge@calhounrec.coop), clip and mail to: Calhoun County Electric Cooperative, PO Box 312, Rockwell City, IA 50579 or submit on our website: [www.calhounrec.coop/member-challenge-submission](http://www.calhounrec.coop/member-challenge-submission).** You may mail your entry along with your electric bill payment, but remember there is a deadline!

Entries for this issue **must be received by June 1st**. Three names will be drawn from all correct entries. Members will receive a **\$10 credit** on their account. Members who answer the questions correctly and participate at least 4 times throughout the year, will be eligible for a \$100 Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Pre-Paid Debit card, through a random drawing, at the end of the year.

**Congratulations March winners:**  
**Terry Ewing, Gary Devereaux,**  
**and Steve Gutshall**

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2. Nearly \_\_\_\_\_ advocates filled the Capitol to emphasize the importance of reliable, affordable electricity and to address the unique needs of cooperative members.
3. Mark your calendars for CCECA's 90th Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Event on Wednesday, September \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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