

PowerLines

May 2017

Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting of Members

Official Notice

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Paxton-Buckley-Loda (PBL) Junior/Senior High School, Paxton, Illinois

Notice is hereby given that the 30th Annual Meeting of Members of Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2017, at 7 p.m. at the PBL Junior/Senior High School, 700 West Orleans Street in Paxton, Illinois. Registration will begin at 3 p.m. and will close at 7 p.m. The meeting will be called to order at 7 p.m. and action will be taken on the following:

1. The reports of officers, directors and the President/CEO.
2. The election of three directors (one each from Directorate Districts 2, 5 and 9).
3. To consider and transact all other business which may properly come before said meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Dated at Paxton, Illinois, this 28th day of April 2017.

Bradley J. Ludwig
Secretary

**We will provide more annual meeting
information in next month's PowerLines!**

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Churches & Businesses

To receive the \$25 attendance credit at the annual meeting, any person representing a business or other organization (non-residential) must present a letter from the proper officials of that entity (preferably on company letterhead) designating that person as the official representative.

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Annual Meeting: Board of Directors' Election

Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors is made up of co-op member/owners - just like you. They are tasked with setting the policies and guidelines that Eastern Illini's management team then carries out. Each year, three of the nine positions on the board are up for election. Board terms are for three years.



Directorate District 2 **Candidate Tom Schlatter, Chatsworth**

Tom Schlatter has served on the Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative Board of Directors since 2006. He has served as secretary of the board, vice chairman, and is currently the chairman of the board. Tom received the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate in 2006, the NRECA Board Leadership Certificate in 2013, and the NRECA Director Gold Credential Certificate in 2016.

Tom and his wife, Barbara, reside near Chatsworth in Livingston County where he operates a grain farm.



Directorate District 5 **Candidate Kevin Moore, Hoopeston**

Kevin Moore has served on the Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative Board of Directors since 2014. He received the NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate in 2016. Kevin currently serves as Eastern Illini's alternate director on the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives Board of Directors.

Kevin and his wife, Kasey, reside near Hoopeston in Vermilion County where he operates a grain farm.



Directorate District 9 **Candidate Jay Hageman, Fairmount**

Jay Hageman was elected to the Illini Electric Cooperative Board in 1986. He then served on the Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative Board until 1989 and was re-elected to the Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative Board of Directors in 2002. Jay has served as secretary of the board, and is currently the vice chair. He received the NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate in 2002, the NRECA Board Leadership Certificate in 2011, and the NRECA Director Gold Credential Certificate in 2016. Jay also serves as Eastern Illini's director on the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives Board of Directors.

Jay and his wife, Tracy, reside near Fairmount and farm in the corner of Douglas, Champaign, Vermilion and Edgar counties.

Sample Ballot

EASTERN ILLINI ELECTRIC CO-OP

June 8, 2017

Paxton, Illinois

For Director from
Directorate District 2
(3-year term)

(vote for one)

☐ Thomas Schlatter
Chatsworth

For Director from
Directorate District 5
(3-year term)

(vote for one)

☐ Kevin Moore
Hoopeston

For Director from
Directorate District 9
(3-year term)

(vote for one)

☐ Jay Hageman
Fairmount

After reviewing the bylaws, petitions, affidavits, and qualifications of the potential candidates, the Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative 2017 Credentials Committee has determined that the above candidates are eligible to serve as directors of Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative.

Please join us at *your* ANNUAL MEETING
June 8, 2017 | Registration begins at 3PM
Paxton-Buckley-Loda High School

Annual Meeting: Help us Celebrate!

Attend this year's meeting and EARN a \$25 bill credit!

That's right...a \$25 bill credit just for attending and registering.

New this year...DOOR PRIZES!

To celebrate our 30th anniversary, and the 80th anniversary of our two original co-ops, we are offering several door prizes of \$30 and \$80 for members who stay for the business portion of the days' festivities.

Enjoy FOOD, FUN & ENTERTAINMENT!

You and your family will be treated to a fried chicken dinner prepared by Niemerg's Catering, tons of treats, and entertainment for all ages.

VOTE for your directors!

Your cooperative is led by a local board of directors elected by YOU.

We'll keep the kiddos ENTERTAINED, too!

Activities will include inflatables, a petting zoo, miniature golf, and more!

ENGAGING seminars!

Always popular, this year's topics include:

Q&A with your President/CEO, From Pumpkins to Seeds,
Hats for any Occasion, Modern Quilting, and Chainsaw Safety.

Proxy Ballot

Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative's 2017 Annual Meeting of Members

As a member/owner of Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative, an Illinois Corporation, I, the undersigned, hereby appoint _____ my proxy to vote in my stead at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the Paxton-Buckley-Loda Junior/Senior High School, Paxton, Illinois, on June 8, 2017. This proxy is unlimited as to matters on which it may be voted.

Date

Signature of member/owner giving proxy

Name: _____

Address: _____

No member/owner may vote as a proxy for more than three member/owners and the presence of a member/owner at the meeting revokes a proxy heretofore given.

Feature Story: Spreading Her Wings

McKenzie Krutsinger, from rural Sidney, is living her dream of flight.

When we heard McKenzie's story, we were impressed with the drive and passion of such a young lady. We asked if we could share her story, and the information she sent us was so good, we thought we would let her speak for herself. The following thoughts came directly from McKenzie:

I was beyond lucky that I stumbled upon aviation my sophomore year of high school. I am forever thankful for the day I fell in love with flight.

As a sixteen year old at Unity High School, I was supposed to job shadow a career I wanted. Unlike some of my classmates I was unsure of what career field I wanted to go into. On a plane on my way to a softball tournament,

my mother turned to me and said how she thought flying would be a really interesting career choice. Her comment definitely sparked my interest in aviation.

The next week I called the Parkland Institute of Aviation and asked if it would be possible to job shadow at their facility. I had no idea what kind of jobs they had available for me to shadow or what operations they handled. The Chief Pilot, Sybil Phillips, organized everything for me.

In March, I showed up at the Institute not knowing what to expect for the day. Shortly after I arrived, they set me up with a flight instructor who they informed me I would be following for the day. I sat back and watched a lesson the instructor had with a student, then we went on a tour of the air traffic control tower, fire and rescue facility, and FlightStar,

a charter based out of Champaign. I even got the chance to sit in the Captain's seat of Jimmy John's private jet!

At the end of the day I went on my very own discovery flight where I got to fly around my hometown. I saw my house and my friends' houses all from a birds-eye view. The feeling was indescribable. As cliché as it sounds, this was the moment I fell in love with aviation and knew that it was going to be the career I wanted to pursue.

Fast forward to my senior year of high school. I was signed to play softball at Florida Institute of Technology and earn my degree in Aviation Management with Flight with a minor in Unmanned Aerial Systems.

As a two sport athlete with a GPA of 4.0, I decided to take a dual credit course to earn my Private

Pilot's License. My 18th birthday was the day I received my temporary Private Pilot's certificate. It was a monumental achievement in my life. I am now almost done with my second semester of sophomore year at Florida Institute of Technology. I recently earned my Commercial Multi-engine license and my Commercial Single Engine license. Now I am working on my Certified Flight Instructors license.

Freshman year I earned a 4.0 GPA, and blew through my flight





McKenzie Krutsinger fell in love with flight at the age of 16. Now 20, she already has earned several pilot licenses and is getting ready to participate in the Women's Air Race Classic, a cross-country event that features all-women teams. Photos are courtesy of Scott Pelkowski.

training. I am currently at the head of my class in flight training while still earning a 3.9 GPA. Freshman year I received academic honors such as the Dean's List. I am also an active member in our Women in Aviation Chapter here on campus.

The summer of 2016 I decided to volunteer for the Women's Air Race Classic. Willard Airport, near my hometown in Illinois, was a stop along the race this year, and I saw it as a great opportunity to get to know more about the event.

There were fifty-five different teams of women who stopped at Willard. I was lucky enough to get the chance to network and ask the women pilots questions. I even put myself out there and told the pilots

that I would be interested in being a co-pilot for a race if any of the pilots needed one.

To my surprise, in January, I received an email from a woman I had met during last year's race. I grew with excitement while reading her email. She said she would love to race with me this year if I was able to. This year's air race starts in Fredrick, Maryland and ends in Santa Fe, New Mexico. There are nine different flyby/stopping points along the route.

The race usually costs around \$6,000 total, but my teammate and I are splitting the cost. I am looking for donations to fulfill my \$3,000 end of the expenses. The money will be going towards expenses

such as aviation gas, maintenance, hotels, food, entry fees, etc.

Not many 20 year-olds get a chance to compete doing something they love, or better yet, get the chance to fly all over the United States. Not only is it a great opportunity for me to meet many different women in the aviation field, but also women who could help me later on down the road with my aviation career.

If you'd like to help support McKenzie as she participates in the Women's Air Race Classic, you can contact her directly by emailing her at mkrutsinger2015@my.fit.edu, or you can send a donation to her at 2197 CR 1100 N, Sidney, IL 61877.



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