2000 ANNUAL MEETING

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ADAMS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 6, 2000
BAILEY PARK, CAMP POINT

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Annual Meeting Program

September 6, 2000 - Bailey Park, Camp Point

5:00 p.m. ..... Registration
5:00 -7:00 p.m. ..... Dinner
5:15 - 7:15 p.m. ..... Pre-recorded Music
7:30 p.m. - Call to Order and Announcement of Quorum ..... Bob Willis, President
Invocation ..... Area Minister
Pledge of Allegiance ..... Troop #41 Boy Scouts
Introduction of Board ..... Bob Willis, President
Official Notice of Annual Meeting ..... John R. Kestner, Secretary
Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting ..... John R. Kestner, Secretary
Introduction of Guests ..... Douglas H. Aeilts, General Manager
Report of Nominating Committee ..... Pam Peter, Secretary of Nominating Committee
Election of Directors ..... Charles A. Burton, Attorney
Election of Nominating Committee for 2001 ..... Charles A. Burton, Attorney
Introduction of Advisory Committee & Essay Winners ..... Don Taylor, Manager of Marketing
Treasurer's Report ..... George Schneider, Treasurer
President's Report ..... Bob Willis, President
Manager's Report ..... Douglas H. Aeilts, General Manager
Election Results ..... Charles A. Burton, Attorney
Unfinished Business ..... Bob Willis, President
Adjournment
Awarding of Prizes

In order to keep the business progressing, copies of minutes, reports and other business items are printed in the annual report rather than presented from the platform. Please look over this report at your convenience and bring it to the annual meeting for reference. **The member registration card, on the back cover, will be used in drawing for prizes.**

In this issue

The August issue of the *Adams Outlet* contains the annual report of your Cooperative. According to the Cooperative's bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation for not-for-profit organizations, we are legally required to conduct an Annual Meeting of Members.

The extra activities associated with the Annual Meeting are intended to encourage attendance and participation. Your Annual Meeting should be a balanced mixture of business and pleasure.

Your board of directors want you to be as well informed as possible. We believe this 2000 annual report will give you a good summary of the past year's business activity. If you need more information, please let us know.

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Blood pressure screening

The Adams County Health Department is providing blood pressure checks at the Annual Meeting. Members can have their blood pressure checked before the business meeting.

The health department advises people to have their blood pressure checked at least once a year. A person's average reading depends on age, weight and hereditary factors.

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Official Meeting Notice

Pursuant to the provisions of the bylaws, notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Members of the Adams Electric Cooperative will be held at Bailey Park in Camp Point, beginning at 7:30 p.m. CDT, Wednesday, September 6, 2000 to take action upon the following matters:

1. To receive the reports of officers, directors and committees.
2. The election of three directors to serve a three-year term, or until their successors are elected and qualified.
3. Election of Nominating Committee for 2001.
4. All other business that may come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Dated this 29th day of August, 2000.
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John R. Kestner, Secretary

Selection of next year's nominating committee

According to the Cooperative's bylaws, it's necessary at the 2000 Annual Meeting of Members to select the members of the 2001 nominating committee. The committee is to be made up of one Member-at-large and two Members from each district in which the director's three-year term will expire. Any Member of Adams Electric Cooperative may make nominations. This selected committee will then meet and prepare the list of director nominees at least 60 days prior to the 2001 Annual Meeting of Members.

At the 2001 Annual Meeting of Adams Electric Cooperative, directors will be selected to represent districts 1, 2 and 3 composed of the townships listed below:

District 1	*(Schuyler County)*	Littleton, Oakland, Astoria, Buena Vista, Rushville, Browning, Hickory, Woodstock, Bainbridge and Frederick
District 2	*(Adams County)*	Keene, Northeast, Houston, St. Albans, Chili and Augusta
District 3	*(Adams County)*	Gilmer, Columbus, Burton and Liberty

Check us out on the "Web"!

Adams Electric Cooperative's home page on the Internet has been designed for our on-line visitor's convenience. Users can look over our marketing programs, learn about super-efficient geothermal heating and cooling systems and other programs offered by AEC. An e-mail link is included to send messages to department heads. You can find the Adams Electric Cooperative home page at **www.adamselectriccoop.com**.

Absentee ballots

Pursuant to the bylaws, Members may vote for directors and resolutions being considered at the Annual Meeting of Members by casting an absentee ballot during regular business hours at the headquarters office at Adams Electric Cooperative. Regular business hours are 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Absentee ballots can be cast from August 28, 2000 through September 6, 2000 at 3:00 p.m.

2000 Annual Meeting written report

Douglas Aeilts
General Manager

Bob Willis
President

President and General Manager

Adams Electric Cooperative is a cooperative known throughout Illinois for having one of the largest Annual Meetings. We take pride in the "family picnic" atmosphere that has been developed over the years. This year's meeting will again be held at Camp Point's Bailey Park.

The Annual Meeting is an important meeting for every cooperative. A cooperative is a democratically controlled organization. Adams Electric Cooperative Members elect three (3) directors every year for a three (3) year term. This election process is the foundation for the cooperative structure. Seven (7) members will also be elected for next year's Nominating Committee. The officers and the general manager will give reports and numerous attendance prizes will be given away. You should be on your way home by 9:00 p.m. on this school night.

There are some Members that question the need for an Annual Meeting and to provide a meal and kid games. The Cooperative is required to hold an Annual Meeting every year according to the Illinois Not-For-Profit Corporation Act. To conduct the annual business meeting (including electing directors), a quorum must be present. Many cooperatives have had problems getting a quorum of members to their annual meeting. The "family picnic" atmosphere has always encouraged AEC Members and their families to attend.

Review of the Past Year
Wholesale Power Costs

The Cooperative's largest expense is its wholesale power cost. Approximately 65¢ of every $1.00 is required to pay for wholesale power costs. Soyland Power Cooperative (Soyland), your Cooperative's power supplier, is working diligently to provide reliable power supply and stable wholesale power costs. In 1999, Soyland purchased and installed 100 Megawatts (MW) of used gas combustion turbines at Alsey, Illinois. This year, Soyland installed an additional 25 MW turbine. This newly installed generation capacity provided immediate value to Soyland and its member-systems. A new three (3) year contract with Ameren Energy allows your Cooperative to provide stable retail electric prices until 2002. Soyland is already evaluating power supply options for 2002 and beyond.

Congress approved deregulation of the wholesale electric supply with the adoption of the 1992 Energy Policy Act. The deregulated wholesale market has allowed Soyland to negotiate with more suppliers than just Illinois utilities. At this time, generation capacity has been tight and wholesale power prices have increased. Since 1997, the wholesale power market has seen dramatic fluctuations in wholesale power prices that has resulted in the average wholesale power price in the midwest to increase over 60 percent! In addition, the new wholesale power supply contracts are extremely complex with many new terms and conditions. The wholesale power suppliers will negotiate the most favorable terms and conditions with large customers with good load factors.

To further stabilize wholesale power costs and to increase Soyland's negotiating strength, Soyland has approved a Strategic Alliance with Allegheny Electric Cooperative of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Soyland will be closing their Decatur office and coordinating the Illinois operations from their Jacksonville, Illinois facility. The new alliance will provide a corporate management services and bring many potential benefits. Allegheny is a winter peaking system while Soyland is a summer peaking system. By pooling generation resources, both should operate more efficiently and economically if the transmission agreements/constraints between the two (2) systems can be resolved. The general administration expenses should be lower for the combined organization but required future marketing expenses may eliminate any savings but allow more stable costs than either organization could maintain independently.

The board of directors reluctantly approved a wholesale power cost adjustment (PCA) that was implemented on January 1, 1999. This was required to maintain the Cooperative's financial stability. Despite implementing the PCA, the Cooperative finished the calendar year with a negative margin primarily because of higher than expected wholesale power costs. The new three (3) year Ameren contract will provide for more stable future power supply costs. The board of directors discontinued the PCA effective with April 2000 usage.

Competition, Customer Choice and Deregulation

The board of directors and management continue to evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of providing the Cooperative's Members with the option to

elect an electric energy supplier other than the Cooperative, i.e. "customer choice." It has been the consensus of the board of directors to allow Members "customer choice." To provide "customer choice" requires your Cooperative to comply with numerous costly federal and state regulations. Your Cooperative is working collectively with other Illinois electric cooperatives to prepare for "customer choice" and to minimize the regulatory and implementation costs.

On January 1, 1999, the State of Pennsylvania required that all electric utilities, including electric cooperatives, provide "customer choice" for their energy suppliers. As of August 1, 2000, no electric generation supplier has requested a contract with a Pennsylvania electric cooperative to provide "customer choice" to their members. The Pennsylvania electric generation suppliers are only offering their services to urban consumers, and large commercial and industrial consumers. In fact, the Pennsylvania electric cooperatives have organized an electric generation supplier that is selling to urban customers!

In Illinois, less than 20 percent of the eligible commercial and industrial consumers have selected an alternate retail electric supplier and nearly all of these consumers are in the Chicago metro area. Will there be electric suppliers interested in providing electric power to electric cooperative members, and if so, what will be the cost and how reliable will the power supply be? These are just a few of the difficult questions that the board of directors are dealing with to prepare for "customer choice."

New Technology

An alternative to the typical "customer choice" option might be for Members to install their own high efficient generators, called fuel cells or microturbines. The fuel cell technology was developed by NASA for the space program and has been providing the electric power requirements for the space shuttles. A fuel cell is essentially a continuously recharged battery that is fueled by natural gas, propane or other hydrocarbon fuel. The output of the fuel cell is electric energy, hot water and carbon dioxide, no harmful emissions. Several manufacturers are developing fuel cells for resale to commercial and residential customers. The Cooperative is evaluating fuel cell manufacturers and their design parameters to consider providing a fuel cell option to the Members.

New Bill Format

Earlier this year, the Cooperative implemented a new monthly bill format. This new bill format has allowed the Cooperative to provide more detailed information to the Members. Future modifications will be made to provide additional information regarding "unbundled" and "customer choice" information as necessary. The new bills are printed and mailed by a Utah company called UtiliTec. UtiliTec specializes in bill printing for many companies, including utilities, which require high printing volumes on a regular basis. UtiliTec only prints data on the statement, they do not calculate bills or collect Member information. The Cooperative will continue to maintain and store all member/customer records. Member/customer records are considered to be confidential information and only released as allowed by law and as authorized by a Member. Any change is always difficult but we appreciate the cooperation received from the Members. The biggest obstacle that is difficult to resolve is the United States Postal Service delivery schedules and getting the statements delivered in a timely manner.

New Electric Services/Load Growth

The economic conditions have been very positive for our electric service area with the exception of the agriculture community. In 1999, the Cooperative installed 178 new electric services and uprated 57 electric services. In addition, we installed electric facilities in two (2) new residential subdivisions and two (2) subdivisions were expanded. The Cooperative has developed good working relationships with the builder/contractors in our electric service area. As a result, over 50 percent of the new houses installed electric heat. We are also continuing to benefit from commercial growth, especially on Quincy's east side. In 1999, we installed new or uprated electric services to the following four (4) commercial establishments: Wal-Mart Super Center, Gem City Ford, Lewis Seed Company and Scottie's Roller Rink.

This year, Soyland Power Cooperative, Great River Economic Development Corporation (GREDF) and Agracel, Inc. are partnering to construct a 40,000 sq. ft. Spec Building at the Baldwin Field Business Park at the Quincy Regional Airport. The building is being designed and constructed as an all-electric facility. Adams Electric Cooperative is providing loan funds to the City of Quincy, GREDF and Clayton-Camp Point Water Commission to provide infrastructure improvements for this project. The Cooperative received a USDA grant in 1995 that allows the Cooperative to assist with this project. This project is anticipated to be the catalyst that incubates future developments at the Airport.

Maintenance Programs

The Cooperative is in the 4th year of an aggressive right-of-way maintenance program. The program includes tree trimming and chemical spraying our entire electric service area in five (5) years. We have hired contractors to assist with the tree trimming and to do nearly all the chemical spraying. The maintenance plan includes sending a letter to all Members in the affected areas prior to starting any work and also attempting to make personal contacts with Members prior to work occurring on their property. Nearly all Members have been extremely cooperative to complete this big project. The results have been far fewer blinking lights and outages caused by tree limbs and reduced future right-of-way maintenance costs.

Due to the extremely dry soil conditions in 1999, only 688 poles were inspected instead of a typical 2000 poles annually. Even with the large workload of new and uprate electric services, the Cooperative replaced 260 poles that were previously inspected and rejected.

Director Retirements

At the conclusion of this year's annual meeting, two (2) directors will be retiring - Roger Herren and Alvin Dempsey. Roger and Alvin have been dedicated directors and have attended nearly every board meeting. Both individuals have attended numerous educational training seminars and conferences to enhance their knowledge and value to discussions at board meetings. The Cooperative is indebted to Roger and Alvin for their commitment, dedication and loyalty.

Please remember that Adams Electric Cooperative is your local electric cooperative. This annual meeting is a reminder that your Cooperative is a democratically controlled utility. Member ownership and Member participation are the trademarks that set electric cooperatives apart from all other utilities. Whenever "customer choice" starts, your Cooperative is still going to be providing the same excellent service to all Cooperative Members. Your board of directors is committed to insure you receive all benefits possible from "customer choice." As an electric cooperative, we understand our mission. We are here to enhance the quality of life and exceed the expectations of those we serve. This will be accomplished by a committed board of directors working with loyal employees for the benefit of the Membership and the surrounding communities.

Director candidate profiles

District 7 – *Consisting of Lima, Ursa, Riverside, Mendon and Ellington Townships of Adams County and Rocky Run and Walker Townships in Hancock County.*

James Benz

- Lives at 7125 N. 48th Street, Quincy.
- He and his wife Mary have two children and four grandchildren.
- Marketing Consultant and part-time instructor at John Wood Community College.
- 1959 graduate of Hardin High School.
- Masters Degree from Southern Illinois University in 1966.
- Past president of Quincy Sales and Marketing Club.
- Past director National Society of Sales Training Executives.
- Retired director of Marketing, Moormans, Inc.
- Active in St. Edwards Catholic Church, Mendon.

District 8 – *Consisting of Pea Ridge, Missouri, Lee and Buckhorn Townships of Brown County.*

Edward Wagner

- Lives at RR 1, Mt. Sterling.
- He and his wife Marsha have two children.
- Grain and livestock farmer and part-time truck driver.
- Marsha is a high school teacher in Bluffs.
- 1974 graduate of Brown County High School.
- 1976 graduate of Blackhawk East Junior College.
- Adams Electric Cooperative Advisory Committee Member.
- President of Mt. Sterling Mutual Insurance Company.
- Brown County Fair Board Member.
- Past Brown County Farm Bureau Board Member.

District 9 – Consisting of Honey Creek, Camp Point, Clayton, Concord and McKee Townships of Adams County.

Mike Tenhouse

- Lives at RR 1, Coatsburg.
- He and his wife Diane have two sons.
- Diane is a kindergarten teacher at Central Elementary, Camp Point.
- 1974 graduate of Central High School, Camp Point.
- 1978 graduate of Western Illinois University.
- Masters Degree from University of Illinois in 1990.
- Active in the Camp Point United Methodist Church.
- JWCC Advisory Committee Member.
- Coatsburg Lions Club past president.
- Former Adams Electric Cooperative Advisory Committee Chairman.
- Served 12 years on the AEC board of directors.

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With Optional Phone-Home

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Adams Home Services at 1-888-403-3445

Treasurer's report

George Schneider
Treasurer

Wholesale power price spikes during the summer of 1999 impacted the Cooperative's income statement. You will note from the statement of revenue and expenses that the Cooperative's operating margin for the year was ($203,764) with a non-operating margin of $150,766. This combined total resulted in a net margin of ($52,998).

Investment in plant increased by $1,178,000 to meet the growth in new services and ordinary replacements. This growth was financed primarily with short-term and long-term borrowing from our banker, National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.

Kilowatt-hour sales decreased slightly by 0.6 percent over the previous record sales of 1998. In 1999, Adams Electric Cooperative retired 65 percent of the capital credits from the year 1976 for a total amount of $57,700.

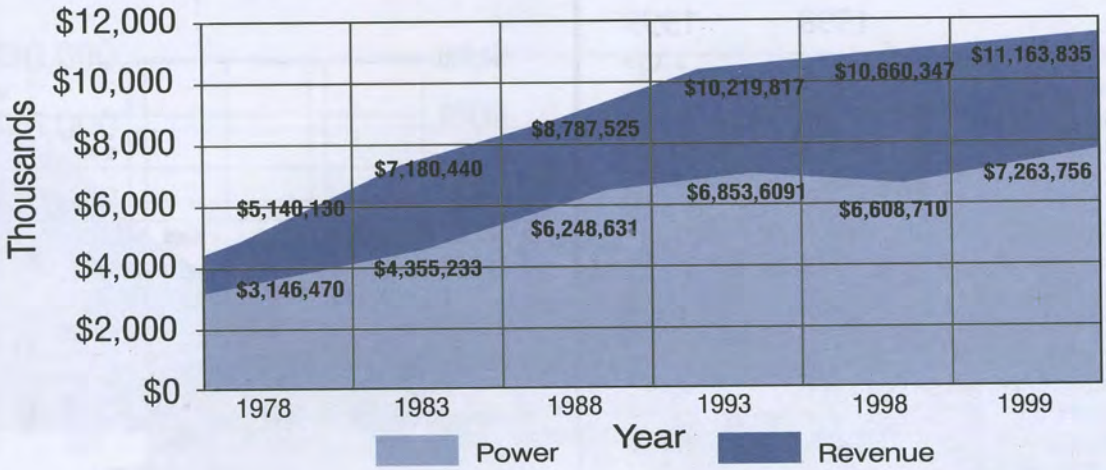
The financial statements in the annual report are based upon a complete and independent audit of the Cooperative's books and records by Bennett and Middendorf, Ltd. Certified Public Accountants of Quincy, Illinois. The audit report indicated that the records of your Cooperative were maintained in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practices and Government Auditing Standards. Copies of the audit report are available for your inspection at the Cooperative office.

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 1999

Assets	1998	1999
Cash in the Bank	$ 60,592	$ 20,204
Investments and Capital Credits Allocation Received	1,819,297	1,870,761
Accounts Receivable	1,101,273	1,142,526
Material and Supplies	401,128	409,151
Prepaid Insurance and Deferred Expense	47,936	89,123
Total Cost of System	$ 26,117,602	$ 27,295,861
Less Depreciation	(6,833,448)	(7,295,416)
Net Value of System	$ 19,284,154	$ 20,000,445
Total Assets	$ 22,714,380	$ 23,532,210
Liabilities		
Long-term Debt - NRUCFC	11,464,901	13,011,388
Accounts Payable	2,176,727	1,694,487
Meter Deposits	90,871	90,678
Member Prepayments and Deferred Credits	1,400,621	1,262,985
Membership Fees and Other Capital	518,838	532,891
Members' Capital Credits	7,062,422	6,939,781
Total Liabilities and Capital	$ 22,714,380	$ 23,532,210

Wholesale Power Costs Compared to Revenue



Statement of Revenue and Expenses

	1998	1999
Receipts:		
Total Receipts for Electric Service	$ 10,660,347	$ 11,163,835
Expenses:		
Electric Wholesale Power Cost	6,608,710	7,263,756
Expenses for Operating and Maintaining System	2,419,016	2,562,851
System Depreciation	700,766	734,454
Taxes Expensed	129,106	6,724
Other Interest Expense	44,871	28,634
Interest to RUS	0	0
Interest to CFC	717,495	771,180
Total Expenses	$ 10,619,964	$ 11,367,599
Net Operating Margin for the Year	$ 40,383	$ (203,764)
Non-Operating Margins:		
Interest Income	49,013	65,938
Net Income From Appliances, Material and Other	32,846	255
Capital Credit - Other Cooperatives	82,046	84,573
Net Margin	$ 204,288	$ (52,998)

Taxes Paid

	1998	1999
Property Taxes	$ 27,379	$ 27,025
Energy Taxes	282,918	314,841
Social Security Taxes	130,284	109,638
Sales/USE/SOT Taxes	13,022	16,868
State Unemployment Tax	2,736	2,641
Federal Unemployment Tax	2,469	2,368
Illinois Gross Revenue Tax	8,366	8,931
Total Taxes	$ 467,174	$ 482,312

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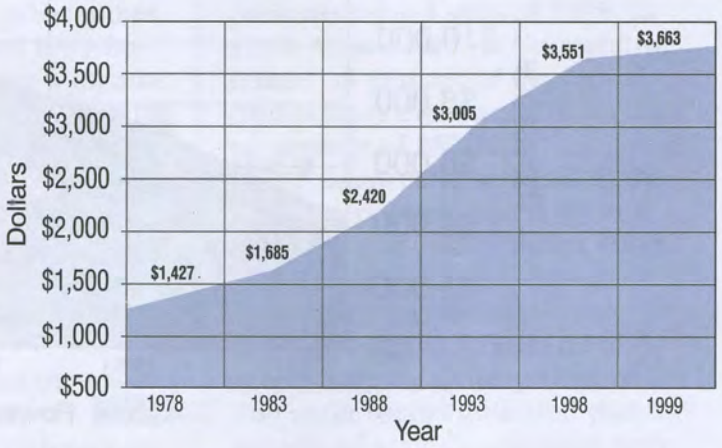
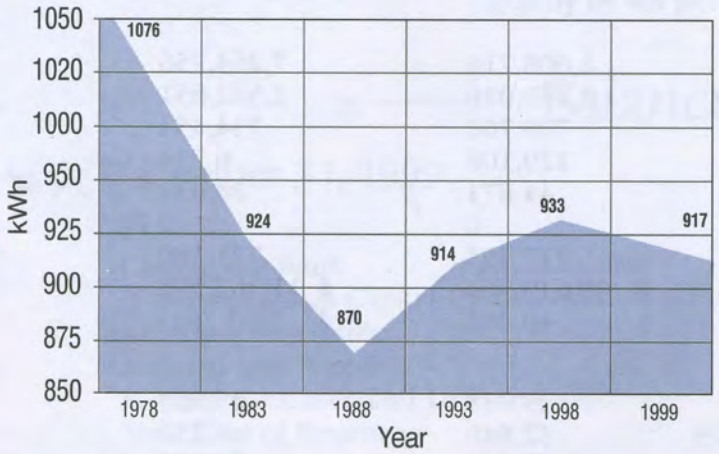
Facts about your Cooperative

	1998	1999
Miles of Line	2,125	2,139
Members Connected	7,355	7,451
Members per Mile of Line	3.46	3.48
kWh Purchased	104,750,012	105,042,952
kWh Delivered	96,253,370	95,658,173
Percent Loss	7.55%	8.40%
Average Monthly kWh Used per Member (Residential)	933	917
Average Bill per Member per Month (Residential)	$ 109.20	$ 113.03
Number of Minimum Users per Month (Residential)	538	615
Percent of Minimum Bills per Month	7.47%	8.43%
Receipts per Mile per Month (Total)	$ 418.15	$ 434.93

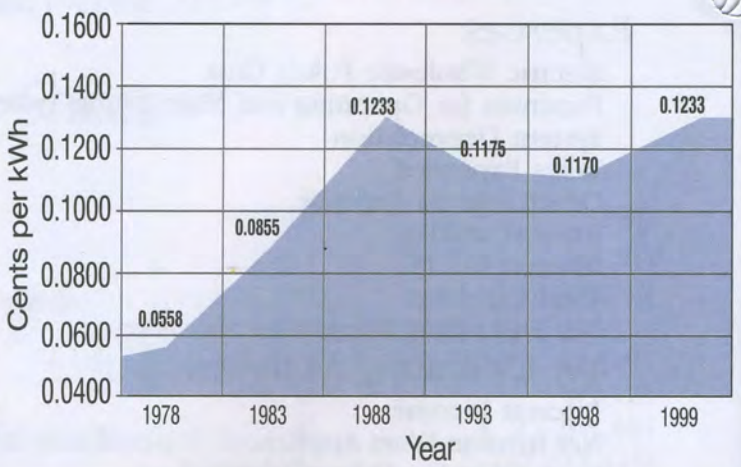
Investment per Member



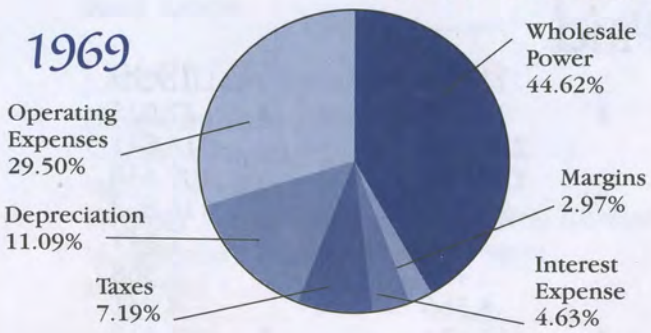
Average kWh per Month per Member

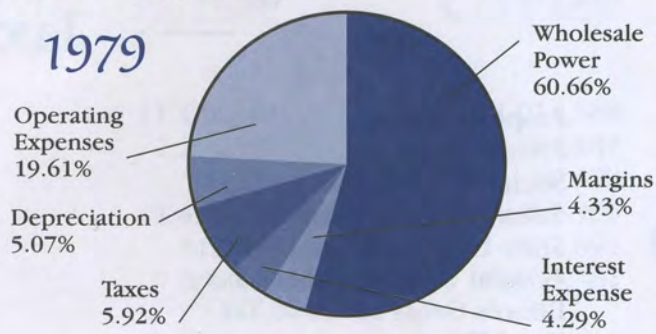


Member's Average Cost per kWh

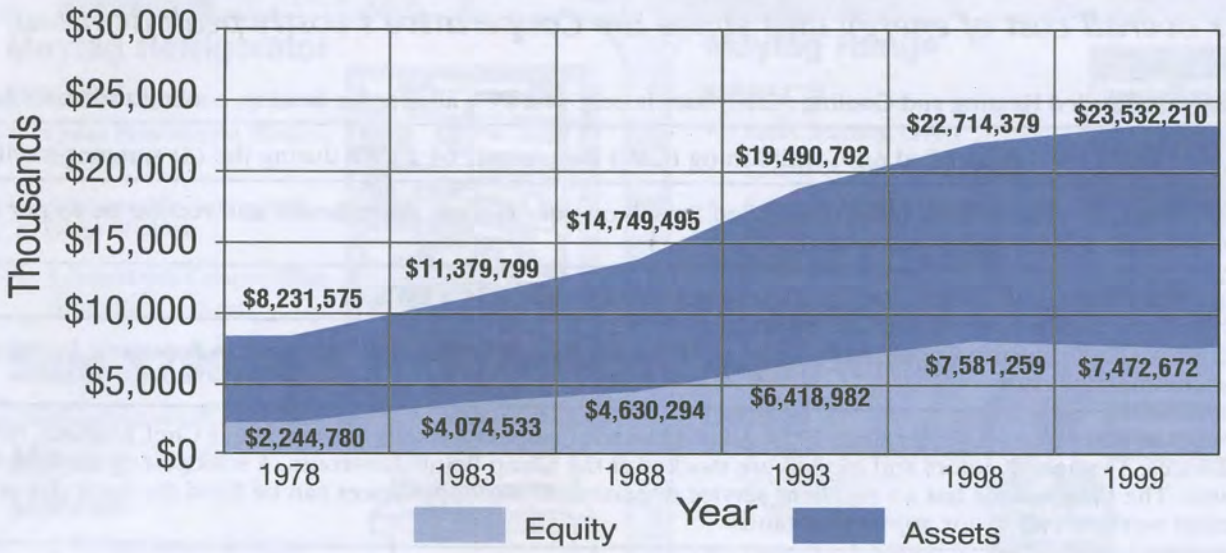


How Dollars Were Divided





Total Assets of your Cooperative and what you own

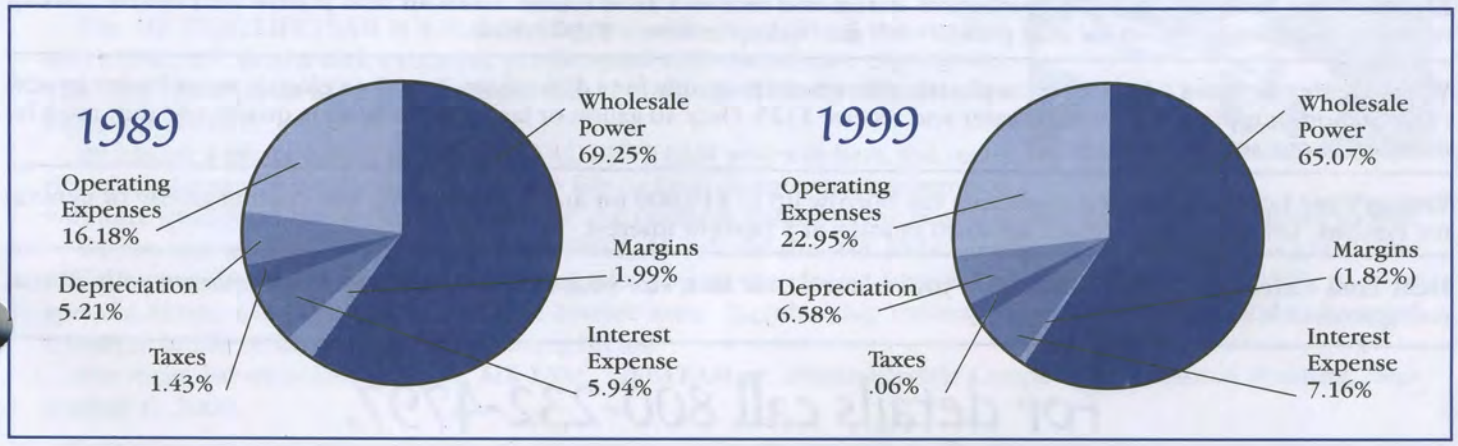


Funding For Cooperatives, By Cooperatives

RUS, previously known as REA, is the abbreviation for Rural Utilities Service, a government agency under the Department of Agriculture. RUS was one of our bankers which we borrowed money to construct or improve our electric system. In May 1997, we paid off our government loan balance.

Now 100 percent of our long-term financing is obtained from the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, known as CFC, which is a private, non-profit corporation organized by electric cooperatives to provide a supplemental or alternative source of financing to the RUS loan program.

	Amount Borrowed	Principal Repaid	Net Amount Still Owed
Borrowed from RUS:	$16,851,279	$16,851,279	$ -0-
Borrowed from CFC:	$14,553,881	$ 1,542,493	$13,011,388



Adams Electric Cooperative services

A number of incentive rates are available to help you lower your overall cost of energy and shave the Cooperative's costly peak demand.

Electric Heat – Controlled Heating and Cooling (CHC) Rate is only 4¢ a kWh all year for heating, cooling and water heating.

Central Air Conditioners – Controlled Air Conditioning (CAC) Rate is only 6¢ a kWh during the (4) summer months.

Electric Water Heaters – Put a FREE Radio Controlled Switch on your electric water heater and receive an $8 per month credit on your electric bill (30 gallons or larger).

Time of Day (TOD) Rate – All kWh's used in off-peak periods are only 6.3¢ a kWh.

Specialty Rates – Adams Electric Cooperative offers an Irrigation Rate, Interruptible Rate and an Economic Development rate for large commercial loads.

Appliance Sales and Service – A dealer since 1959, Adams Electric Cooperative sells Maytag, Magic Chef, Jenn-Air, Hotpoint and GE appliances. A variety of colors and models are stocked at the Camp Point showroom. A selection of used appliances is also available. The Cooperative has an excellent service department. Most appliances can be fixed the same day you call. The department works on all major appliance brands.

Budget Billing – A budget billing plan designed to equalize monthly electric payments.

Security Lighting – The Cooperative rents 100-watt, 250-watt and 400-watt high-pressure sodium outdoor lights.

Publications – 1. The *Adams Outlet* brings Members information on Cooperative operations, energy efficiency measures, area business development, safety, and general interest stories.
2.The *Illinois Country Living* magazine offers Members a look at important rural electrification issues at the state and national level.
3.All new Members receive a "Member Handbook" listing information about the Cooperative. Extra copies are available.
4.Every Member receives an annual report in August. It gives you a general review of the Cooperative's operations. Financial statements in the annual report are based on an auditor's report prepared by independent certified public accountants.

Speaker's Bureau – Electrical safety and energy education programs are available.

Energy Audits and Insulation – Your Cooperative can recommend proper insulation, ventilation and weatherization measures for your new or remodeled home.

Crime Watch – The Crime Watch program is a service to Members aimed at reducing rural crime.

Wiring Specifications – Guidelines for wiring your home, garage or farm.

Electric Heat Rebates – Install a geothermal system and receive a $600 rebate. Air-to-Air heat pumps with electric backup receive a $400 rebate. Air-to-Air heat pumps with gas backup receive a $200 rebate.

Water Heater Rebates – Replacement electric water heaters qualify for a $75 rebate. Install an electric water heater in new construction or replace a gas water heater and receive $125. Only 40 gallon or larger water heaters qualify and they must be installed in our service territory.

EnergyWyse Loans – Qualified applicants can borrow up to $10,000 for an electric heating and cooling system or generator systems. Loans can be financed up to 60 months at 5 percent interest.

Heat Loss Calculations – We can figure your home's heat loss, size your new electric system and estimate your annual energy costs.

For details call 800-232-4797.

Annual Meeting Appliance Sale

Maytag Refrigerator

MTB1954

- Quiet Plus Sound Silencing System
- 3 Adjustable Tempered Glass Shelves
- 1 FreshLock Crisper With Humidity Control

Sale $799.95

Maytag Range

MER5730

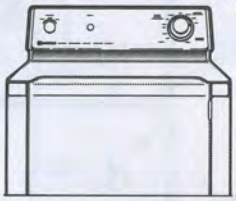
- Self-Cleaning Oven
- Create-A-Space Half Rack
- Six-Pass Broil Element

Sale $719.95

Maytag Dryer

MDE2500

- 3 Temperature Settings
- Auto-Dry Control–4 Cycle

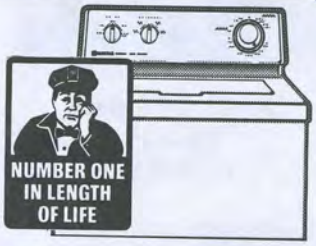


Sale $469.95

Maytag Washer

LAT2500

- 4 Water Temperature Combinations
- 5 Water Levels
- Quiet Pack Sound Silencing System



Sale $499.95

Maytag Dishwasher

MDB6000

- Quiet Plus II Sound Silencing System
- Premium Nylon DuraGuard Racks

Sale $519.95

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For more information, visit the AIR EVAC LIFETEAM at Adams Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting, September 6, 2000.

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Your Board of Directors

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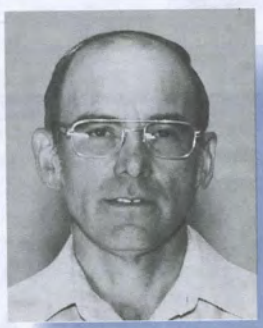
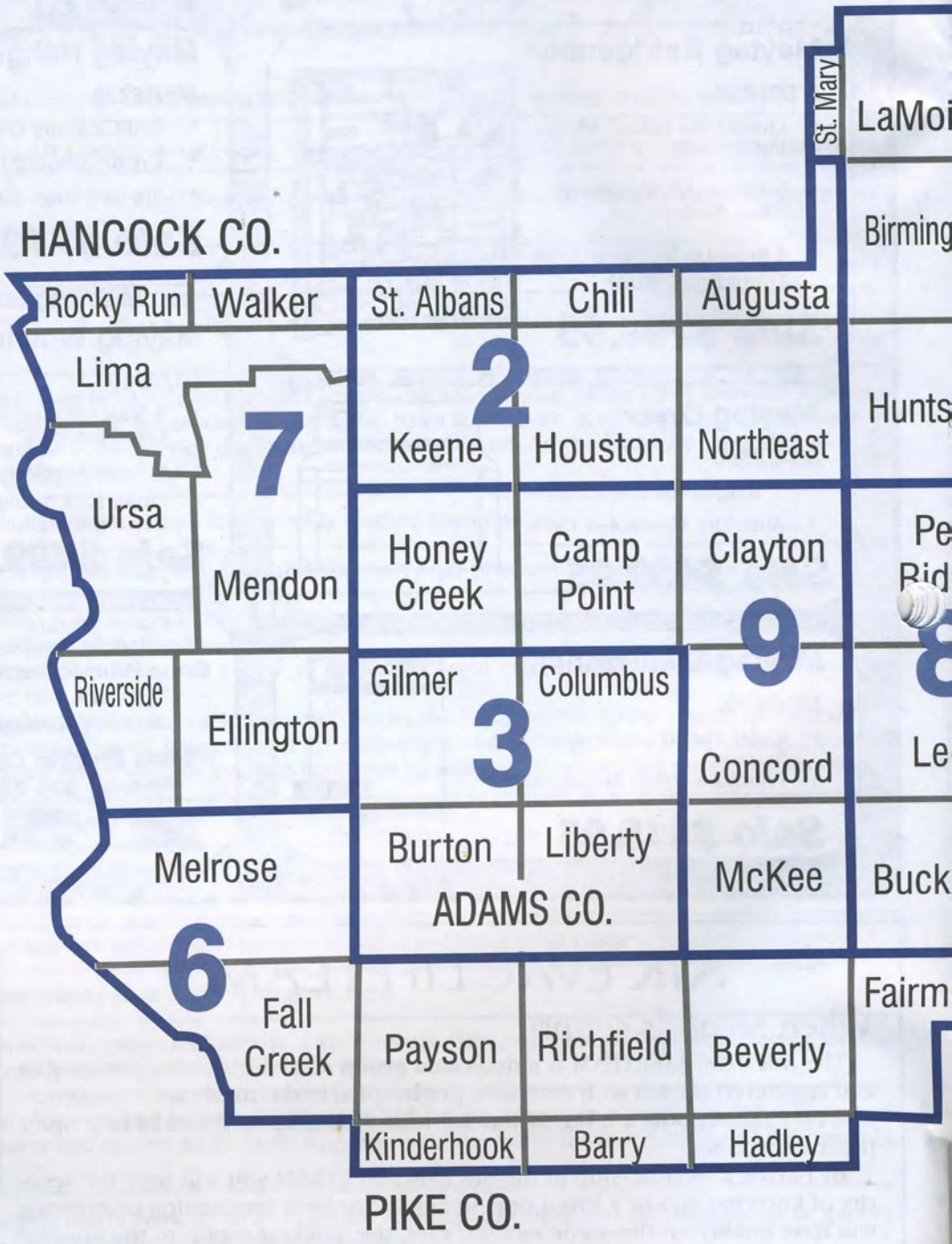
District 7



Lyle Waner
Loraine
District 2

John Kestner
Secretary
Payson
District 6



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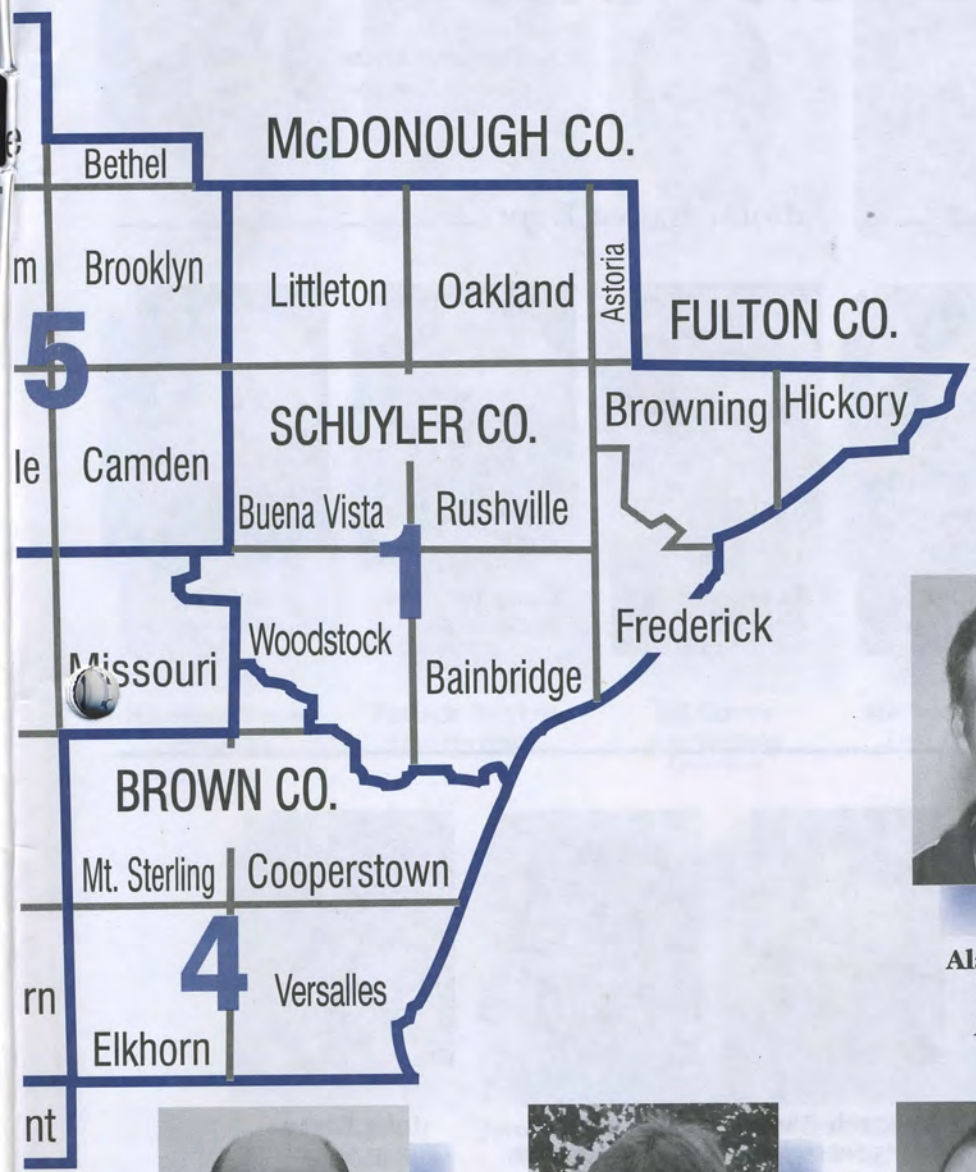

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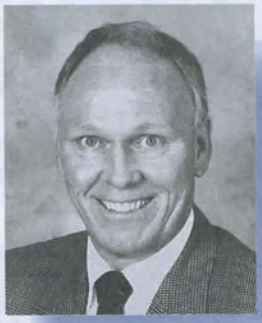
District 5

Alan Acheson
Rushville
District 1



Bob Willis
President
Mt. Sterling
District 4

George Schneider
Treasurer
Liberty
District 3

Michael Tenhouse
Vice President
Coatsburg
District 9

Roger Herren
Clayton
District 8

Charles Burton
Attorney
Rushville

Cooperative Personnel

Douglas Aeilts
General Manager

Financial Department

Steve Jennings
Manager of Finance

Kristi Ihrig
Financial Assistant

Tara Rhodes
Computer Operator/ Bookkeeper

Administrative Dept.

Kay Simpson
Administrative Assistant

Joyce Hibbert
Custodian

Joan Mixer
Staff Secretary

Marketing Department

Don Taylor
Manager of Marketing

Brenda Harms
Marketing Assistant

Deborah Rhea
Billing Supervisor

Mary Aden
Billing Assistant

Julia Barry
Billing Assistant

Judie Flesner
Receptionist/Billing Clerk

Robert Post
Service Techician

Randy Rigg
Lead Technician

Candace Weeks
Communications Coordinator

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Engineering and Operations Department

Jim Thompson
Manager of Engineering & Operations

Norman Henze
Maintenance Supervisor

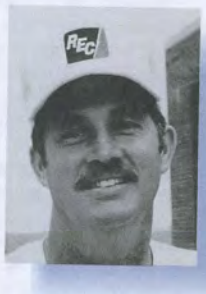
James Kerr
Design & Construction Supervisor

Alvin Lashbrook
Design & Construction Supervisor

William Alexander
Journeyman Lineman

Joyce Bockhold
Engineering & Operations Office Assistant

Norman Boone
Mechanic



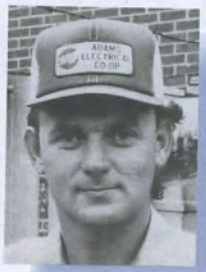
Patrick Boylen
Line Foreman

Ed Covey
Journeyman Lineman

Michael DeWitt
Line Foreman

Steven Fanning
Journeyman Lineman

Lyle Forsythe
Forester



Kevin Knight
Apprentice Lineman

James Krutmeier
Warehouseman

Forrest Likes
Engineering & Operations Field Assistant

Gary Nelson
Forestry Assistant

Michael Olson
Apprentice Lineman

Brainard Passley
Meter & Appliance Technician

Terry Plunk
Forestry Assistant

Charles Rossiter
Line Foreman

Donald Ward
Journeyman Lineman

Eldon Woodman
Journeyman Lineman

2000 ANNUAL MEETING

Adams Electric Cooperative

Annual Meeting Minutes - September 8, 1999

The Annual Meeting of Members of Adams Electric Cooperative was held in Bailey Park in Camp Point, Illinois on Wednesday, September 8, 1999 beginning at 7:30 p.m., CDT.

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Kelly. He announced the meeting would follow the agenda as printed, follow *Robert's Rules of Order* and each person's discussion during the business meeting would be limited to a reasonable amount of time.

President Kelly appointed the election tellers, namely, Aubrey Bucher, Carolyn Sprenger and Ed Wagner. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the appointed election tellers. Charles Burton was appointed Parliamentarian and Kay Simpson was appointed Recording Secretary.

Rev. Bruce Willard of the Madison Park Christian Church of Quincy gave the invocation.

Billy Joe Campbell, Matt Evans, Josh Logsdon and Ben Royalty of Boy Scout Troop #41 led the pledge of allegiance.

President Kelly introduced each director by their respective districts. President Kelly also introduced Charles A. Burton, Cooperative Attorney, and Douglas H. Aeilts, General Manager.

Secretary John Kestner read the Official Notice of the meeting that had been mailed to the membership in the annual report, and declared a quorum of 633 members present.

President Kelly referred to the minutes of the September 9, 1998 meeting that had also been mailed to the membership in the annual report. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes as printed.

General Manager Douglas Aeilts acknowledged the honored guests. Mr. Aeilts also thanked the many exhibitors for their participation and announced that the Adams County Highway Department was having a used tire collection on September 23 and 24.

Attorney Charles Burton presided over the election of directors. Attorney Burton explained that there are two methods for nominations: 1) the nominating committee and 2) petition. Darlene "Penny" Padgett, secretary of the nominating committee, gave the nominating committee report. This committee met June 7, 1999 and nominated the following candidates for director:

District #4: Bob Willis
District #5: David Hester and Richard King
District #6: John Kestner

There were no nominations by petition submitted for director candidates.

Attorney Burton introduced the four (4) candidates for election. He then explained the procedure for election of directors as outlined in the Cooperative bylaws. The Members were instructed to cast their ballots. The election tellers collected the ballots and proceeded to count the votes.

Attorney Burton then called for the election of the Nominating Committee for 2000. The following persons were nominated for District #7: Larry Foster and Pam Peter. A motion was made, seconded and carried that nominations cease, a unanimous ballot be cast and that Larry Foster and Pam Peter be elected by acclamation to represent District #7. Charles Ingram and Larry Yingling were nominated for District #8. A motion was made, seconded and carried that nominations cease, a unanimous ballot be cast and that Charles Ingram and Larry Yingling be elected by acclamation to represent District #8. Lee Farlow and Gary Evans were nominated for District #9. A motion was made, seconded and carried that nominations cease, a unanimous ballot be cast and that Lee Farlow and Gary Evans be elected by acclamation to represent District #9. Dwaine Marlow was nominated for Member at Large. A motion was made, seconded and carried that nominations cease, a unanimous ballot be cast and that Dwaine Marlow be elected by acclamation to represent the membership at large.

Members elected to serve on the 2000 Nominating Committee are:

District #7: Larry Foster and Pam Peter
District #8: Charles Ingram and Larry Yingling
District #9: Lee Farlow and Gary Evans
Member at Large: Dwaine Marlow

President Kelly introduced David Stuva, Manager of Member Services. David recognized the eighteen couples who serve as the Cooperative advisory committee and thanked them for their participation. David then announced that Jennifer Hillebrenner of Fowler and McKinsey Cloyd of Camp Point, were the winners of the 1999 Youth to Washington contest. Jennifer and McKinsey expressed their appreciation to the members, board of directors and the staff for making this trip possible and related some of their most memorable experiences of the Youth to Washington Tour.

Treasurer George Schneider gave the Treasurer's Report for the year ending December 31, 1998. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report.

The President reported on the restructuring of the electric utility industry in Illinois and the electric consumer "bill of rights". There are eight (8) elements of any restructuring legislation that are vital to meet electric cooperative members' interest. They are:

The right to access reliable, affordable and safe electric power.
The right to join together to establish and operate a consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric utility.
The right of consumer-owned, not-for-profit systems to be treated fairly and recognized as a unique form of business.
The right to elect representatives to manage their consumer-owned form of business to best meet their needs.
The individual right to privacy that assures information about consumers will not be released without their prior express consent.
The right to determine the scope of energy services to be furnished through their consumer-owned, not-for-profit utilities.
The right to use consumer-owned, not-for-profit utilities to provide additional services that meets the needs of their consumers and communities.
The right to work in cooperation with other consumer-owned entities with common goals.

Adams Electric Cooperative supports this bill of rights because we believe it's an excellent standard to measure electric utility restructuring proposals at the state and federal levels. President Kelly reminded members that Adams Electric Cooperative isn't a faraway utility company. It's part of the community.

Manager Aeilts illustrated his report with a Power Point presentation. The Manager reported on the challenges and opportunities in the electric utility industry. The Electric Service Customer Choice and Rate Relief Law of 1997 allows for customer choice in the energy portion of your electric bill. The Cooperative has three options: 1) Do nothing different – this option would not allow the Cooperative any opportunity to expand our retail energy sales outside our assigned electric service area; 2) Allow one or more members, or groups of members, to have their choice of electric energy power suppliers – the Cooperative would still be limited to providing electric energy to within only our existing service area; 3) Allow all members their choice of electric energy providers – the Cooperative would be an energy provider along with other electric energy providers interested in selling electricity to the rural areas of Adams, Brown and Schuyler counties and beyond. The residential customer choice is scheduled to begin on May 1, 2002. Manager Aeilts spoke about the current self-read – self-bill meter/billing system. This type of billing system is not compatible in a competitive, customer choice environment. Adams Electric will be required to invest over a $1,000,000 in metering during the next several years. He discussed the wholesale power costs and the impact of the summer of 1998 and 1999 in the cost of electricity. In 1999, Soyland Power Cooperative, Adams Electric's power supplier, built a 100 MW gas combustion turbine generating plant at Alsey, Illinois, to help provide more stable prices for its member systems. He mentioned the Cooperative is currently evaluating its line extension policy. A new policy is being evaluated that would determine the length of free line extension based on the expected revenue to be generated from the electric service in a five (5) year period. The partial service area agreement that was successfully negotiated with AmerenCIPS last year is starting to benefit the Cooperative. The new growth north of highway 104 and between 48th and 54th street in Quincy will be in the Cooperative territory. He reported that the employees are committed to continue to provide high quality and reliable electric service. Manager Aeilts recognized President Mike Kelly for his fifteen (15) plus years of service as a board member. Mike's leadership, dedication and contributions at the board meetings will be missed. He also congratulated David Stuva, manager of member services, on his sixteen (16) plus years of service with Adams Electric. David is the new President/CEO of Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative in Auburn and will be pursuing those duties in October. David's contribution to the Cooperative, civic organizations and communities will truly be missed. He wished both Mike Kelly and David Stuva well as they pursue new ventures.

Attorney Burton announced the election results as follows: Bob Willis was elected to District #4; Richard A. King was elected to District #5; and John Kestner was elected to District #6.

President Kelly called for unfinished business. There being no unfinished business, the meeting continued with drawing names for prizes donated by vendors and eight (8) $25 electric bill credits. Grand prizes, a refrigerator donated by General Electric, was awarded to Neil Waner of Golden and a Maytag Washer donated by Adams Electric Cooperative, was awarded to Richard Johnson of Eureka. Recorded music was played prior to the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:40 p.m., CDT.

Kay Simpson, Recording Secretary

2000 ANNUAL MEETING

Member Advisory Committee

Members of the Advisory Committee are selected by the Directors and meet four times a year. The present committee consists of 18 couples.

The main purpose of the Advisory Committee is to discuss Cooperative programs and operations, while providing valuable feedback.

District 1	Darrell and Ruth Ann Haber RR 2, Rushville, IL 62681-9400	Maurice and Sonja Ross RR 1, Rushville, IL 62681-9756
District 2	John and Vicki Eilers RR 1, Augusta, IL 62311-9501	Larry and Jo Tallcott RR 1, Loraine, IL 62349-9760
District 3	Ted and Lisa Tenk RR 1, Fowler, IL 62338-9730	Tom and Bernadine Terstriep RR 3, Liberty, IL 62347-9513
District 4	Robert and Elizabeth Cassens 32 East Lake Estates Mt. Sterling, IL 62353-9303	John and Shirley Crank 44 East Lake Estates Mt. Sterling, IL 62353-9304
District 5	Gary and Karen Eaton RR 1, Augusta, IL 62311-9618	Randall and Darlene Prather RR 1, LaPrairie, IL 62346-9615
District 6	Gordon and Joyce Barker 6834 Benz Road Payson, IL 62360-2011	Robert and Rosemary Howell 8809 Dingerson Road Payson, IL 62360-2027
District 7	Ted and Sarah Genenbacher 9221 Saint Ludgerus Road Fowler, IL 62338-2226	Dan and Janet Nutt 6528 N. 48th Street Quincy, IL 62301-0545
District 8	Ed and Marsha Wagner RR 1, Mt. Sterling, IL 62353-9733	Larry and Kathy Yingling RR 1, Mt. Sterling, IL 62353
District 9	Randy and Roberta Jackson RR 1, Coatsburg, IL 62325-9719	Bob and Carolyn Sprenger RR 1, Coatsburg, IL 62325-9802

Grand prizes

Hotpoint Refrigerator

Maytag Dishwasher

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Wednesday, September 6, 2000

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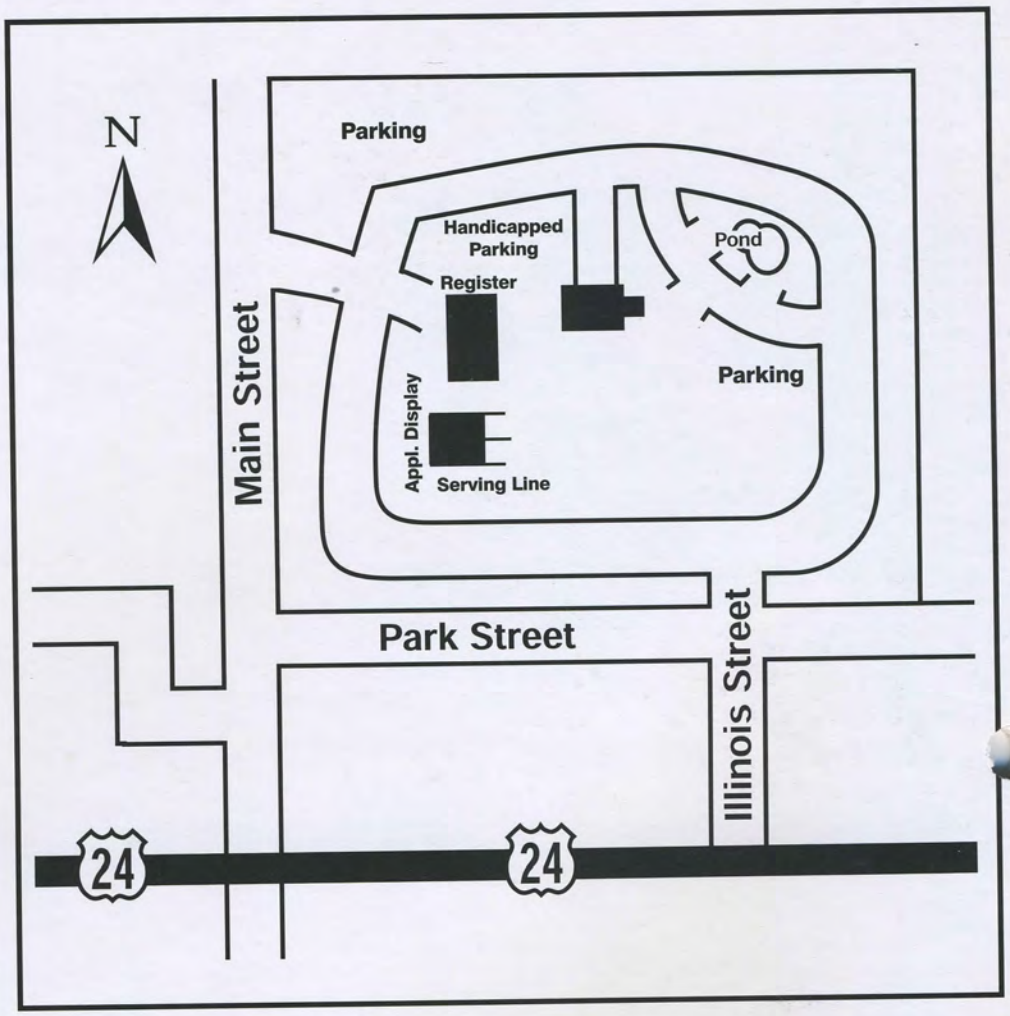
Annual Meeting Location

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