

HIGHLINES

NEWS FOR THE MEMBERS OF PELLA COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC

PCEA Returning \$129,560.50 Back to Members

When you signed up for electric service from PCEA, you became a member-consumer of a not-for-profit business. At the same time, you became an owner of the cooperative. As a result, anytime the cooperative has margins, they are allocated to the member-consumers and eventually retired.

At the November board meeting, the PCEA Board of Directors approved the retirement of \$129,560.50 in capital credits to you, our members. The amount of credits you received is determined by the years you were a member, as well as the amount of energy you purchased during those years.

This month, current members during the years 2004 and 2021, will receive their capital credits on their December bill as credit. Former members who have built up at least \$25 worth of capital credits will receive their money as a check in the mail. So, you may have a smaller payment just in time for the holiday season!

To learn more about capital credits, visit www.pella-cea.org/capital-credits.

Thank you for being a PCEA member. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year!

Pella Cooperative Electric
Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

DATE December 2022

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Pella Cooperative Electric Members \$ 129,560.50

one hundred twenty-nine thousand five hundred sixty and 50/100 DOLLARS

MEMO capital credits

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Pella Cooperative Electric is a not-for-profit, member-owned electric cooperative, governed by an elected Board of Directors. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. See pella-cea.org > Non-discrimination Statement for more information.

Board Positions Up For 2023 Election

One of the cooperative business functions that sets Pella Cooperative apart from municipal or investor-owned utilities, is the Cooperative's Board of Directors. These men and women are elected by the membership, and guide and govern the co-op.

Three positions on Pella Cooperative Electric's Board of Directors are up for election at the 2023 Annual Meeting scheduled for April 4.

Any members who have ever considered serving on the board and would be interested in helping drive the direction of your cooperative should consider running for a director seat.

All PCEA board terms are three years. Currently, District 1 represented by Jon Van Woerkom, District 4 represented by Duane Ver Ploeg and an At-large position filled by Bryce Arkema, will be on the ballot.

District 1 represents members in the northwest portion the service territory, District 4 represents members in the southeast portion, and the At-large position represents the entire service territory. See page four for the map of the districts.

The current board has assembled a nominating committee that will help identify qualified candidates interested in putting their name on the ballot. Any member who can get more than 50 signatures can petition their name to be on the ballot as described in the PCEA Bylaws, Article III, Section 3:

"Any fifty (50) or more member-consumers may make other nominations in writing over their signatures not less than thirty-five (35) days prior to the meeting at which the directors are to be elected, and the Secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted; such nominations made by such member-consumers to be subject to the same qualifications, district and residence requirements as nominations by the Nominating Committee heretofore prescribed."

The Board of Directors serves as a voice for the co-op membership, and each position is critical in governing and maintaining a stable and successful organization. Look for more information in the near future about voting in 2023.



Get Your Engery Savings in 2023

PCEA is kicking off another year of providing energy efficiency rebates for members. New this year is a rebate for electric range ovens! Full rebate requirements are listed online at pella-cea.org. Contact the Cooperative at (800) 619-1040 for questions.



RESIDENTIAL

- Free water heater program
- Electric range oven
- Ground source heat-pump
- Air source heat-pump
- Outdoor lighting



AGRICULTURAL/COMMERCIAL

- Horticulture LED lighting
- Electric vehicle chargers
- Electric forklifts
- Heating and cooling ventilation

Board Briefs

- Maddie Schmitz, Iowa YLC representative and PCEA's Youth Tour winner presented a speech to the Board.
- The board received a report on the results of the 2022 meter testing.

The PCEA Board of Directors met on November 22 for the November board meeting and discussed the following:

- The Board approved a Resolution of Appreciation thanking Sue Warrick for her years of service.
- Board members approved a new wholesale power contract with CIPCO.
- The operations department reported on ongoing construction in the Pleasantville area.

PCEA Congratulates Sue Warrick on Her Retirement

After a 44-year career at Pella Cooperative Electric Association, Office Manager Sue Warrick is retiring December 30, 2022.

Sue joined the Cooperative in October 1978 as a secretary and has since grown into her current role as the office manager. She has seen the Cooperative through many growths and changes including the erection of a new office and shop as well as growth withing the service territory.

"I've really appreciated all the wonderful years that have flown by," said Sue. "I've been blessed to work with some amazing people and a great membership."

CEO Doug Stewart has worked with Sue for the past 10 years and says he is excited to celebrate her retirement but says she will be truly missed at the Cooperative.

"I want to congratulate Sue on an exceptional career at Pella Cooperative Electric," remarked Stewart. "Her hard work, loyalty, and dedication to the membership will be greatly missed."

According to PCEA Board President Duane Ver Ploeg, Sue has been a key driver in the customer service at the Cooperative as well as her commitment to the mission, vision, and values across her 44-year career.

"I want to sincerely thank Sue for her service to the PCEA membership," said Ver Ploeg. "She has been an integral part of the REC and her contributions will always be valued and remembered."











Pella Cooperative Electric extends a sincere thank you to Sue for her service to the membership and wishes her the best in retirement.



*Sue Warrick
PCEA Office Manager*

Christmas Electrical Safety List!

The Christmas holiday season is not hard to recognize all around us and hopefully you've made your Christmas list! Here is your Cooperative's holiday safety list to keep you and your family safe this holiday season!

-  Inspect all electrical decorations
 -  Don't overload outlets
 -  Never connect more than three strings of lights together
 -  Make sure all extension cords are marked for outdoor use
 -  Water live trees daily and keep them 3 feet from any heat sources
 -  Avoid placing electric cords under rugs or furniture
 -  Avoid traditional window candles. Opt for battery-operated
 -  Enjoy the holidays!
-  Only use decorations with the UL label
 -  Keep 10 feet from power lines when installing outdoor decorations

Nominating Committee Selected & Searching for Candidates for District 1, District 4 and At-Large

The 2023 Nominating Committee has been selected and began recruiting interest for director candidates to fill three board positions whose terms expire at the 2023 Annual Meeting on April 4.

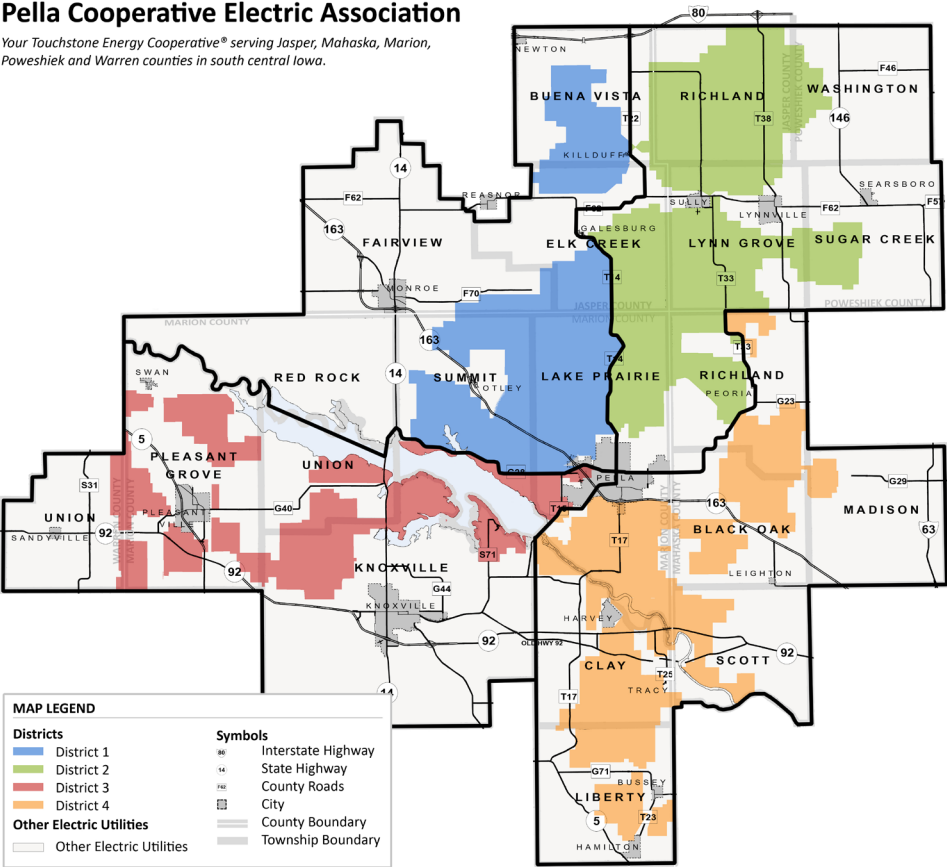
Thank you to these members for your willingness to serve: **Angela Arkema, Joel Braafhart, Ruth De Bruin, Stuart De Haan, Ryan Kelderman, Michael Montgomery, Vaughn Newendorp, Wade Puyear, Maury Van Der Wilt, and David Way.**

The Nominating Committee considers the points listed below when reviewing qualifications for candidates. View the full requirements in the Cooperative’s bylaws online at pella-cea.org. Any person, to become and remain a Director of the Cooperative, shall, among other things:

1. Comply with applicable requirements of law, the Cooperative’s Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, the Cooperative’s duly adopted policies, and the Cooperative’s duly made decisions;
2. Assume a fiduciary duty to act, in good faith, in the best interests of the Cooperative and its member-consumers;
3. Be loyal to the Cooperative and not have conflicting commercial or personal interests;
4. Possess the minimum knowledge and skills necessary to manage the affairs of the Cooperative;
5. Be willing to devote such time and effort to the duties of a Director as may be necessary to manage the Cooperative’s affairs;
6. Be able to represent the entire membership on an impartial basis;
7. Be willing and able to attend regularly scheduled and special meetings of the Board of Directors, national, state, and other meetings of organizations with associated interests that further the Cooperative momevent; training institutes or seminars, which will aid in keeping him/her well informed on matters affecting the Cooperative; and
8. Not use, or cause to be used, his/her position as Director to furhter any political or businesses ambition.

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Your Touchstone Energy Cooperative® serving Jasper, Mahaska, Marion, Poweshiek and Warren counties in south central Iowa.





Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Our office will be closed December 23, 26, & 30 and January 2