

# HIGHLIGHTS

NEWS FOR THE MEMBERS OF PELLA COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC



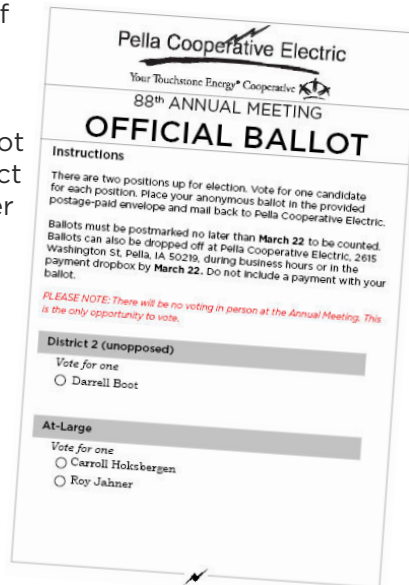
## !! Take Action !!

### Election Ballots Coming in March

Shortly following your March bill, members will receive another mailing from PCEA with a ballot enclosed to vote for the Board of Directors who are up for election.

District 2 and At-Large position are the seats up for election this year. Darrell Boot and will be running unopposed for District 2 and Carroll Hoksbergen and Roy Jahner and will be running for the At-Large position.

- ▶ Voting in person at the April 2nd Annual Meeting will not be available.
- ▶ Ballots must be postmarked no later than March 22nd to be counted.
- ▶ You may also drop off your ballot at the Pella Cooperative Electric office by March 22nd.
- ▶ Do not include a payment with your ballot.



We hope our members can take the time to join us at the 88th Annual Meeting at Pella Christian High School on April 2.

A dinner will be served at 5:30pm followed by the business meeting at 7:00pm. During the meeting, a prize drawing will take place for some awesome prizes including a \$1,000 appliance package to Bruxvoort's Decorating Center! Stay tuned for your ballot mailing to find out more!

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Open weekdays: 7:30 am - 4:30 pm;  
excluding holidays

### ⚡ Board of Directors

President  
Duane Ver Ploeg

Asst. Secretary/Treasurer  
Darrell Boot

Vice President  
Steve Inskeep

Director  
Carroll Hoksbergen

Secretary  
Bryce Arkema

Director  
Jon Van Woerkom

Treasurer  
Bob Van Soelen

CEO  
Doug Stewart

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# These Members Missed Their Refunds

Pella dished out capital credit retirements (refunds) to members as a line item credit on December 2023 bills. Former members of the cooperative who were active in 2005 and 2022 should have received a check by mail for their capital credits. The list below are members whose checks were returned to the cooperative due to outdated mailing information. If you know the correct billing address for anyone listed below, please contact the cooperative with that information or have the former member contact us at (800) 619-1040. Learn more about capital credits at [www.pella-cea.org/capital-credits](http://www.pella-cea.org/capital-credits).

- 1st Investment Realty Group
- Allen or Carol Schipull
- Bill Hamilton
- Bradley Peterson
- Brian or Keri Sees
- Carol L Breckenridge or Michael Herrick
- Charlie or Amy L Sinclair
- Cheryl or Dustin Pleima
- Chris or Teresa Rowland
- Chris Shepperd
- Clarion Technologies Inc
- Clayton or Laura Beyer
- Cody Veach
- Connie Hupp
- Cordell R or Karen E Burton
- Curt Phillips
- D & G Property Corp
- Dale Ozinga
- Dan or Alice Steffen
- Dan Winegar
- Darryl Six
- David J or Ginny Moore
- David or Brenda Long
- Dawn or David Cooper
- Deanna Matson/Chad Matson
- Dick or Joyce Ver Ploeg
- Digital Solutions
- Donald E or Judy A De Jong
- Dorothy Templer
- Doug Gibson
- DSI Land Development
- Duane or Debr Willhite
- Duane or Sharlene Van Wyk
- Ellinwood Studios
- Eric Budding
- Eric Reed
- Eugene Gordan Estate/ Kenneth Gordon
- Farms Walraven/Marilyn Cummings
- Floyd R Stebbeds
- Gerald Hock
- IES Commercial
- Iowa Realty
- Iowa Telecom
- Jan Bailey
- Jean Robinson
- Jeff Forster
- Jim Birkel
- Jonathan Noble
- Joseph P or Debbie S Michaels
- Joseph R or Joann Lambert
- Judith C Dingeman
- June Donkersloot or Robert Donkersloot
- Justin Tucker
- Karen J Newendorp-Bishop
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- Karen J Newendorp-Bishop
- Kathy Stevens
- Larry or Jean Riggen
- Lois M Hotovec
- Lugene Ver Ploeg
- Marinus or Ruth Spierenburg
- Mark Schilling
- Marvin or Cathi Estness
- Matt Olson
- Michael Church
- Michael or Judy Garvey
- Mike Bishop
- Mike or Lorna Pollock
- Mildred Boyd
- Monty Schwartz
- Norm Huyser
- Park Hills Utility Co /Henry Langstraat
- Pella Health & Fitness PC or Dennis Vogel
- Precision Industries Inc
- Ralph or Sally Wichhart
- Randall R or Rhonda L Cochran
- Randy Stofferahn
- Red Rock Lake Marina LLC or Matt Bales
- Reid Christopherson
- Ron J Wallace
- Ronald Breger
- Scott Wadle
- Shanna Floden
- Sheridan or Marilyn Cook
- Shirley Horn
- SLK Construction/Marv Kooyman
- Steve or Lori Parisee
- Steven Winter
- Susan Dabb
- Thing or Nhuong V Nguyen
- Thomas Kuiper or Tammy Thomas
- Thomas L Shinn
- Thomas or Karen Brown
- Tim Simonsen
- Travis Hollander
- Troy Matice
- Union Township Comm Center/ Beverly Jones
- Vernon M or Egbertine Vanden Hoek
- Violet R Boot
- Virgil P Klein
- VR Farms Inc
- Wayne or Ileen J Zegers
- William R or Nancy A Gray

**Students can apply now for a trip to our nation's capital from June 15-21!**



Area high school students interested in government and public service are encouraged to apply! Learn more at [IowaYouthTour.com](http://IowaYouthTour.com)

## Board Briefs

The PCEA Board of Directors met on January 25th for the January board meeting and discussed the following:

- The operations department reported the Otley substation will be taken offline while MidAmerican Energy continues its work to rebuild the transmission line from Monroe to Pella. Power will be supplied by surrounding substations.
- The Board of Directors approved a donation to the Pella High FFA to assist with their Tower Farm Project.

# Reliable Power for Today - and Tomorrow

Ring in a new year sparks a sense of renewed hope and optimism about the future. As the CEO of Pella Cooperative Electric, for me, it's a time to reflect on where we are and where we're going. At the heart of this reflection, I think about ways we can better serve you, the members of the cooperative.

Our team at Pella Cooperative Electric is always looking ahead, exploring ways to innovate and utilize new technologies to improve our services. As our nation increasingly relies on electricity to power the economy, keeping the lights on has never been more important. We're committed to powering--and empowering--our community at a cost local families and businesses can afford.

So how are we working to ensure reliable and affordable power while adapting to a changing energy landscape and our community's evolving needs?

One critical component of reliable power is the mix of energy resources used to generate the electricity that keeps the lights on across our service territory. You may not realize it, but the Cooperative doesn't generate electricity. Instead, we purchase it from our energy provider, Central Iowa Power Cooperative, and from there, we distribute it to homes and businesses throughout our community. Our current energy resource mix is made up of wind, solar, coal, and natural gas.

We're increasingly using more electricity generated from renewable energy sources, but we still depend on a diverse energy mix to ensure reliable power that's available to our members whenever they need it.

In addition to managing a reliable energy mix, the Cooperative is using technology to enhance our local grid, limit service disruptions and improve outage response times.

Advanced metering technology, also known as AMI, enables two-way communication between the co-op and consumers. In the event of a power outage, AMI helps pinpoint the exact location of the outage and can even analyze damaged or tampered meters. AMI helps Pella Cooperative Electric save money with real-time data, and ultimately improves power reliability for our entire community.

Smarthub continues to serve members as the app to manage your account from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. The new look that was launched last month is an important part of our commitment to furthering our service reliability. You can pay or view a bill, review your billing history, update your information, view daily usage and more! You can also see how your usage is trending over time, which will allow you to take steps to reduce your consumption and lower your monthly bill.

One of the best methods for improving our services to you is monitoring trends and leading practices from other electric co-ops in Iowa and across the country. Learning from other co-ops is one of the many benefits of the cooperative business model because for us, it's about cooperation, not competition.

As we turn our focus to 2024, Pella Cooperative Electric will continue working to provide the reliable, affordable electricity you expect and deserve--for today and tomorrow.



*Doug Stewart*  
*PCEA CEO*

# Cooperative Line Crew Battle Through January Blizzard to Keep Power Running

The first two weeks of January were busy for power company's due to the winter weather warnings and blizzards that swept across the state. Thankfully, Pella Cooperative Electric had minimal outages even with the strong winds and cold weather. Line crews did respond to an outage on the evening of January 9th due to galloping lines. Power was restored (see photos below) efficiently and effectively in the cold, winter weather.



## Thank You to the 2024 Nominating Committee

On Thursday, January 25th, seven members of the Cooperative met to nominate members for the Board of Directors who are up for election this year.

Three members were nominated this year. For District 2, Darrell Boot was nominated. For the At-Large seat, Carroll Hoksbergen and Roy Jahner were nominated.

Thank you to the 2024 Nominating Committee for your service and time. The members who attended or listed on the right.



*From left to right: Joel Gritters, Angie Arkema, Steve Crozier, Dennis Goad, Stuart De Haan, Ruth De Bruin, Rob Vos.*



## PCEA Scholarship Applications Open

**\$1,000 available for each school district**

Grinnell | Knoxville | Lynnville-Sully | Newton | North Mahaska | PCM | Pella Christian High  
Pella High | Pleasantville | Twin Cedars | Home School Student

**Deadline to Apply : April 26 | Pella Dollars for Scholars Deadline: February 28**

[www.pella-cea.org/scholarships](http://www.pella-cea.org/scholarships)