

HIGHLINES

NEWS FOR THE MEMBERS OF PELLA COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC

February 2025

Make Your Voice Heard in the 2025 Director Election!

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

District 3 and an At-Large position are the seats up for election this year. Steve Inskeep will be running unopposed for District 3 and Brian Hauser, Roy Jahner, and Steve Nunnikhoven will be running for the At-Large position.



Member Cassie Cason voting for the 2025 Director Election.

PLEASE NOTE:

- ▶ Voting in person at the April 8th Annual Meeting will not be available.
- ▶ Ballots must be postmarked no later than **March 28th** to be counted.
- ▶ You may also drop off your ballot at the Pella Cooperative Electric office by **March 28th**.
- ▶ Do not include a payment with your ballot.

We hope our members can take the time to join us at the 89th Annual Meeting at Pella Christian High School on April 8.

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!

GIVEAWAY!

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Board of Directors

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Duane Ver Ploeg

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Steve Inskeep

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Secretary
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Director
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Did You Miss Your Refund?

Pella dished out capital credit retirements (refunds) to members as a line item credit on December 2024 bills. Former members of the Cooperative who were active in 2006 and 2023 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 The list below are members whose checks were returned to the Cooperative due to outdated mailing information.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.

- Albert Hadlock
- Alberta Dunkin
- Alice Wales
- Allen Richerson
- Andrea Burger
- Arnold Ozinga
- Bank One
- Ben Terlouw or Kendra Vroegh
- Bill Pitt
- Blythe Cook
- Brenda Nelson
- Brian Anderson
- Brian Gaylor
- Brian McMartin
- Brian or Angie Wogen
- Brian or Robin Smith
- Carroll or Sheila Harned
- Chad or Autumn Remster
- Charlie or Amy Sinclair
- Chris or Laura Madigan
- Christi Hoover
- Cody Veach
- Curt or Jalene Vos
- Dave or Brenda Ver Steeg
- Dave Renfrow
- Dawn or David Cooper
- De Vore Homes
- Dean or Judith Baarda
- Dennis Morgan
- Digital Solutions
- Dorothy Nunnikhoven
- DSI Land Development
- Duane Renaud
- Eddyville Builders
- Ellinwood Studios
- Gino or Linda Fontanini
- Greg Lincoln
- Harriet Taylor
- Harvey Products Inc
- Henry or Mary L Roush
- Holly or Allen Midkiff
- Iowa Telecom
- Iowa Wireless/IA 142
- Janet Mukai
- Jeff or Anne Dirx
- Jeremy Chin or Ren Chao
- Jerry or Joanne McClun
- Jessica Criswell
- Jill or Michael Schippers
- Joan Anderson
- Jodi Willemsen
- Jodi Willemsen
- Joe Sedlock
- Joel Loomis
- John Lanphier
- John Sautter
- Joseph or Debbie Michaels
- Joshua or Heather Allen
- Judith Dingeman
- Karen Fitzsimmons
- Keith or Janice Vander Wal
- Kevin or Stacie Van Weelden
- Larry or Ronda Reimer
- Loren Van Wyk
- Margaret Wells
- Marinus or Ruth Spierenburg
- Marion James/Tonya Purdy
- Marjorie Franklin
- Mark Mayer
- Matt McDonald or Ben Vander Wilt
- Matthew Nichols
- Max or Yvonne Welshhons
- Maynard or Dorothy De Vries
- Michael or Sheren Martin
- Michael or Betty Buitenwerf
- Michael Van Steenwyk
- Michelle Wiltse
- Mike or Loran Pollock
- Mildred Boyd
- Milton Hadlock
- Nancy Kephart
- Nancy Henry
- Park Hills Utility Co/ Henery Langstraat
- Patrica Wichhart
- Paula Williams
- Precision Industries Inc
- Ramon Robinson/Levi Robinson
- Randall or Rhonda Cochran
- Randy or Sharon Haning
- Randy Schuttinga
- Randy Stiles
- Randy Vander Weerd
- Red Rock Lake Marina/Mat Bales
- Reid Christopherson
- Ricahrd Dawson
- Richard Honomichl
- Rick or Mary Doty
- Rick or Tammy Smith
- Robert Van Dusseldorp
- Robert Winchell
- Roger Gregson JR
- Russell Cooner or Suzanne Cook
- Rick or Mary Doty
- Rick or Tammy Smith
- Robert Van Dusseldorp
- Robert Winchell
- Roger Gregson JR
- Russell Cooner or Suzanne Cook
- Rust Bucket Customz LLC
- Scott or Shannon Johnson
- Shanna Van Brogen
- Stanlynn Stieg or Sid Blommers
- Steve Jackson/Sue Jackson
- Terry or Lori Malone
- Total Choice Shipping
- Travis Ethen
- Violet Boot

The PCEA Board of Directors met on January 30th for the January board meeting and discussed the following:

- Cassie Cason, CFO, provided a year-end financial report. The annual financial audit is scheduled for February, and the 2024 financial statements will be included in the March edition of Highlines.
- Cooperative staff and directors met in Des Moines with Iowa Legislators Barb Kniff-McCulla and Jon Dunwell. Doug Stewart, CEO, shared an update on legislative priorities impacting the Cooperative.
- Rob Burton, Line Superintendent, reported on an upcoming line rebuild project on Hwy G28 along the Robert's Creek dam.

Board Briefs

Cooperative Employee Celebrates 20 Years of Service to Members

Congratulations to Lead Lineman Randy Reineke on 20 years of service at the Cooperative.

Randy started his lineman career at the Cooperative on December 2, 2004 as an apprentice lineman and has worked his way up to his current role of lead lineman. He and his wife, Heather, have two children, Henry and Emma, and reside in Pella.

Randy was awarded at the Cooperative Christmas party at the Pella Golf and Country Club on January 10.

Congratulations Randy and thank you for your dedication. Your hard work, leadership and commitment to our members make a lasting impact each and every day.

Also presented service awards who were unable to attend were Duane Ver Ploeg, Director and Board President for 40 years of service and Darrell Boot Director and Board Assistant Secretary/Treasurer for 10 years of service.



Line Superintendent Rob Burton, presenting Lead Lineman Randy Reineke his 20 year service anniversary gift.



Students can apply now for a trip to Washington, D.C., from June 15-21!

Area students interested in government and public service are encouraged to apply. Learn more at IowaYouthTour.com



Cooperative Line Crew Hosts College Interns

The Cooperative line crew kicked off the new year by hosting two interns to job shadow the crew.

Seth Fisher and Wayne Johnston are students in the Des Moines Area Community College Powerline Program. The two are also local students with Seth a Pella native and Wayne a Knoxville native. The students did a fantastic job and we are thrilled to have the next generation interested and involved in the electrical industry.

If you have or know a student interested in job shadowing a lineman, contact HR manager Jolyn Hartson at jhartson@pella-cea.org.



Seth Fisher (left) and Wayne Johnston (right) pose for a photo before heading out with the crew.

Thank You to the 2025 Nominating Committee

On Thursday, January 16th, seven members of the Cooperative met to nominate members for the Board of Directors who are up for election this year.

Four members were nominated this year. For District 3, Steve Inskeep was nominated. For the At-Large seat, Brian Hauser, Roy Jahner, and Steve Nunnikhoven were nominated.

Thank you to the 2025 Nominating Committee for your service and time. The members who attended are listed on the right.



From left to right: Amy Olsen, Steve Crozier, Ryan Kelderman, Dennis Goad, Eric Cox, Stu De Haan, and Ruth De Bruin.



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 25 | Pella Dollars for Scholars Deadline: February 28
www.pella-cea.org/scholarships