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## *Your Accountable Energy Partner*

**AUGUST SPECIAL EDITION:**

- Official Notice of the 81st Annual Meeting of Members
- Report for the Fiscal Year 2018

*Southwestern Electric Cooperative provides energy to nearly 24,000 members in communities throughout Southwestern Illinois and the St. Louis-Metro East.*

*As a not-for-profit utility, Southwestern Electric works to reduce the cost of service by encouraging residential, commercial and industrial development within its service area, dividing the fixed cost of service by a larger membership base.*

*Southwestern Electric Cooperative is guided by the premise that a member owned and locally operated utility should serve the best interests of our families, neighbors and communities.*



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# Official Notice of the Annual Meeting

The 81st Annual Meeting of Southwestern Electric Cooperative members will be held at Bond County Community Unit #2 Junior High School in Greenville, Illinois, on Saturday, September 7, 2019. The business meeting, beginning at 10 a.m., will take action on the following matters:

1. Roll call: Reporting on the number of members present in order to determine if a quorum is met.
2. Election of directors.
3. Reading of the Official Annual Meeting Notice and proof of due publication and mailing thereof (or the waiver or waivers of the Notice, as the case may be).
4. Reading of the unapproved minutes from the previous Annual Meeting and taking of necessary action thereon.
5. Presentation, consideration, and acting upon the reports of officers, directors and committees.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.
8. Announcement of election results.
9. Adjournment.

Pursuant to the election of three directors (one from each voting district), the members listed below have been presented as candidates by the Nominations Committee. Candidate names are listed in the order they'll appear on the ballot. Ballot order was determined by a random drawing.

DISTRICT I (Macoupin, Madison, and St. Clair Counties): Incumbent Sandy Grapperhaus, challenger James Ryan Morris, challenger Christopher Burcham.

DISTRICT II (Bond, Clinton, and Montgomery Counties): Incumbent Ted Willman, challenger Roger Thiems.

DISTRICT III (Clay, Fayette, Effingham, Marion, and Shelby Counties): Incumbent Ann Schwarm.

Voting will take place from 7 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 7, at Greenville Junior High School. Polls will also be open during this time at Southwestern's satellite facilities in St. Jacob and St. Elmo. Absentee voting will be available at the cooperative's Greenville headquarters during normal business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., August 23 - September 6, and at the cooperative's facilities in St. Jacob and St. Elmo, 4:30 - 7 p.m., September 4 and 5. To expedite registration and voting, members are strongly encouraged to bring the registration card found on the back cover of this publication.

Annette Hartlieb  
Board Secretary



Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Greenville, Illinois

July 25, 2019

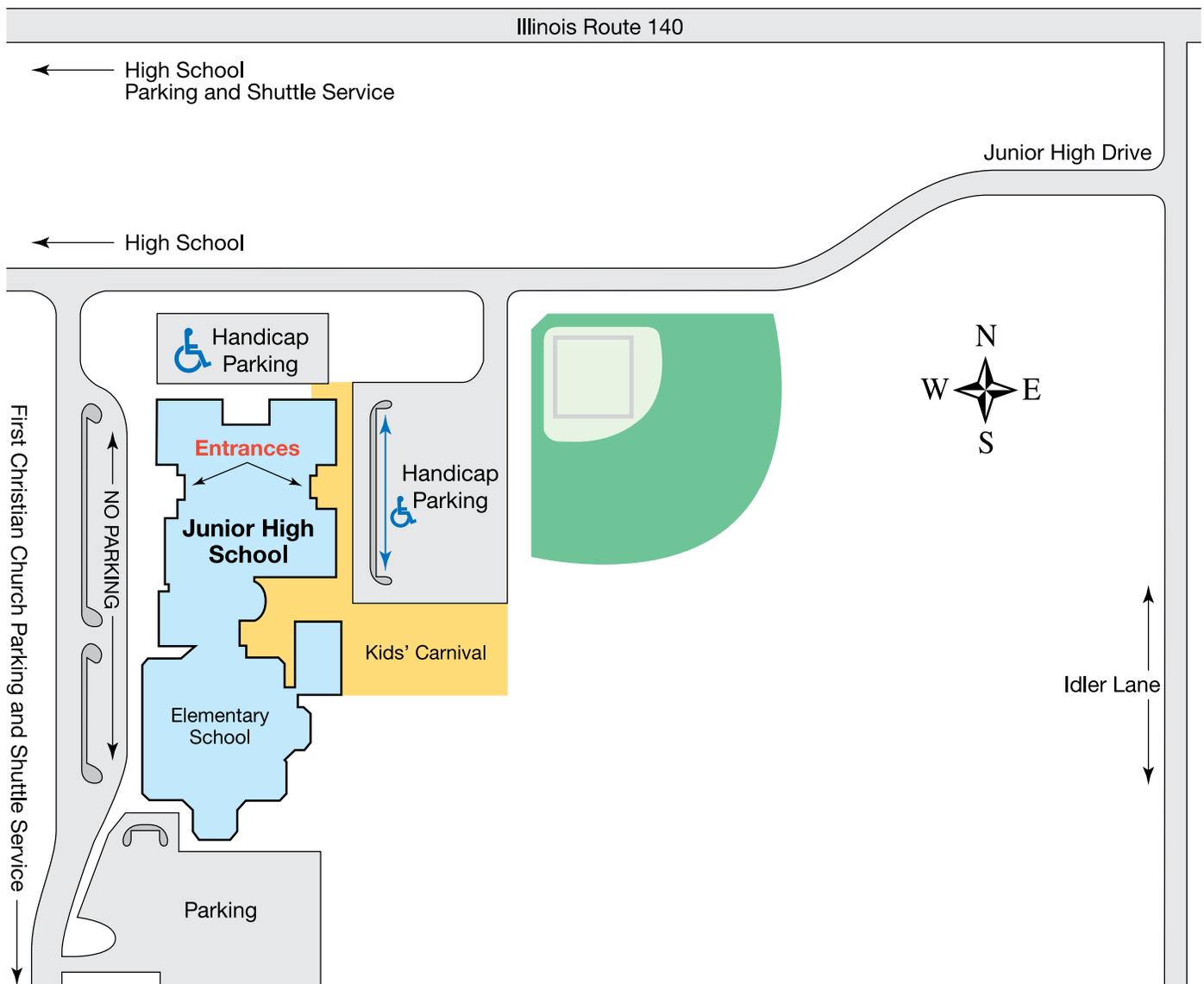
# Annual Meeting Directions and Map

Southwestern Electric Cooperative's 81st Annual Meeting of Members will be held at Bond County Community Unit #2 Junior High School, located at 1200 Junior High Drive in Greenville. Greenville Junior High is adjacent to Greenville Elementary School and located immediately southeast of Greenville High School.

To get there, follow Illinois Route 140 to Greenville High School, then follow the signs to the junior high. Parking will be available on the east and south sides of the building. Additional parking will be available in the lot east of Greenville High School. Southwestern Electric will provide shuttle service to the junior high from both locations.

As an alternative, you can follow Illinois Route 140 to Idler Lane. Turn south onto Idler Lane, then take the first road to the right (Junior High Drive), which will lead you directly into the junior high parking lot.

Questions or comments regarding the meeting may be directed to Susan File, vice president of member services. She can be reached at [susan.file@sweci.com](mailto:susan.file@sweci.com) or (800) 637-8667, ext. 5924.



# Annual Meeting Activities and Exhibits

**Bingo:** Bingo will be played in the gymnasium from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**Breakfast:** Available from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, eggs, and cheesy potatoes will be served.

**Child Identification Program (ChiP):** ChiP is a community service initiative dedicated to finding children who've been abducted or run away from home. The Child ID Kit allows parents to collect information by recording the physical characteristics and fingerprints of their children on identification cards kept at home. If needed, the Child ID Kit gives authorities vital information to assist search efforts.

**For Kids and Teens:** Youth are invited to participate in our Junior Lineman Challenge, bounce in the inflatable play areas and try their luck at various games. Every child and teenager who registers at the Kids' Carnival will receive a gift.

## Recharge at Southwestern's Energy Booth

Stop by Southwestern's Energy Booth to learn about our energy efficiency-focused programs and services.

While you're there, you can add a little life to your mobile device! If your phone or tablet is running low on power, you can plug into our charging table and reenergize.



**Electric vehicles are changing the way America moves.**

*Find out why at our annual meeting.*



**For Your Health:** Representatives of the Bond County Health Department will perform blood pressure screenings and check pulse oximetry levels.

**Operation Round Up:** Every Southwestern Electric member who participates in Operation Round Up (ORU) will be entered in a drawing for a \$500 cash prize. Members who enroll in ORU at the meeting will be included in the drawing. For this drawing, the member need not be present to win.

**Prizes:** Each active registered membership in attendance at the 2019 annual meeting, and/or voting in the board election, will receive a \$20 credit on their October electric bill.

Prize drawings, held throughout the business meeting, will include bill credits of various amounts. The member must be present at the time of the drawing to win.

When you register at this year's meeting, we'll enter your name in our drawing for a new Nest Learning Thermostat. Nest displays your daily and monthly energy use, so you can make choices to save money on your energy bill. The member must be present at the time of the drawing to win.

The name of one student will be drawn for a \$1,000 Southwestern Scholarship. The student must meet the cooperative's scholarship qualification guidelines and be present during the drawing to win.

One member will win a year of free electricity (not to exceed \$1,760 in value). The member must be present during the drawing to win.

# Annual Meeting Agenda

Registration available 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
Business meeting begins at 10 a.m.

Call to Order & Welcome .....	Ann Schwarm, Board President
Invocation .....	Jerry Gaffner, Director
Pledge of Allegiance .....	Ann Schwarm
Singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" .....	Greenville Elementary First Graders
<b>Drawing for \$100 Bill Credit</b> .....	Courtesy of Southwestern Electric Cooperative
Introduction of Directors, CEO & Attorney .....	Ann Schwarm
Report of Credentials & Election Committee .....	Committee Chairperson
Report of Nominations Committee .....	Committee Chairperson
Election of Directors .....	Chris Threlkeld, Attorney
<b>Drawing for \$100 Bill Credit</b> .....	Courtesy of Southwestern Electric Cooperative
Notice of Meeting and Proof of Mailing .....	Annette Hartlieb, Board Secretary
Approval of 2018 Meeting Minutes .....	Ann Schwarm
Treasurer's Report .....	Sandy Nevinger, Board Treasurer
<b>Drawing for \$100 Bill Credit</b> .....	Courtesy of Southwestern Electric Cooperative
Recognition of Scholarship Recipients & Special Guests .....	Sandy Nevinger & Ted Willman, Directors
<b>Drawing for \$1,000 Scholarship</b> .....	Ted Willman
Operation Round Up Report .....	Operation Round Up Committee
Chief Executive Officer's Report .....	Bobby Williams, CEO
President's Report .....	Ann Schwarm
<b>Drawing for \$250 Bill Credit</b> .....	Courtesy of Southwestern Electric Cooperative
Unfinished Business .....	Ann Schwarm
New Business .....	Ann Schwarm
<b>Drawing for Nest Thermostat</b> .....	Courtesy of Southwestern Electric Cooperative
<b>Drawing for \$500 Bill Credit</b> .....	Courtesy of Southwestern Electric Cooperative
Announcement of Election Results .....	Credentials & Election Committee Chairperson
Adjournment of Business Meeting .....	Ann Schwarm
<b>Drawing for \$500 Operation Round Up Participant Cash Prize</b> .....	Courtesy of Southwestern Electric Cooperative
<b>Drawing for One Year of Free Electricity</b> .....	Courtesy of Southwestern Electric Cooperative

# MEETING MINUTES

## 80th Annual Meeting of Southwestern Electric Cooperative Members September 8, 2018

The 80th Annual Meeting of Southwestern Electric Cooperative Members was held on Saturday, September 8, 2018, at Bond County Community Unit #2 Jr. High School in Greenville, Illinois. Notice of the Annual Meeting was given to the members in accordance with the cooperative's bylaws.

More than 1,600 people attended the meeting this year; which included breakfast, health screenings, bingo, activities for the kids, and the cooperative's business meeting and election of the directors. A total of 1,244 members registered to vote in the annual co-op election, comparable with 1,451 for 2017. Each registered member received a \$20 bill credit for participating in this year's election.

At 10 a.m., Board President Ann Schwarm called the business meeting to order. The invocation was given by director Ron Schaufelberger, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. First grade students from Greenville Elementary School then sang "The Star-Spangled Banner."

At this point in the business meeting, the first prize drawing was held for a \$100 electric bill credit courtesy of Southwestern Electric Cooperative.

President Schwarm went over various opportunities members had to participate in the drawings held throughout the meeting. The prizes for the drawings include a scholarship, bill credits, a Nest Thermostat for survey participants and a cash prize for participants of Operation Round Up. Next, she introduced her fellow directors, Chief Executive Officer Bobby Williams and corporate counsel Chris Threlkeld from the law firm of Lucco, Brown, Threlkeld and Dawson. Vice President Randy Wolf was absent from the meeting. Schwarm read a message to the membership on his behalf.

Hal Langham, chairperson of the Credentials and Election Committee, reported that a quorum of well over 150 members was present at the meeting as of 10 a.m.

The next order of business was the election of three members to the board of directors. Each would be elected to serve a three-year term, beginning on September 8, 2018. The term of each elected director would end on the date of the 2021 Annual Meeting or when a qualified successor could be duly appointed. Chairperson Barb Tedrick read the Nominations Committee report. She stated that on May 17, 2018 the members of the Nominations Committee met to nominate candidates for the board of directors. The candidates nominated were as follows: Marvin Warner, Paul Falbe and Bill Jennings

in District I; Rodney Reavis and Jerry Gaffner in District II; Randy Wolf (incumbent) and Stanley Kuhns in District III.

Attorney Threlkeld stated that the 2018 nine-member Credentials and Election Committee, consisting of three active members representing each district, was officially appointed on July 26, 2018. The Credentials and Election Committee was duly informed of their responsibilities on August 23, 2018. Voting was conducted at Greenville Jr. High School between the hours of 7 and 10 a.m., and additionally at the co-op's branch facilities located in St. Jacob and St. Elmo. Absentee voting was offered at the Greenville headquarters during normal business hours August 24 through September 7, and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, September 1. Absentee voting was also available at the co-op's branch facilities September 5 and 6, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Attorney Threlkeld stated that there were no proposed amendments to the bylaws to bring before the membership this year.

The second prize drawing was held. The winner of the drawing received a \$100 electric bill credit courtesy of Southwestern Electric Cooperative.

Secretary Sandy Grapperhaus read the Official Notice of the Annual Meeting and provided proof of its mailing. President Schwarm stated that the minutes of the 79th Annual Meeting of Members, which was held in Greenville on September 8, 2017, were printed in the Official Notice. She asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, Schwarm entertained a motion to approve the minutes as printed. A motion was made by Lyn Kuttin, seconded by Denny Willman and carried.

Treasurer Sandy Nevinger announced that the 2017 Treasurer's Report had been published with the Official Notice, in accordance with the cooperative's bylaws. She encouraged any member with questions about the report to contact the cooperative. Nevinger reported that the cooperative's strong financial performance had continued through 2017.

The third prize drawing was held. The winner of the drawing received a \$100 electric bill credit courtesy of Southwestern Electric Cooperative.

Treasurer Sandy Nevinger gave a presentation on the history of the cooperative's scholarship program. The scholarship program has provided \$234,000 in tuition assistance to 374 students since its inception in 1995. This year the cooperative awarded nine \$1,000 scholarships to students

throughout the voting districts. Along with these nine scholarships, one additional \$1,000 scholarship was awarded: the Judy Siebert Memorial Scholarship. A short video was shown of the scholarship winners thanking the membership for their support. Nevinger introduced Director Ted Willman, who acknowledged this year's exhibitors and thanked the members that were present at the meeting. The drawing for the \$1,000 scholarship was held.

At this point in the business meeting, another prize drawing was held for a \$250 electric bill credit courtesy of Southwestern Electric Cooperative.

President Ann Schwarm introduced Vice President of Member Services Susan File who gave a presentation on how Operation Round Up contributes to our area communities. During the past 13 years, ORU has awarded 187 grants amounting to \$131,149.80. File encouraged members to consider joining ORU by checking the box on their bill stub or calling the office to be added.

During the CEO's Report, Chief Executive Officer Bobby Williams outlined a number of system improvements, including plans for three substations, that will benefit members across the co-op's service area. Williams noted that as of September 2018, Southwestern Electric members had connected 67 private solar projects to the co-op's distribution system. Combined, they add up to more than a megawatt of independently generated renewable energy.

Next, President Ann Schwarm recognized two longtime directors who retired from the board this year, Director Ron Schaufelberger and Director Alan Libbra. Schaufelberger served on Southwestern's board for 42 years and Libbra served for 36 years, 30 of which he served as president. Schaufelberger and Libbra reflected on their time on the board, the friendships they made and the many changes they have seen throughout the years. The retiring directors received a standing ovation.

President Ann Schwarm gave her official report to the membership on behalf of the board of directors. She reflected on the many changes that have happened these last couple years. Schwarm announced that out of the 24 co-ops in Illinois, Southwestern Electric's residential rates rank among the five lowest. She noted that while the co-op was firmly grounded in the present, the organization's 80th anniversary was an appropriate occasion to recognize the rural electric pioneers who stepped forward to serve as Southwestern's first

board of directors. They were neighbors helping neighbors. She explained that gratitude and neighbors helping neighbors were two concepts that developed deeper meaning this year when she and her husband survived a tornado that destroyed their home.

President Ann Schwarm asked if there was any old or new business to discuss. With no discussion from the floor, she encouraged anyone with a problem or concern to talk to a staff member after the meeting or call the co-op office at their convenience.

Credentials and Election Committee Chairman Hal Langham came forward and announced the election results. Langham stated that the election was fairly and impartially conducted. In District I, Marvin Warner received 442 votes, Paul Falbe received 207 votes, and Bill Jennings received 480 votes. In District II, Rodney Reavis received 487 votes and Jerry Gaffner received 548 votes. In District III Randy Wolf received 796 votes and Stanley Kuhns received 291 votes. Langham certified that Bill Jennings had been elected in District I, Jerry Gaffner had been elected in District II, and Randy Wolf had been re-elected in District III.

With no further business to come before the members, President Schwarm entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Schaufelberger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alan Libbra and carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

At the close of the business meeting, several drawings took place, including the prize drawing for a \$500 electric bill credit courtesy of Southwestern Electric Cooperative, the \$500 cash prize drawing for Operation Round Up participants, the Nest Thermostat drawing for survey participants, and the final drawing for one free year of electricity.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Grapperhaus  
Board Secretary

# *BUILDING ON THE BLUEPRINT*

Our vision for the future is focused on you.

Report from Board President Ann Schwarm

**I**n the boardroom we refer to it as Southwestern's strategic plan.

I see it as a blueprint for our future.

In early 2019, your directors and Southwestern CEO Bobby Williams spent two days comparing and contrasting ideas during a comprehensive strategic planning session. In the weeks leading up to our meeting, we regularly set aside time to marshal our thoughts, define our priorities, and identify your co-op's key challenges, objectives and opportunities. Our weekend planning session was the culmination of that work.

During our meeting, time and again, talk turned from core cooperative principles, infrastructure investment and long-range energy forecasts—to you, our members. We spoke of Southwestern's membership as a whole, but more often than not, we referenced specific members we'd met at schools and churches, in markets and restaurants, on ballfields and sidewalks, or in the produce aisle of a grocery store.

No matter how far-reaching the item on the table, one of

us could relate it to a conversation with one of you.

That's what sets Southwestern apart. The employees and directors of this organization live where you live, work where you work, play where you play. Whether we're planning infrastructure investments, resolving a billing issue, or restoring power after a storm, it all comes back to you.

As we moved through the meeting, we composed a picture of the part we play in your life. We looked at how we've worked with you in the past, what we're doing today, and how we'll meet your needs in the future.

Over the ensuing months, we revisited, revised, and refined our blueprint. As it stands today, Southwestern's strategic plan is a touchstone, vision statement, and five-year to-do list. It's an overarching project platform we'll build on and from for the foreseeable future—a living document that will grow as you grow, and change as you do.

## **LOSS AND TRANSITION**

During the last year, Southwestern experienced seasons of

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loss and change. In September 2018, we mourned the death of long-time board member Randy Wolf. Randy served on the board for more than 20 years. He was a wise counselor and our trusted friend.

During our 2018 annual meeting, we honored directors Ron Schaufelberger and Alan Libbra as they retired from the board. Between them, Ron and Alan had devoted 78 years of service to Southwestern.

In a span of three weeks we lost a century of leadership. As 2018 drew to a close, our board meetings included three new directors, and a talented young CEO who had accepted the job only a year before.

Our new leadership team posed questions that sparked introspection and analysis. The insights that emerged from our discussions encouraged us to explore the principles informing our policies and practices, and discuss our vision for the future.

We had come to a crossroads. As a group, we saw these formative days as a time to blend the wisdom of our experienced directors with fresh perspectives from new members of our team. We would weave the best of both into a strategic plan that honored our past, spoke to our present, and envisioned our future.

## **RELIABILITY & RESPONSIVENESS**

You're a diverse and growing membership. Yet some needs are universal and unchanging. Providing safe, reliable power is a hallmark of this organization. In the years to come, we'll

do the work required to maintain our reputation for service and reliability.

It's incumbent upon us to gather data, anticipate issues, and address the challenges that come with maintaining a distribution system that's operated for eight decades. Our pledge to you: We will continue to invest in our substations, poles and power lines to deliver safe, reliable energy to your homes and businesses.

We're also committed to staying in tune with an ever-changing industry. Technological advances have the potential to significantly influence our future. We will pursue ideas and innovations that provide value to our membership.

We'll keep our fingers on the pulse of the power market and capacity pricing, with the knowledge that strategies we've employed in the past may not serve us in the future. Experience informed by reliable market forecasts and real-time intelligence will guide our decisions.

## **SMALL TOWNS, GREAT COMMUNITIES**

I grew up in a small town. I love living in rural America, and I know most of you do as well. As a cooperative, we're committed to supporting economic growth in our region, so that future generations can build lives here, just as we have.

Co-op country offers unique opportunities to new and expanding businesses and industries. Our real estate is competitively priced, our people grew up with a strong work ethic, and we have individuals with talent who want to raise a family here.

**“AS IT STANDS TODAY, SOUTHWESTERN’S STRATEGIC PLAN IS A TOUCHSTONE, VISION STATEMENT, AND FIVE-YEAR TO-DO LIST. IT’S AN OVERARCHING PROJECT PLATFORM WE’LL BUILD ON AND FROM FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE—A LIVING DOCUMENT THAT WILL GROW AS YOU GROW, AND CHANGE AS YOU DO.”**



Helping decision makers see our potential isn't new to Southwestern Electric, but in the years to come, we'll pursue that mission with a renewed vigor and sense of purpose.

## RENEWABLE ENERGY & NEW TECHNOLOGY

Renewable energy is providing new opportunities for Southwestern to serve you. In recent years, you've seen Southwestern assist members who want to include solar power as part of their household energy plan. In 2018, we created a new position at the cooperative—we hired an energy manager to guide members through the solar commissioning process, and answer energy efficiency questions.

Presently, Southwestern's management team is researching emerging technologies, and developing programs and strategies to help you save money on household technology that improves energy efficiency.

We're particularly intrigued by the potential of electric vehicles (EVs). We anticipate EVs will play a significant part in Southwestern's future. They're a practical, economical choice for an ever-increasing number of rural residents. Our management team is speaking with EV dealers and manufacturers, so we can understand the advantages and limitations of EVs and share that information with you.

At the wholesale level, we're investigating the potential of adding wind, water and solar to our future power portfolio. The environmental benefits of renewable energy

are significant and self-evident, but changes to our power portfolio must be financially feasible and effective, as well as resource-sound. We are one co-op, one community, made of many members, and the decisions we make must benefit the overall interests of our entire membership.

## A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

We've made significant strides in building a strategic plan that will serve Southwestern's membership today, tomorrow, and into the future. But we're not finished. We're just getting started. I think your board put it best as our strategic planning session came to a close. Your directors described Southwestern Electric as a cooperative with a vision for the future.

We are, most certainly, a co-op with vision.

The focus of that vision is you.

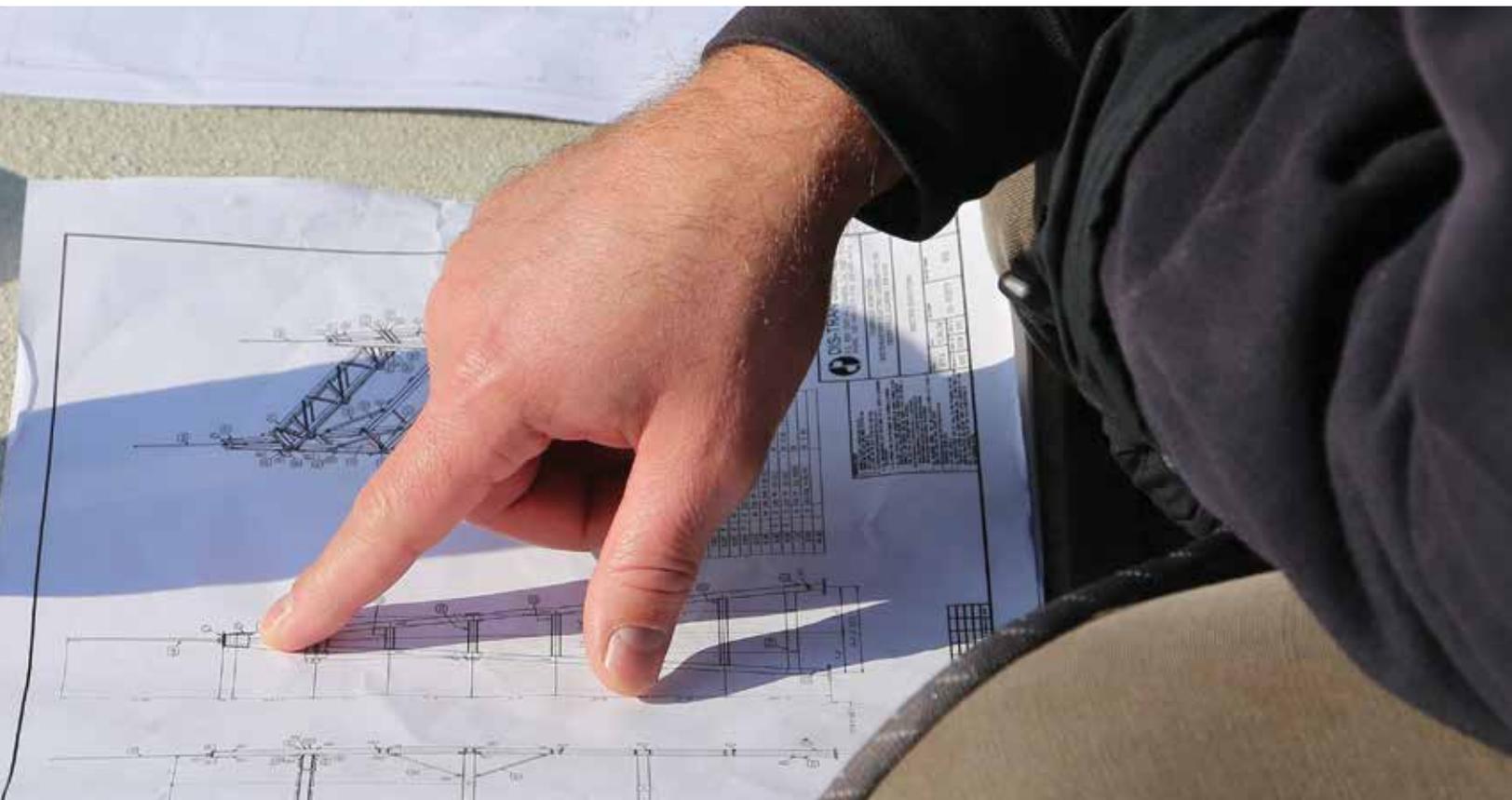
I'll share more about our plans at this year's annual meeting.

I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,



Ann M. Schwarm  
Board President



# ENERGY EvOLUTION

As leaders in the energy industry, we can respond to change—or we can drive it.

Report from CEO Bobby Williams

I grew up on rural electric lines. When I joined Southwestern Electric a little over 10 years ago, I didn't need to learn the principles that guide your cooperative. They were part of me. Today, they inform everything I do here.

They guide your board as well.

I was reminded of that earlier this year when your directors and I met for a two-day planning session to discuss our vision for Southwestern Electric. We mapped out a strategic plan that looks to the future and builds on the past, all the while keeping the co-op's core principles in mind.

The plan calls for Southwestern to be innovative in addressing industry challenges, forward-thinking in system maintenance and improvements, invested in our communities, and above all, member-focused.

We are your accountable energy partner.

## ENERGY EvOLUTION

Your choices shape our future. Your interest in energy efficiency and enthusiasm for new technology are informing the projects Southwestern pursues, and the programs and services the co-op offers.

At present, close to 100 member-owned solar arrays are tied into the co-op's distribution system. Most of our member cogeneration projects came online in the last two years. We're working hard to meet the needs of members who want to add solar power to their household energy plan.

Last year, we developed an energy manager position to help you make informed decisions regarding energy efficiency, renewable energy, and energy-related technology. Whether you want to invest in a solar array or install insulation to improve the efficiency of your home, we'll help you find answers to your questions.

Your energy needs are evolving, and we're evolving with you.

But we want to do more than respond to change.

We want to drive it.

In 2018, more than 1 million electric vehicles (EVs) were on U.S. roads. That number is expected to double in the next three years.

Once a novelty, EVs are now a practical, cost-effective choice for a growing number of rural residents. Prices continue to fall as more models come to market, and the cost to operate an EV is significantly less than what you'd pay for a

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comparable gas-engine automobile.

At present, in Illinois the average cost for a gallon of gas is \$2.63. The average cost for an eGallon: \$1.28. Factor in fuel savings and the cost of replacement parts you can forego with an electric car—oil filters, fan belts, air filters, timing belts, gaskets and spark plugs—then consider the extended life of braking systems in electric automobiles, and you can see how EV ownership savings add up.

Where would you charge an electric car?

At home.

Southwestern Electric is collecting information from leading EV charging station manufacturers. We're developing plans that would position us to offer EV charging stations to our membership at low cost.

No more filling-station stops.

You'd recharge your EV in your garage or driveway. And with EVs covering up to 300 miles on a single over-night charge, many of you could drive to work and home again, several times, between charges.

If you're running low on charge and far from home, there are about 22,000 charging stations in the U.S., and that number will grow as the national EV market expands.

Locally, Edwardsville and Effingham are already home to EV charging stations, and we're exploring opportunities to partner with communities along I-70 to support the development of additional eStations, making Southwestern Electric's service area an EV-advantaged zone.

In years to come, you'll have a choice. You can pay at the pump and support international oil companies, or pay at the plug and invest in your local cooperative, which in turn, invests in you.

## INFRASTRUCTURE & INVESTMENT

We rely on a distribution system of wood, copper and steel to deliver energy to your home. We've improved that system by building new technology into our substations, retiring and replacing old poles and lines, and conscientiously clearing our rights-of-way. In other words, we're investing in reliability.

In Bond County, we've expanded our Hookdale Substation, upgraded our substation at Reno, and plan to build a new substation at Smithboro.

In Madison County, we've made improvements to our Bethalto Substation and built an intertie that connects our substations at Bethalto, Holiday Shores West, Holiday Shores East and Worden, allowing us to reroute power, reducing outage times for 4,400 Madison County members.

To the east, we've upgraded our Edgewood, Confidence and Altamont substations, added 17,000 feet of high-performance line outside Beecher City, made significant upgrades to Freedom Power Station, and installed a new communications tower at our St. Elmo facility.

If you've driven through Fayette County lately, you may have noticed the American flag flying over our new Vandalia

**“IN YEARS TO COME, YOU’LL HAVE A CHOICE. YOU CAN PAY AT THE PUMP AND SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES, OR PAY AT THE PLUG AND INVEST IN YOUR LOCAL COOPERATIVE, WHICH IN TURN, INVESTS IN YOU.”**



Substation, north of the I-70 interchange. By siting our sub near the city's growing commercial district, we're making local businesses and residential members less vulnerable to lightning and other environmental intrusions that affect reliability.

We plan to do more.

Next year, we'll break ground on our Maple Grove Substation. Sited near the interchange at I-270 and I-55/70, Maple Grove Substation will provide power to thousands of members in the I-55 corridor from Troy to Edwardsville. The new substation will allow us to reroute power and restore service quickly during transmission line outages or damage from severe storms.

The investments we're making to our infrastructure ensure reliability, reduce the duration of outages, and position us to meet your energy needs today and in the future.

## **YOUR COOPERATIVE, YOUR COMMUNITY**

Earlier this year, Southwestern Electric partnered with Touchstone Energy to survey our membership. We asked you to share your priorities and preferences regarding our services and programs.

You're interested in rebates and discounts on energy-efficient heating and cooling systems, appliances, lighting, and smart thermostats.

You want us to promote economic development efforts that support our regional economy.

You're interested in EVs. Many of you said it's likely your next automobile will be an electric vehicle.

You'd like us to explore community solar projects.

You want to see us involved in your schools and civic organizations.

You want us to continue the work we've started—and we will.

We'll be strengthening our relationships with civic groups, working with economic development organizations and communities to help our region fully realize its potential, promoting innovation and energy efficiency, and striving to be a visible, vital presence in the places you live, work and play.

You'll hear more about our plans at this year's annual meeting of members.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,



Bobby Williams  
Chief Executive Officer



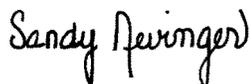
# Board Treasurer’s Report

The financial performance of an electric utility in the Midwest is inherently susceptible to changes in the weather. In 2018, Southwestern Electric Cooperative’s service area experienced temperatures that deviated dramatically from the historical average. Most notably, an unseasonably cool April and our warmest May on record increased heating and cooling energy use among our membership.

The unusual temperatures are depicted by the increase in electric revenue on the cooperative’s Statement of Operations. Nearly 5.5% of the revenue from kilowatt hour sales in 2018 fell to the bottom line for a total of \$3.3 million in net margins. As part of our fiscal stewardship, the cooperative continues to monitor operating expenses, investment in capital improvements, and comply with all debt covenants. Accordingly, Southwestern Electric was in compliance with all loan agreement provisions with CoBank, the sole lender of the cooperative’s long-term debt.

For additional information, please see the financial statements on the pages to follow.

Respectfully Submitted,

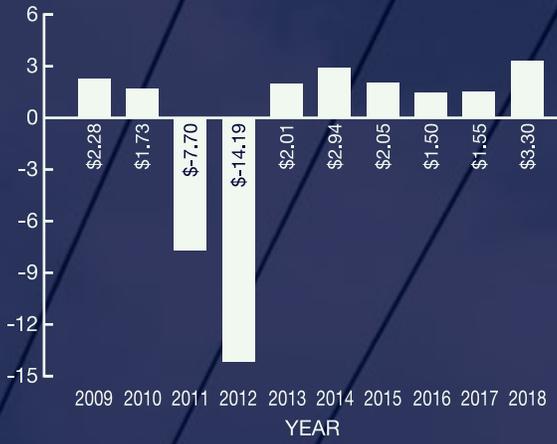


Sandy Nevinger  
Board Treasurer

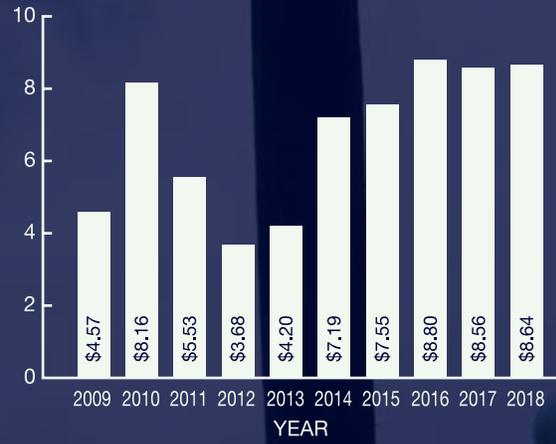
### Where did the cooperative’s revenue go in 2018?

Power Production .....	\$904,258 .....	1.5%	
Purchased Power .....	\$34,880,047 .....	56.3%	
Operations & Maintenance .....	\$6,478,738 .....	10.5%	
Customer Accounts & Sales Expenses .....	\$1,963,611 .....	3.2%	
Administrative & General Expenses .....	\$5,148,087 .....	8.3%	
Depreciation & Amortization .....	\$5,151,760 .....	8.3%	
Taxes, Interest, & Other Deductions .....	\$4,054,757 .....	6.6%	
Operating & Non-Operating Margins.....	\$3,299,062.....	5.3%	
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$61,880,320 .....</b>	<b>100%</b>	

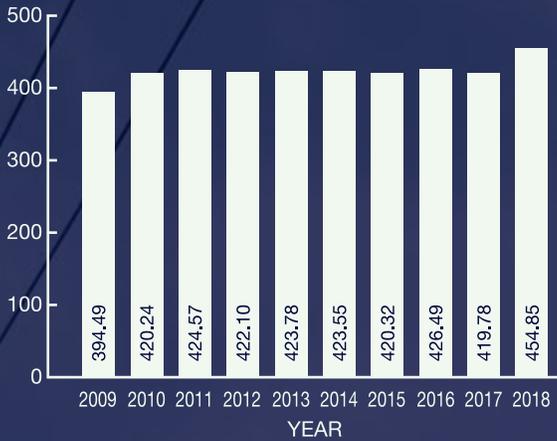
**Margins**  
in millions of dollars



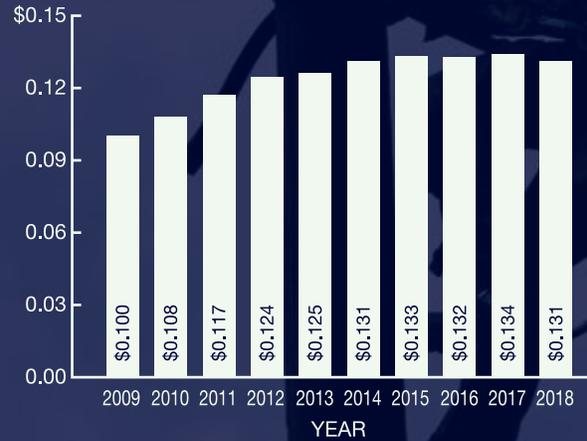
**Capital Investment**  
in millions of dollars



**Total Electricity Sold to Members**  
in millions of kWh



**Rate per kWh to Residential Members**  
in dollars (includes infrastructure and operations charge)



## Southwestern Electric Cooperative Financial Information

Statement of Operations	2018	2017	2016
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>			
Electric	\$60,263,464	\$53,815,941	\$54,260,874
Other	<u>393,774</u>	<u>370,676</u>	<u>401,527</u>
Total Operating Revenues	60,657,238	54,186,617	54,662,401
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Cost of Purchased Power	34,880,047	30,531,471	31,181,882
Power Production Expense - Operations	256,925	266,073	308,634
Power Production Expense - Maintenance	647,333	556,607	517,738
Transmission Expense - Maintenance	-	342	8,346
Distribution Expense - Operations	1,462,023	1,187,920	1,026,926
Distribution Expense - Maintenance	5,016,715	4,325,862	3,873,523
Consumer Account Expense	1,342,381	1,332,637	1,244,806
Consumer Service and Informational Expense	127,239	31,228	184,657
Sales Expense	493,991	535,483	572,254
Administrative and General Expense	5,148,087	6,020,097	6,220,481
Depreciation	5,151,760	4,906,186	4,775,424
Taxes	207,222	202,558	208,565
Other Interest	19,786	39,426	72,487
Other Deductions	<u>36,472</u>	<u>35,006</u>	<u>44,983</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>54,789,981</u>	<u>49,970,896</u>	<u>50,240,706</u>
<b>OPERATING MARGINS BEFORE FIXED CHARGES</b>	5,867,257	4,215,721	4,421,695
<b>INTEREST ON LONG-TERM DEBT</b>	<u>3,791,277</u>	<u>3,719,041</u>	<u>3,717,202</u>
<b>NET OPERATING MARGINS</b>	2,075,980	496,680	704,493
<b>NONOPERATING MARGINS</b>			
Interest Income	83,582	63,260	63,231
Patronage Capital Credits	1,038,428	919,239	704,971
Other Nonoperating Margins	<u>101,072</u>	<u>67,616</u>	<u>26,001</u>
Total Nonoperating Margins	<u>1,223,082</u>	<u>1,050,115</u>	<u>794,203</u>
<b>NET MARGINS</b>	<u>\$3,299,062</u>	<u>\$1,546,795</u>	<u>\$1,498,696</u>

## Balance Sheet (As of December 31, 2018)

### ASSETS

#### Utility Plant

Electric Plant in Service	\$186,262,031
Construction Work in Progress	<u>4,203,244</u>
Total	190,465,275
Less: Accumulated Provision for Depreciation	<u>(55,901,747)</u>
Net Utility Plant	134,563,528

#### Other Assets And Investments

Investments in Associated Organizations	3,490,840
Notes Receivable, Net of Current Portion	770,993
Other Special Funds	<u>228,120</u>
Total Other Assets and Investments	4,489,953

#### Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	5,225,833
Accounts Receivable, Net	5,677,737
Materials and Supplies Inventory	1,564,402
Current Portion of Notes Receivable	82,675
Prepayments	577,626
Interest Receivable	<u>14,163</u>
Total Current Assets	13,142,436

#### Deferred Charges

	<u>5,752,427</u>
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Total Assets \$157,948,344

### EQUITIES & LIABILITIES

#### Equities

Patronage Capital	\$44,144,186
Other Equities	<u>3,160,492</u>
Total Equities	47,304,678

#### Long-Term Debt, Net of Current Maturities

84,973,470

#### Accumulated Miscellaneous

Operating Provisions 2,892,936

#### Accumulated Provision for

Pension And Benefits 228,120

#### Current Liabilities

Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	3,919,921
Accounts Payable	4,488,513
Consumer Deposits	766,123
Other Current and Accrued Liabilities	<u>1,258,174</u>
Total Current Liabilities	10,432,731

#### Deferred Credits

12,116,409

Total Equities and Liabilities \$157,948,344

# Voting Instructions

Please take note of the following items regarding your vote in the annual board election:

## Standard Voting

Standard voting will be available from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 7, at Bond County Community Unit #2 Jr. High School in Greenville, the site of Southwestern Electric's 81st Annual Meeting of Members.

## Absentee Voting

Absentee voting will be available at the cooperative's Greenville headquarters during normal business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., August 23 - September 6, and at the cooperative's facilities in St. Jacob and St. Elmo, 4:30 - 7 p.m., September 4 and 5. To expedite registration and voting, members are strongly encouraged to bring the registration card found on the back cover of this publication.

## Alternate Site Voting

For members who do not attend the Annual Meeting, voting is also available at two alternate sites from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 7. You may cast your vote at one of two Southwestern Electric satellite facilities, which are located at 10031 Ellis Road in St. Jacob and at 2117 East 1850 Avenue in St. Elmo (the frontage road southwest of the I-70 St. Elmo exit).

## Commercial Memberships

Commercial (business) members are advised that any representative wishing to vote will be asked to present satisfactory evidence that this person has been assigned to act as an agent of the business. A commercial member, just like any other, is entitled to a single vote in cooperative elections.

## Expedited Registration

Members are strongly encouraged to remove and save the card (with their name and member number on it) printed on the back cover of this publication. Co-op personnel will be able to process your registration more quickly when you present the card upon arrival at the Annual Meeting.

## Inactive Memberships

Only active members of the co-op are eligible to vote in the election.

# Credentials & Election Committee

The Credentials & Election Committee is responsible for presiding over the vote and determining the validity of the results.

## 2019 Credentials & Election Committee Members

### District I: Macoupin, Madison and St. Clair Counties

Ted Flath	2712 Old Staunton Road	Edwardsville, IL 62025
Kenneth Grotefendt	8243 Fruit Road	Edwardsville, IL 62025
John Sedlacek	633 Cedar Road	Saint Jacob, IL 62281

### District II: Bond, Clinton and Montgomery Counties

Steven Laesch	1357 Illinois Route 127	Greenville, IL 62246
Ron Jarrett	445 Round Prairie Avenue	Greenville, IL 62246
Hal Langham	1355 Airport Avenue	Greenville, IL 62246

### District III: Clay, Effingham, Fayette, Marion and Shelby Counties

Angela Reeter	2206 Zent Drive	Vandalia, IL 62471
Pete Burnam	2065 South Lake Drive	Vandalia, IL 62471
Brad Stein	1503 N 2000 Street	Brownstown, IL 62418



**Sandy Grapperhaus**  
Incumbent  
District I  
Collinsville

**S**andy Grapperhaus' rural roots run deep. A lifelong local resident, she's been a member of Southwestern Electric for more than 30 years and served on the board since 2011.

During her most recent term, she worked with the co-op's directors and management team to guide infrastructure investment and support the installation of new technology across Southwestern's distribution system.

Grapperhaus said she's gained valuable experience and insight into the cooperative over the last eight years, and she'd like to carry the momentum forward to address new and ongoing projects.

"There is still a lot of work to do in regards to our aging infrastructure. My goal, if re-elected, is to guide the co-op's growth and system improvements while remaining watchful of our budget," Grapperhaus said. "My focus remains on improving our infrastructure and reliability by spending within our means. I want to ensure that being part of the cooperative is a benefit to all of our members."

Grapperhaus noted that since she joined the board in 2011, much of the team's attention has focused on securing a favorable power supply contract. "With Southwestern in a strong position, we're focusing on strategic planning and operational efficiencies," she said.

**"My focus remains on improving our infrastructure and reliability by spending within our means. I want to ensure that being part of the cooperative is a benefit to all of our members."**

"Pole and wire replacement, the addition of new substations, and the installation of better technology ensure our members receive reliable power, but they come at a significant cost. At the same time, our members are more energy-conscious than ever. They're building energy-efficient homes, changing their habits, and using devices that require less power. So our membership's power usage is decreasing, while the day-to-day expenses of the co-op still need to be met," she said. "That's a challenge we continually look for new ways to address."

Offering safe, reliable, affordable power is the co-op's most important role, Grapperhaus added. "That's why we've renovated and expanded our existing substations, and why we're building new ones," she said. "We must continue to look at options for different revenue streams that will help us maintain and improve our distribution system, while keeping costs to the membership down."

Sandy Grapperhaus has served as vice president of Southwestern's board of directors since 2018. She chairs the cooperative's Business Development & Marketing Committee, and serves on the Executive Committee, Policies & Bylaws Committee, and Technology & Cybersecurity Committee. She has earned a Credentialed Cooperative Director designation from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Since 2009, Grapperhaus has served on the advisory committee for Southwestern Illinois College's Office Administration and Technology program. She is also treasurer of the women's group at her church in Troy.

Sandy Grapperhaus is the executive assistant at Korte Construction Co. in Highland. She also helps her husband, Dan, with their small farm between Troy and Collinsville. They have three grown children.



**J**ames Ryan Morris elected not to respond to our board candidate questionnaire or submit a photo by the deadline. He has been a Southwestern Electric member since 2017.

**James Ryan Morris**  
Challenger  
District I  
St. Jacob



## Chris Burcham

Challenger  
District I  
Edwardsville

**C**hris Burcham is passionate about clean and renewable energy. “I believe clean, renewable energy will give us and our children a better chance at a healthy and sustainable future. I want to work with the board and Southwestern Electric to find ways to transition to clean energy without raising rates for members,” Burcham said, adding that he wants to give renewable energy a stronger voice on the board.

“Running for the board gives me an opportunity to affect energy choices on a larger scale than I can do alone,” he said. “I want to advocate for policies that encourage more members to install solar and support members with existing solar installations, while also supporting the development of large-scale solar and wind projects in the region.”

Burcham would also like to see Southwestern develop programs that communicate ways to be more efficient with energy usage, thereby saving members money. “It is usually much cheaper and more effective to reduce energy usage than to generate more power,” he said.

**“I want to advocate for policies that encourage more members to install solar and support members with existing solar installations, while also supporting the development of large-scale solar and wind projects in the region.”**

Burcham pointed out that the cost of renewable energy continues to drop, and that it can be generated locally. “Locally generated power will help the local economy,” he added. Burcham also feels locally generated renewable energy would ultimately reduce member rates.

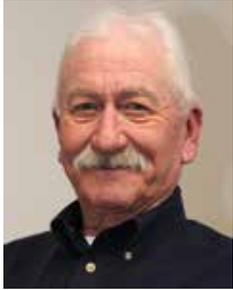
“I would like to see Southwestern look into energy storage options. These solutions could be turned on and off quickly to supply power during peak times. This would save Southwestern money and improve reliability,” he said. “Ideally, that could be paired with larger solar or wind projects.”

Adopting advances like energy storage solutions and micro-grid concepts could make Southwestern an innovation leader in the Midwest, Burcham said.

“My career is in Information Technology. To be successful in my career, I must be constantly informed of and educated on current and emerging technologies. When I’m not in the office, I work on small DIY electric conversion projects like the electric bicycle that I take to work, an upcoming electric riding mower, and a small power wall. While I’m not an electrician, I have a solid understanding of electrical fundamentals. I would love the opportunity to quickly learn the operations of Southwestern Electric and contribute to making it an affordable, reliable, and sustainable service for its members,” he said.

“Southwestern Electric is already reliable and has been doing a great job with maintenance and upgrades,” Burcham noted, referencing recent and planned infrastructure improvements throughout Southwestern’s service area. “Continuing maintenance and upgrades like that will improve reliability and reduce power interruptions.”

Chris Burcham has lived in a Southwestern Electric household most of his life. He’s been a member for two years. He lives outside Edwardsville with his wife and kids.



**Ted Willman**  
Incumbent  
District II  
Greenville

**T**ed Willman has been a cooperative leader for more than a quarter century. Shortly after becoming a Southwestern Electric member in 1987, Willman joined the co-op's Nominations Committee. He served on the committee for 13 years before being elected to the board in 2001.

He's earned the Credentialed Cooperative Director designation and a Board Leadership Certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and presently serves on three Southwestern Electric board committees: Scholarships, Community & Public Relations, and Business Development & Marketing.

Among the significant accomplishments of the board during his most recent term, Willman said securing the co-op's wholesale power contract, assisting in the transition to a new management team, serving as a resource to Southwestern's new directors, and completing key infrastructure improvements were highlights he found particularly fulfilling.

Willman pointed out that in 2018, with the retirements of Alan Libbra and Ron Schaufelberger, and the death of Randy Wolf, the board lost more than a century of leadership experience in a single month. "As

one of the senior board members, I have a responsibility to explain the history behind our policies, and at the same time, encourage our new directors to challenge the way we do things," he said.

If re-elected, Willman intends to focus on additional infrastructure development, cultivating new opportunities for Southwestern to partner with its member-communities, and exploring the role renewable energy will play in Southwestern's future.

"We have close to a hundred members with solar arrays, and more coming on line every year. We're helping them get their projects connected and providing information they need to make good decisions," he said. "I want to see us continue on this path."

Willman said electric vehicles are a rapidly growing segment of the automobile market, and that he expects their popularity to increase. "They make economic sense for a lot of our members," he said. "It's going to be interesting to see that market evolve. We need to position ourselves so we're in a place to serve it."

Willman credits the co-op's strong financial position to the support of the membership and the board's ability to build differing points of view into a single, unified vision.

"We have an effective combination of experience and new ideas," he said. "We have directors who know how and why policies developed, and others with fresh eyes who bring new approaches to the table. We may not always agree, but we always find common ground and move forward," he said.

"I want to see us stay on track with the plans we've set in motion," added Willman, who's seeking his eighth term on the board. "I'd welcome the opportunity to follow up with the implementation of the plans and projects we have in place now."

A farmer since 1976, Ted Willman resides south of Greenville.

**"As one of the senior board members, I have a responsibility to explain the history behind our policies, and at the same time, encourage our new directors to challenge the way we do things."**



**Roger Thiems**  
Challenger  
District II  
Sorento

**A** lifelong Bond County resident, Roger Thiems was raised on Southwestern Electric lines. “I want to run for a seat to serve my community and fellow members,” Thiems said, adding that he’d like to be part of the decision-making process that ensures reliable power for Southwestern members.

If elected, Thiems said he intends to focus on investing the membership’s money in a responsible manner that leads to reliable power delivery. “I feel that our co-op needs to focus on our infrastructure. That is the way we earn the money needed to keep supplying power to our members,” he noted.

Thiems said his ultimate goal would be to keep members’ out-of-pocket costs as low as possible, while ensuring the cooperative provided the best possible service to the membership’s homes and farms. “If given the chance to serve the members of Southwestern Electric, I will maintain my lifelong attributes of honesty and integrity,” he added.

**“My longstanding heritage in this county and my drive to help others compels me to take positions that better my community.”**

Thiems said he feels a board member should represent the membership as a whole. “A board member needs to speak their piece and vote the way they feel, but also realize that they are on a board and if outvoted, must support the whole vote of the board,” he said.

Addressing leadership experience, Thiems noted his service as a township trustee, 4-H leader, and fair board member. “My longstanding heritage in this county and my drive to help others compels me to take positions that better my community,” he said.

Thiems served on the Bond County Fair Board for four years and held a seat on the Central Township Board of Trustees from 2008-2017. He resigned from the township board after deciding to build a home on his family’s farm ground, which is outside Central Township. “I always conducted myself professionally and with the constituents of Central Township in mind,” he said. “I voted exactly as I saw fit and respected all other members. Budgeting in and of itself is always an accomplishment,” he added. “Making something happen without proper funding and coming out ahead takes diligence.”

Thiems said he was honest and upfront with his opinions, as were other board members. “We got along very well and accomplished what seemed to be the impossible year after year.”

Thiems is a foreman at Nevco in Greenville, where he’s worked for more than 33 years. “I handle myself well, without arguing, which can be toxic to a workplace or board. There is always an answer or another path that can be taken,” he added. “I like to find those off-the-beaten-trail solutions.”

Roger Thiems has been a member of Southwestern Electric Cooperative since 1993. He lives in rural Sorento. He has a daughter, son-in-law, and three grandchildren.



**Ann Schwarm**  
Incumbent  
District III  
Loogootee

**F**or Ann Schwarm, cooperative and community are one and the same. During her next term, she wants to leverage the cooperative's position as an economic development leader in Southwestern Illinois to stimulate growth in the communities Southwestern serves.

"It is imperative that Southwestern play a key role in fostering the sustainability of our rural communities," she said. "Helping decision makers see the potential of our region isn't new to us, but it will take on a renewed and more formal focus in the days ahead."

During her most recent term, Schwarm led the board in strategic planning, assisted in the transition to a new CEO and three new directors, and worked with Southwestern's board and management team to support infrastructure improvements throughout the co-op's service area.

"We have an aging infrastructure and we will be called upon to address the concerns that might present," she said. "Analyzing the status of our system and anticipating opportunities and potential problems will be important to the success of this cooperative going forward."

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Schwarm noted that renewable energy and the technology associated with it are providing new opportunities for Southwestern to serve its membership.

"We're actively working to help our members embrace solar power," she said. "Last year, we created a new position on our management team to assist members interested in pursuing solar power. Our energy manager guides them through the commissioning process, and offers the information they need to realize the greatest benefit from their investment."

Schwarm said electric vehicles also will play a part in Southwestern's future. "Electric vehicles are rapidly growing in popularity. They're a practical, economical choice for an ever-increasing number of rural residents. It's incumbent upon our management team to understand the advantages and limitations of electric vehicles and share that information with our membership," she said.

Schwarm brings to her role on the board a diverse professional background, with experience in agricultural communications, program development, education and small-business management. She retired from the Regional Office of Education in 2016 with 21 years of service.

She's also served on the First National Bank of Vandalia board of directors for the past 21 years, and spent four years on the Brownstown Community Unit School District Board. She is a 1979 graduate of the University of Missouri-School of Journalism.

"I consider it a privilege to have served as a director since 1993 and president of the board since September 2016. I very much want to continue to put in to practice what I have learned during these past 26 years," she said.

Ann and her husband, Gene, live on a farm in rural Loogootee. They have been married for 38 years and have two grown sons.

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**WE WANT  
TO DO  
MORE THAN  
RESPOND TO  
CHANGE.  
WE WANT TO  
DRIVE IT.**

*Bobby Williams, Chief Executive Officer*

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# OUR TEAM

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Sandy Grapperhaus**  
Vice President  
District I  
Collinsville



**Richard Gusewelle**  
District I  
Edwardsville



**William "Bill" Jennings**  
District I  
Alhambra



**Jerry Gaffner**  
District II  
Greenville



**Sandy Nevinger**  
Treasurer  
District II  
Greenville



**Ted Willman**  
District II  
Greenville



**Annette Hartlieb**  
Secretary  
District III  
Vandalia



**Ann Schwarm**  
President  
District III  
Loogootee



**Jared Stine**  
District III  
St. Elmo

## PERSONNEL

### STAFF MEMBERS

Michael Barns, *Art Director*  
Chris Botulinski, *Vice President of Engineering*  
Victor Buehler, *Vice President of Information Technology*  
Dylan Casey, *Manager of Engineering*  
Susan File, *Vice President of Member Services*  
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Thaddius Intravaia, *Director of Information Technology*  
Becky Jacobson, *Chief Financial Officer*  
Andrew Jones, *Vice President of Business Development & Marketing*  
Carrie Knebel, *Vice President of Human Resources*  
Julie Lowe, *Energy Manager*  
Joe Richardson, *Vice President of Communications*  
Brooke Scott, *Executive Assistant*  
Neil Sperandio, *Manager of Operations*  
Bobby Williams, *Chief Executive Officer*  
Michael Willman, *Vice President of Operations*

### GREENVILLE

#### Office & Engineering Personnel

Jody Baumberger-Gehrig, *Comptroller*  
Virgil Bowden, *Custodian*  
Annette Brown, *Meter Technician*  
Casey Eberlin, *GIS Technician*  
Barb Frerker, *Member Services Representative*  
Laura Gall, *Accounting Clerk*  
Natalie Goestenkors, *Dispatcher*  
Renee Harnetiaux, *Work Order Coordinator*  
Cheryl Hebenstreit, *Cashier/Receptionist*  
Kim Jackson, *Dispatcher*  
Tracy Kuttin-Ferguson, *Purchasing Agent*  
Kathleen Lewey, *Staking Engineer*

Jo Ellen Logue, *Member Services Representative*  
Carla Schneider, *Member Services Representative*  
Dean Schnurbusch, *Senior Staking Engineer*  
Lauren Schoen, *Dispatcher*  
Holly Thiems, *IT Technical Support Specialist*  
Marilyn VanUytven, *Payroll & Benefits Specialist*  
Debbie Whicker, *Member Services Representative*  
Jessica Whitehead, *Member Services Representative*

#### Maintenance & Construction Personnel

Mark Chasteen, *Construction Foreman*  
Patrick Harris, *Senior Warehouseman/ Groundman/Truck Driver*  
Eric Rodgers, *1st Class Mechanic*  
Chris Schmid, *3rd Step Apprentice Lineman*  
Adam Simmonds, *Journeyman Lineman*  
Clayton Snyder, *1st Class Mechanic*  
Dustin Vosholler, *Journeyman Lineman*  
Scott Wollerman, *Maintenance Foreman*

#### Meter Department

Scott Fitzgerald, *Foreman/Polyphase Meterman & Tester*  
Andrew Wessel, *Lineman/Polyphase Meterman & Tester*

#### Forestry Department

Chris Hamby, *Forestry Journeyman*  
Josiah Roberts, *Forestry Journeyman*  
Keith Steiner, *Forestry Foreman*

### ST. JACOB

**Office & Engineering Personnel**  
Mary Curry, *Staking Engineer*

Linda Haberer, *Cashier/Receptionist*  
Brian Mills, *Staking Engineer*  
Vincent Sanvi, *Staking Engineer*  
Becky Spratt, *Member Services Representative*

#### Maintenance & Construction Personnel

Tim Atterberry, *Journeyman Lineman*  
Edgar Braundmeier, *Maintenance Foreman*  
Leo Dublo, *Construction Foreman*  
Tyler Isaak, *Journeyman Lineman*  
Tyler Kunz, *Journeyman Lineman*  
Joel LaFrance, *System-wide Troubleshooter/Maintenance Foreman*  
Sonny Lampe, *Senior Warehouseman/ Groundman/Truck Driver*  
Steve McMahon, *Maintenance Foreman*  
Rick Mersinger, *Maintenance Foreman*  
Rob Nesbit, *Construction Foreman*  
Jimmy Revisky, *3rd Step Apprentice Lineman*

#### Forestry Department

Jared Tebbe, *Forestry Journeyman*  
Robert Wright, *Forestry Foreman*

### ST. ELMO FACILITY

Adam French, *Journeyman Lineman*  
Ethan Fulk, *Journeyman Lineman*  
Douglas Haarmann, *Construction Foreman*  
Kyle Hails, *Maintenance Foreman*  
Todd Hodson, *Senior Warehouseman/ Groundman/Truck Driver*  
Tyler Meseke, *Journeyman Lineman*

### FREEDOM POWER STATION

David Brandt, *Power Plant Technician*  
Russell Gilbert, *General Manager*  
Leo Leonhard, *Power Plant Technician*

**VOTER REGISTRATION CARD 2019** *Please sign and present this card at the registration table.*

**81st Annual Meeting of Members**

Saturday, September 7, 2019



Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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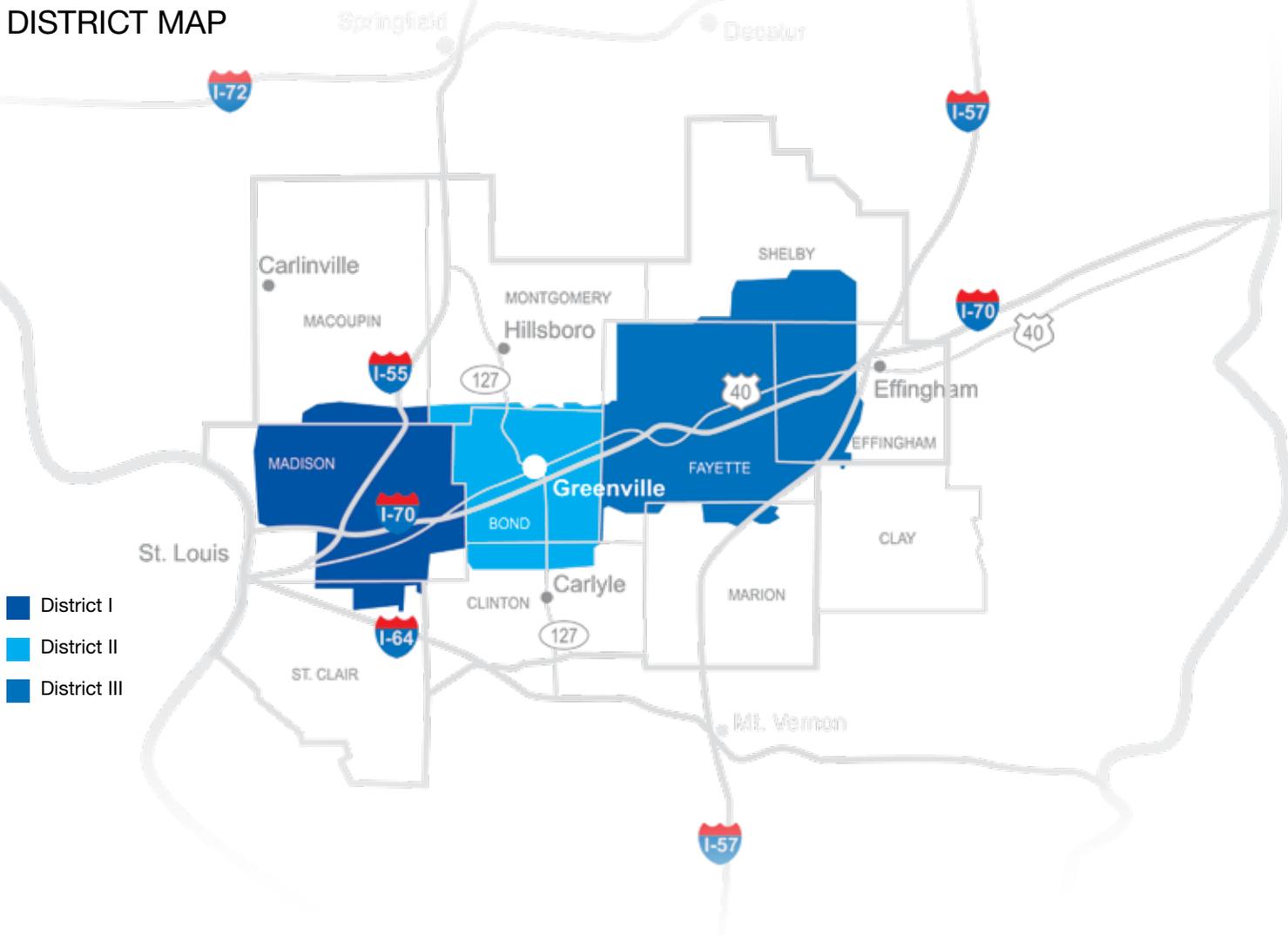
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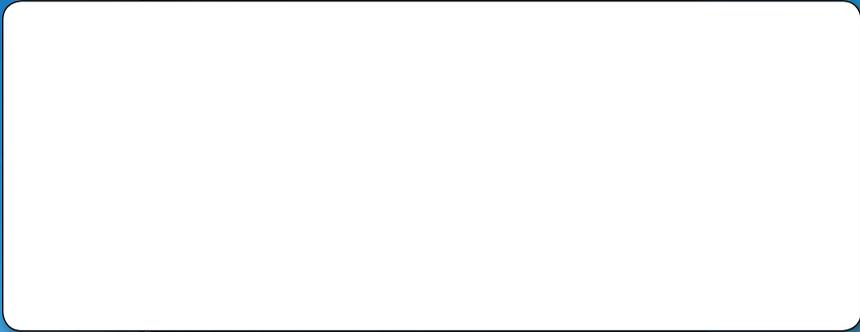
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