



2016 ANNUAL REPORT



**Northwestern Rural Electric
Co-operative Association, Inc.**

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

REMEMBERING NORTHWESTERN REC DIRECTOR ROBERT (BOB) DAVIS

ON FRIDAY, Feb. 24, 2017, the cooperative lost one of the most passionate and ambitious directors we have ever had, Mr. Bob Davis, of Meadville.

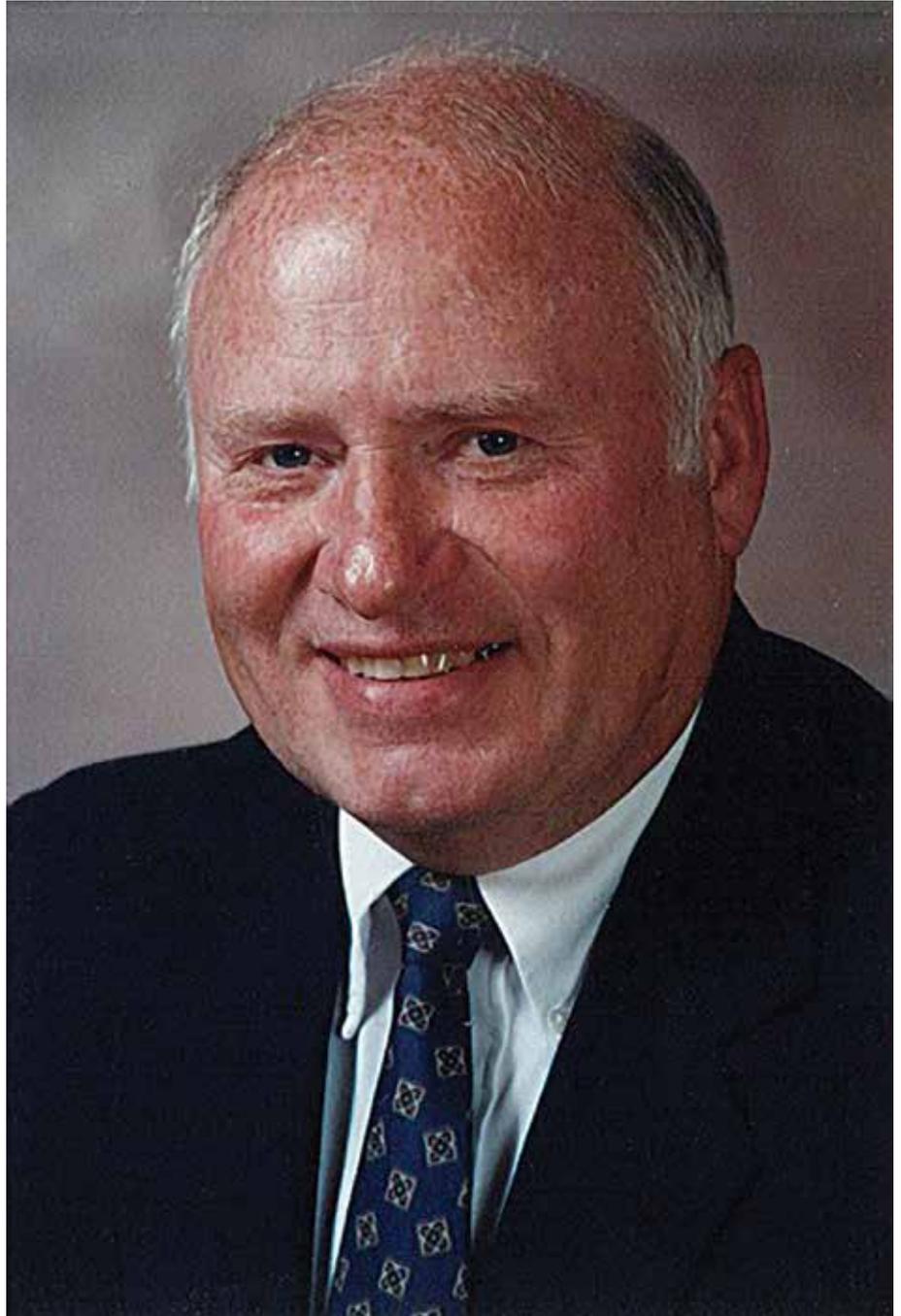
Not only was Mr. Davis passionate about family, he was equally passionate about his community, the cooperative and the people within them. Mr. Davis' ambition was highly contagious. He inspired everyone he engaged in conversation.

"Mr. Davis was not only a visionary, he was a doer; someone who welcomed hard work," reflects Mary Grill, president & CEO for Northwestern REC. "He was able to see so many of his ideas come to fruition, particularly those that benefited the cooperative and the community."

One such project was his special interest in Roche Park, located on co-op lines in Vernon Township. Many of the improvements and additions made to the park were a direct result of Mr. Davis' efforts, including the wooden sculptures and totem pole. He wanted people to enjoy the park as much as he did.

In his tenure on Northwestern REC's board, Mr. Davis quickly achieved the status of Credentialed Cooperative Director and other board leadership certifications. He was also elected by his fellow co-op directors to serve on the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association's board of directors. Bob is greatly missed by everyone at Northwestern REC.

Survivors, in addition to his loving wife of almost 60 years, Marian, include two daughters, Cynthia Novotny and her husband, Richard, and Tammy Grasso and her husband, Bob, all of Meadville; a



son, Scott Davis, and his wife, Debi, of Meadville; four grandchildren, Jennifer Novotny-Mulrooney and her husband, Jeff, of Pittsburgh, Libby and Mike Grasso of Meadville,

and Mackenzie Davis of Meadville; a sister, Betty Joan Keenan and her husband, Robert, of White Oak; and two nephews, Todd Keenan and Dan Keenan, and his wife, Laura. 🌟

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ANNUAL MEETING

The 2017 Northwestern REC Annual Meeting of the membership is scheduled for Sat., Aug. 5, at the Crawford County Fairgrounds in Meadville, Pa.

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2016 EXECUTIVE REPORT

YOUR COOPERATIVE had a very productive year in 2016 in achieving our strong commitment to provide you with safe, affordable and reliable service. Every year, our goal is to improve service to you while maintaining affordability. To provide you with better reliability, we rebuilt 33 miles of line in conjunction with our extensive line improvement program.

As we rebuild the old lines, we are replacing the old copper wire, which has become brittle with age, with stronger aluminum conductor steel-reinforced (ACSR) wire, which can withstand the extreme weather conditions we experience in northwestern Pennsylvania. While we are in the process of replacing the wire, we are taking advantage of the opportunity to move the lines closer to the road for ease of access during outage conditions. By doing so, we are abandoning old problematic rights of way that are difficult and very expensive to maintain. In the improved areas, your linemen no longer walk lengthy rights of way carrying heavy equipment to maintain the lines and make repairs during outages.

Another very important project was completed late last year to remedy a long-standing transmission reliability issue that plagued the Mill Village, Teepleville and Townville service areas for many years. This three-year project was coordinated with FirstEnergy-Penelec to construct a tie line from Meadville all the way up State Route 77 to provide backup service to this area.



Kathryn Cooper-Winters and Mary A. Grill

The multiyear construction project was successfully completed and placed into service by year-end. This important initiative will serve to provide an alternate feed for backup power in this area. This line was put to the test during the severe wind storms of March 8, 2017. Members in this area saw only blinks while our engineers coordinated with the Penelec transmission operators who transferred electric power to this new facility. The good news is that this new line kept the lights on for members in this area.

Technology has its advantages, and we are a high-tech cooperative. Since 2014, we have been installing smart switching devices that automatically reroute power in the case of an outage. This has been very beneficial to the membership in avoided outage time. In 2016 alone, our members saved about 2 million outage minutes because of this state-of-the-art

technology. You can think of this as almost 32,000 hours that the lights stayed on. We view this as an important reliability improvement that also makes your cooperative more efficient.

In 2016 and early 2017, you might have seen our crews working in the Richmond area. We have embarked on a project to rebuild a major section of our electric lines that are the backbone of the distribution system in that area. Again, we are moving the line closer to the road to provide your line crews with better access to the facilities and to keep your power on. We are also working in the Vernon Township area, where we are rebuilding some major distribution electric lines. This project will resolve service issues that have been experienced in this area. It will also support advanced switching capabilities to Conneautville and Saegertown, scheduled for installation in 2017.

Our two-year garage project was also successfully completed in 2016. We met our 2015 goal of preparing the site. We took advantage of the opportunity to address the safety needs of our members and employees and upgraded the entrance drive to our headquarters facility. New energy-efficient LED outdoor lighting was installed. Once the weather improved in the spring of 2016, we opened the new drive with expanded parking for those who visit our office.

The original garage was constructed in the 1960s with a later addition in the 1970s. Line trucks have grown in size and complexity. We all know

the sophisticated electronics in our cars these days. So, you can just imagine the electronics and hydraulics in today's line trucks that need to be indoors and out of the weather. We were pleased to have the garage project completed in 2016. We moved into the new building in December, just in time to be indoors for the winter. This project will save you money in the years to come by extending the life of our expensive equipment, and by reducing life cycle and repair costs.

Last fall, we surveyed the membership concerning the topic of broadband internet service. What we found is that half of our members already have access to broadband cable service. For the other half of the membership without access to high-speed internet, we received a very good survey response rate. Therefore, we believe the results of our survey to be very accurate. It was clear to us that the majority of our members believe internet service is important to the quality of life in our rural area. We were also pleased to find that only about 4 percent of the membership does not have internet service as compared to over 30 percent from our last survey about 10 years ago. However, the results indicated there was no strong interest for your cooperative to enter a broadband business venture. This was mainly because the members were not willing to pay the price points needed to support a new business startup. Instead, we will work cooperatively with high-speed internet vendors in our service area to promote their expansion to our underserved members.

In 2017, we have several projects planned to continue to provide you with more reliable service. We are targeting 33 miles of line improve-



Your cooperative leaders are, from left: Danielle Haschalk, vice president and CFO; Kevin Hindman, vice president of engineering; Thomas Dimperio, vice president of information technology; Linda King, vice president of communications and energy solutions; Ken Lindberg, vice president of human resources; Mary A. Grill, president & CEO; Michelle Garcia, executive secretary; and Connie Sovisky, vice president of member services.

ment rebuilding throughout the service territory. The electric load at our Mount Hope Substation has grown, so we are planning to install bigger transformers and make improvements to address this growth. We will continue our emphasis on right-of-way trimming. Our goal is to remove the trees before they grow into our electric lines to prevent service-related issues and outages. With safety in mind, we will be inspecting about 10 percent of our poles and will be replacing any danger poles we find.

Finally, electric rate stability is always on our minds. The good news is that your rates are currently about 13 percent lower than the local investor-owned utility. I anticipate this trend to continue with only slight increases in the accessibility charge. Last quarter, our rates were 21 percent lower than their rates. Since we own most of our electric generation assets, our kilowatt-hour (kWh) charge has not increased since 2008.

The local investor-owned utility does not own its generation assets and its "price to compare" fluctuates with the seasonal changes in supply and demand. Our members enjoy price stability, with no need to worry about shopping for the best value, because you currently have the best energy value in our area.

The cooperative model puts members' needs and interests first and eliminates the need to satisfy stockholders. Our focus is not on profits. Our focus is providing you with safe, affordable and reliable service. And that is something you can count on!

Kathryn J. Cooper-Winters
Board Chair

Mary A. Grill
President & CEO

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Northwestern Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Inc. and Subsidiaries

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

December 31, 2016 and 2015

Assets	2016	2015
Property and equipment:		
Electric plant in service - at cost	\$ 109,583,754	\$ 105,026,176
Headquarters (phase II) construction in progress	130,078	439,313
Construction work in progress	2,118,839	597,688
	<u>111,832,671</u>	<u>106,063,177</u>
Less accumulated provisions for depreciation	34,829,553	33,969,795
Total electric plant	77,003,118	72,093,382
Other assets and investments:		
Non-utility property, at cost	957,324	957,324
Notes receivable, less current maturities	6,127	80,131
Cash surrender value of life insurance	288,881	265,243
Investments in associated organizations	9,033,878	8,690,480
Certificates of deposit	147,760	126,523
Board designated funds	1,383,419	1,380,586
Total other assets and investments	11,817,389	11,500,287
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,504,029	2,862,860
Accounts receivable, less allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$204,421 and \$186,235 for 2016 and 2015, respectively	4,370,412	3,712,485
Current maturities of notes receivable	74,004	74,004
Materials and supplies	626,537	505,253
Other current and prepaid assets	66,994	52,859
Total current assets	7,641,976	7,207,461
Deferred charges	2,095,276	2,234,722
	\$ 98,557,759	\$ 93,035,852
Equities and Liabilities	2016	2015
Equities:		
Memberships	\$ 74,535	\$ 76,765
Patronage capital	11,718,427	10,980,484
Other equities	32,982,641	30,957,851
Total equities	44,775,603	42,015,100
Long-term debt:		
CFC notes, less current maturities	37,623,454	34,385,602
Farmer Mac notes, less current maturities	7,093,331	7,457,814
Capital Lease obligation, less current maturities	50,904	72,717
Long-term debt, other, less current maturities	6,127	80,131
Total long-term debt	44,773,816	41,996,264
Non-current liabilities:		
Accumulated post retirement benefit obligation, less current portion	447,708	520,983
Employee deferred compensation	164,000	188,000
Total other long-term liabilities	611,708	708,983
Current liabilities:		
Current maturities of long-term debt	1,963,787	2,299,262
Current maturity of capital lease obligation	21,771	21,222
Current post-retirement benefit obligation & deferred comp	71,094	74,975
Accounts payable:		
Purchased power	1,553,631	1,435,469
Other	1,334,436	999,252
Capital credit retirement funding liability	320,633	357,191
Customer deposits	335,898	315,841
Accrued interest	399,300	401,000
Accrued payroll	200,546	207,812
Accrued vacation liability	486,179	494,124
Total current liabilities	6,687,275	6,606,148
Total liabilities	52,072,799	49,311,395
Deferred credits	1,709,357	1,709,357
	\$ 98,557,759	\$ 93,035,852

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENSES

Years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
Operating revenues:		
Electric energy revenue	\$ 32,147,651	\$ 32,639,455
Customers' forfeited discounts and penalties	97,473	103,044
Rent from electric property	814,774	724,163
Miscellaneous electric revenue	395,221	385,472
Total operating revenues	33,455,119	33,852,134
Operating expenses:		
Cost of power	15,531,337	16,090,078
Distribution - operations	1,303,565	1,664,745
Distribution - maintenance	2,694,795	3,089,558
Consumer accounts	1,439,397	1,631,140
Customer service and information	750,829	788,088
Sales	277,648	535,344
Administrative and general	3,720,389	3,892,420
Depreciation and amortization	3,286,130	3,058,292
Other	108,854	106,748
Total operating expenses	29,112,944	30,856,413
Operating margin before fixed charges	4,342,175	2,995,721
Fixed charges:		
Interest on long-term debt	1,920,962	1,867,426
Operating margin after fixed charges	2,421,213	1,128,295
G & T and other capital credits	539,965	508,377
Net operating margins	2,961,178	1,636,672
Nonoperating margins:		
Interest income	65,959	63,723
Gain (loss) on disposition of property	3,358	(4,788)
Miscellaneous non-operating income	69,811	143,522
Total non-operating margin	139,128	202,457
Net margin	\$ 3,100,306	\$ 1,839,129

The financial statements of the cooperative for the year ended December 31, 2016, have been audited by Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, P.C., Jamestown, New York. The audit resulted in a clean opinion stating that the financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the cooperative and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2016, and results of their operations and cash flows for the year ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The auditor's complete report is on file in the office of the cooperative and is available for inspection by the membership.

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Northwestern Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Inc. and Subsidiaries

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EQUITIES

Years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

	Memberships		Patronage Capital		Other Equities	
Balance, at December 31, 2014	\$	79,075	\$	11,250,904	\$	29,247,607
Membership fees cancelled		(2,310)		--		--
Net operating margins		--		1,636,672		--
Non-patronage source margins		--		(930,131)		930,131
Net non-operating margins		--		--		202,457
Retirement of capital credits		--		(976,961)		--
Equity payable upon liquidation		--		--		511,373
Gain on early retirement of capital credits		--		--		3,053
Change in post-retirement benefit obligation		--		--		63,430
Donated capital		--		--		(200)
Balance, at December 31, 2015		76,765		10,980,484		30,957,851
Membership fees cancelled		(2,230)		--		--
Net operating margins		--		2,961,178		--
Non-patronage source margins		--		(1,402,923)		1,402,923
Net non-operating margins		--		--		139,128
Retirement of capital credits		--		(829,452)		--
Equity payable upon liquidation		--		--		419,614
Gain on early retirement of capital credits		--		--		5,848
Change in post-retirement benefit obligation		--		--		66,333
Donated capital		--		9,140		(9,056)
Balance, at December 31, 2016	\$	74,535	\$	11,718,427	\$	32,982,641

The Power of Your Co-op Dollar



Purchased Power, \$0.46

Operations & Maintenance Expense, \$0.12

Administrative & General Expenses, \$0.11

Depreciation Expense, \$0.10

Consumer Expense, \$0.07

Net Margins, \$0.07

Interest on Long-Term Debt, \$0.06

Sales Expense, \$0.01

Purchased Power – covers the cost of the power your co-op purchases to deliver to your home.

Operations & Maintenance Expense – covers operational costs, including line work, repair and maintenance.

Consumer Expense – covers the cost of handling members' accounts, including taking bill payments and answering calls.

Sales Expense – for other member services, such as communications, energy marketing services and educational publications.

Administrative & General Expenses – covers administrative costs, including employee benefits, safety program and building maintenance.

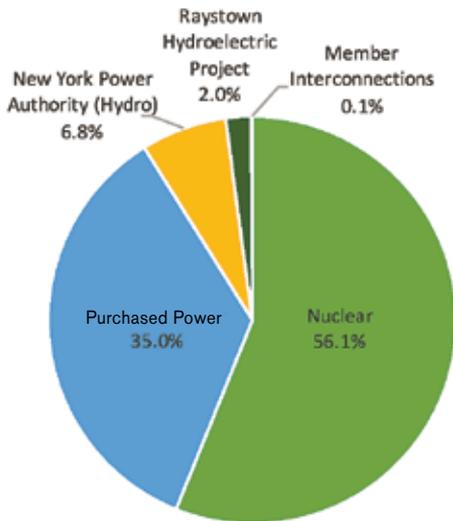
Depreciation Expense – covers the cost of assets, such as wire, poles and transformers, that span over several years.

Interest on Long-Term Debt – covers interest payments on loans for the long-term borrowing to finance the assets of the co-op.

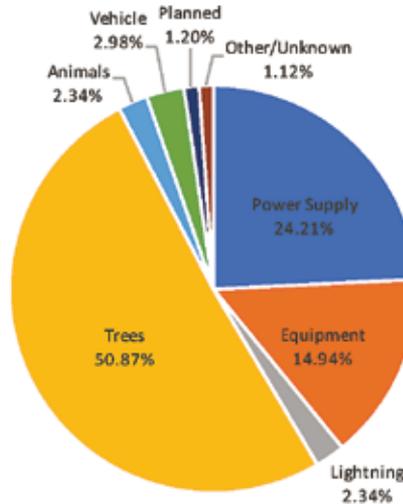
Net Margins – retained in the form of capital credits, which provides a source of equity for Northwestern REC. These margins are refunded to members through capital credits retirements.

COOPERATIVE FACTS & FIGURES

Where we get our power



2016 Outage Causes

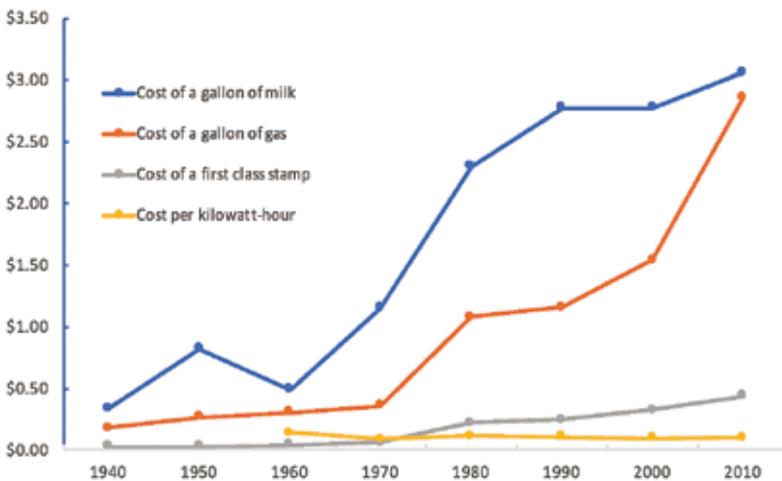


***In 2016, co-op smart switching technology was able to save 1,911,445 outage minutes. That's equivalent to 3.6 years of avoided outage time!**

	2016	2015
Miles of line	2,652	2,651
Total services	21,124	21,101
Members per mile of line	8.0	7.9
Cost of power	\$15,531,337	\$16,090,078
kWh sold	246,812,935	256,408,953
Full-time employees	64	68

Avg. monthly kWh used (per residential member)	1,122	1,124
Avg. monthly bill (per residential member)	\$141.37	\$139.57

The Value of Electricity



What \$4 can buy:



one specialty coffee drink



one BigMac at McDonald's



*24 hours of electricity for the average home

**For the average residential member on co-op lines, it would cost \$4.65 for 24 hours of electricity.*

YOUR CO-OP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NORTHWESTERN Rural Electric Cooperative is guided by a board of 10 directors (pictured right), one from each of the 10 districts within its service territory.

Back row, from left: Lanny Rodgers, Kim Docter, Jack Sheffer and Robert Agnew.

Front row, from left: Mike Sample, Dave Rectenwald, Kathy Cooper-Winters and Earl Koon.

Although each director is a member from his or her district, the entire co-op membership votes the directors into office through the election process held during the annual meeting. Director terms last for three years.



District 1 (Jack Sheffer) — Springfield, Conneaut, Girard, Elk Creek, Fairview, and Franklin townships, and Platea Borough in Erie County; and Monroe and Conneaut townships in Ashtabula County.

District 2 (Earl Koon, treasurer, PREA director) — McKean, Washington, Waterford, and LeBoeuf townships, and Edinboro Borough in Erie County.

District 3 (Mike Sample, secretary) — Amity, Union, Wayne, and Concord townships, and Elgin and Union City boroughs in Erie County; and Spring Creek Township in Warren County.

District 4 (Robert Agnew) — Beaver, Spring, Conneaut, Summerhill, Summit, Sadsbury, and Pine townships, and Conneautville Borough in Crawford County; and Richmond and Pierpont townships in Ashtabula County.

District 5 (Kathryn Cooper-Winters, chair, Allegheny director) — Cussewago, Hayfield, Venango, Cambridge, and Woodcock townships, and Woodcock and Saegertown boroughs in Crawford County.

District 6 (Kim Docter) — Rockdale, Richmond, Bloomfield and Athens townships in Crawford County.

District 7 (Dave Rectenwald, vice chair) — Sparta, Rome, Oil Creek, Steuben, and Troy townships, and Centerville Borough in Crawford County; and Southwest and Eldred townships in Warren County.

District 8 (Vacant) — East Fallowfield, Vernon, Greenwood, Union and Fairfield townships in Crawford County.

District 9 (Vacant) — West Mead, East Mead, East Fairfield, and Randolph townships, and Blooming Valley Borough in Crawford County.

District 10 (Lanny Rodgers, NRECA director) — Wayne Township in Crawford County; Jackson, Plum, Oakland, Cherrytree, and Canal townships in Venango County; and French Creek Township in Mercer County.

KNOW THE NOMINEES

You and the other members at the annual meeting elect the board of directors for Northwestern REC on a rotating basis. This year, directors from Districts 6, 7, 8 and 9 are up for election. Nominating meetings were held in each of the districts in March and April. The members who attended these meetings nominated people they believed met the qualifications necessary to be a director of Northwestern REC. The following biographical sketches will familiarize you with the candidates:

District 8 - East Fallowfield, Vernon, Greenwood, Union and Fairfield townships in Crawford County.



Edward Kline Jr.
Meadville, Pa.

Edward Kline Jr., District 8 nominee

Kline has lived his entire life in Crawford County, Pa. Raised in Linesville, he graduated from St. Mark's High School in Erie and attended Gannon University, studying math and accounting. Working at various occupations during his life, he spent the last 25 years as a machinist, most recently at Greenleaf Corporation in Saegertown.

He has been involved in many community activities over the years. He served as a reader, usher, and Eucharistic minister at St. Brigid's Church in Meadville, served on the Seton School Board, and as a youth basketball coach at Seton. He was a ham radio operator and a weather spotter for the National Weather Service for approximately 10 years.

Kline was also very involved with the Boy Scouts of America for 15 years, assisting both of his sons, as well as many others, to earn their Eagle Scout designations. His daughters also reached the Silver Award level in Girl Scouts with his assistance.

He joined the Linesville Volunteer Fire Department at the age of 13 as a junior fireman. He was also a member of Conneaut Lake Volunteer Fire Department and a special member through Greenwood Fire Department while also serving at Vernon Central Hose Company. He served the community for close to 40 years in this capacity. His last position was Fire Police

captain and member of the Vernon Central Hose Company Board of Control.

He has been married to Robin for 40 years; they have raised four children: Ryan, Renee, Edward and Eric. They live in Vernon Township and have been co-op members for the last 30 years.



Marian Davis
Meadville, Pa.

Marian Davis, District 8 nominee

A graduate of McKeesport High School, Davis has lived in Vernon Township for 55 years and has been a member of Northwestern Rural Electric Cooperative Association for 51 years. She is devoted, efficient and pragmatic — all qualities that make her an ideal candidate for District 8 director.

She is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Meadville, Pa., where she was a participant on the church's council, and she currently serves as the chairwoman of the Worship and Music Committee. In addition, she volunteers at the Soup Kitchen of Meadville and is part of the Women of the ELCA.

In the past, she was involved with 4-H, having served as Horse and Pony Club leader. She also created the Interstate Exchange Club to assist young people in broadening their horizons through travel and hospitality. She is a past president of the Intercounty Horseman's Association, a past member of the 4-H Advisory Board and served on the board of the Tri-State Saddle Horse Breeders Association, Inc.

Davis was the previous owner/operator of Perkins Family Restaurant in Franklin, Pa., the Waterfront Restaurant in Franklin, Pa., the Franklin Depot, and the Stag Bar in Meadville, Pa.

She was a U.S. Postal Service sub-rural mail carrier, and she believes this experience has allowed her to connect with people and truly understand those who live in more rural areas. She has served as chairwoman of the Crawford County Fair's Home Products annual luncheon and as a past president of the Meadville Bulldogs Football Boosters. She is currently a member of Looking Ahead, a breast cancer support group, and the Vernon Central Fire Department.

Davis and her late husband, Bob, were married for nearly 60 years. They are the proud parents of three children and have been blessed with four grandchildren. A strong family foundation has always been the focus for Marian, as she and Bob strived to make the best life possible for their children. Marian and her children all live on Mullen Road and routinely contribute to the family farm.

District 6 – Rockdale, Richmond, Bloomfield and Athens townships in Crawford County.

Kim Docter, District 6 incumbent

Docter was first elected to the co-op board in 2007. She has completed her Credentialed Cooperative Director, Board Leadership Certificate and Director Gold certifications. She is the chairman of the Communication and Energy Solutions Committee and also serves on the Finance and IT committees.

As a graduate of Villa Maria College, she was honored by the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants for excellence in accounting. Docter is a Pennsylvania Qualified Municipal Collector and is serving her fourth term as Rockdale Township tax collector. She was recently appointed as the Bloomfield Township deputy tax collector and serves as the treasurer for the Crawford County Tax Collectors Association. She works part time at the Campbell Pottery Store and Gallery, and has been employed as a substitute teacher in the Penncrest school district since 2005. Prior to 2005, she was the owner/operator of a registered home daycare for 16 years.

Docter attends the Millers Station United Methodist Church where she has been a member since 1984, as well as the church treasurer for many years. In her 34 years with the Erie Motorcycle Club, she has held the offices of president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. She also serves as the Western Pennsylvania representative and newsletter editor for the Retreads, an international organization for motorcyclists over the age of 40.

She is a resident of Cambridge Springs. She has three children, Kristopher, Emily, and Alandis, and a new grandson, Isaac. She has been an active co-op member for 33 years.



Kim Docter
Cambridge Springs, Pa.

District 7 – Sparta, Rome, Oil Creek, Steuben, and Troy townships, and Centerville Borough in Crawford County, and Southwest and Eldred townships in Warren County.

David Rectenwald, District 7 incumbent

A longtime Titusville resident, Rectenwald was first elected to the Northwestern Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Board of Directors in 2005. He currently serves as vice chair of the Northwestern REC board and has previously served as board secretary. He is a Credentialed Cooperative Director and has earned his Board Leadership Certification.

Rectenwald received a bachelor's degree in geology (minor in physics) from Allegheny College and a master's degree in environmental studies from Gannon University. He also received a Certificate in Environmental and Occupational Science from Gannon University. Rectenwald is employed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as an environmental scientist. Prior to this position, he served as an inspector and consultant for the EPA. After graduating from Allegheny College, Rectenwald worked as store manager for the Republic Supply Company in Titusville.

He resides in the Titusville area, is married to Amy Murphy Rectenwald, and has six children: Amanda, Andy, Edward, Robbie, Ginger and Charlie.



David Rectenwald
Titusville, Pa.

District 9 – West Mead, East Mead, East Fairfield, and Randolph townships, and Blooming Valley Borough in Crawford County.

Lisa (Proper) Chause, District 9 nominee

Chause lives in Guys Mill, Pa., with her husband, Michael, son, Jesse, and daughters, Madalyn and Hope. She is the administrative assistant and outreach director for Mercy House Meadville, a state licensed drug and alcohol treatment and mental health counseling center. She is a member of New Beginnings Church of God, where she enjoys serving.

Chause is a 1990 graduate of Maplewood High School and an alumna of the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. She is also a former Youth Tour participant. After receiving a degree in specialized business, she decided to return to her rural roots to raise a family in her hometown. She has served as the board secretary/treasurer for the Guys Mills Mutual Water Association and opened a small gift shop with her mother in what was once the Grist Mill of Guys Mills. She volunteers with REMAA as a T-ball coach. She has a love for dogs and the family has five. She is also a trained facilitator for the Strengthening Families Program.

Chause has a deep appreciation for rural communities and a desire to serve. She has seen the positive influence the co-op can have personally. Her father was a director for 34 years with the rural electric cooperative and watching him work hard for his district and all co-op members has made a lasting impression. She is hoping to influence and educate the generations to come on the importance of the cooperative.



Lisa (Proper) Chause
Guys Mill, Pa.

I AM THE CO-OP



The information we get from our Touchstone Energy cooperative about efficiency, safety and technology gives us the power to make informed decisions.

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