

Sharing Success

We have joined forces to provide donations to three community service entities as part of CoBank's Sharing Success Program. As a member of CoBank, we can nominate organizations for a matching donation.

The amount listed here reflects the total donation, half from Menard Electric and half from CoBank. Organizations are encouraged to look for applications to be available on our website again in early 2026.



Ashland Youth Association

A \$5,000 total donation towards building a second baseball/softball field for use by youth teams in Ashland and Chandlerville as well as AC Central's Junior High teams. From left are Ivana and Lucy Thomas; Braylin, Oakley, Paisley and Brock Ruppel; Co-op Director Gary Martin and General Manager Alisha Anker; Curtis Cosner; Easton Ruppel; and Keri, Porter and Calvin Cosner.

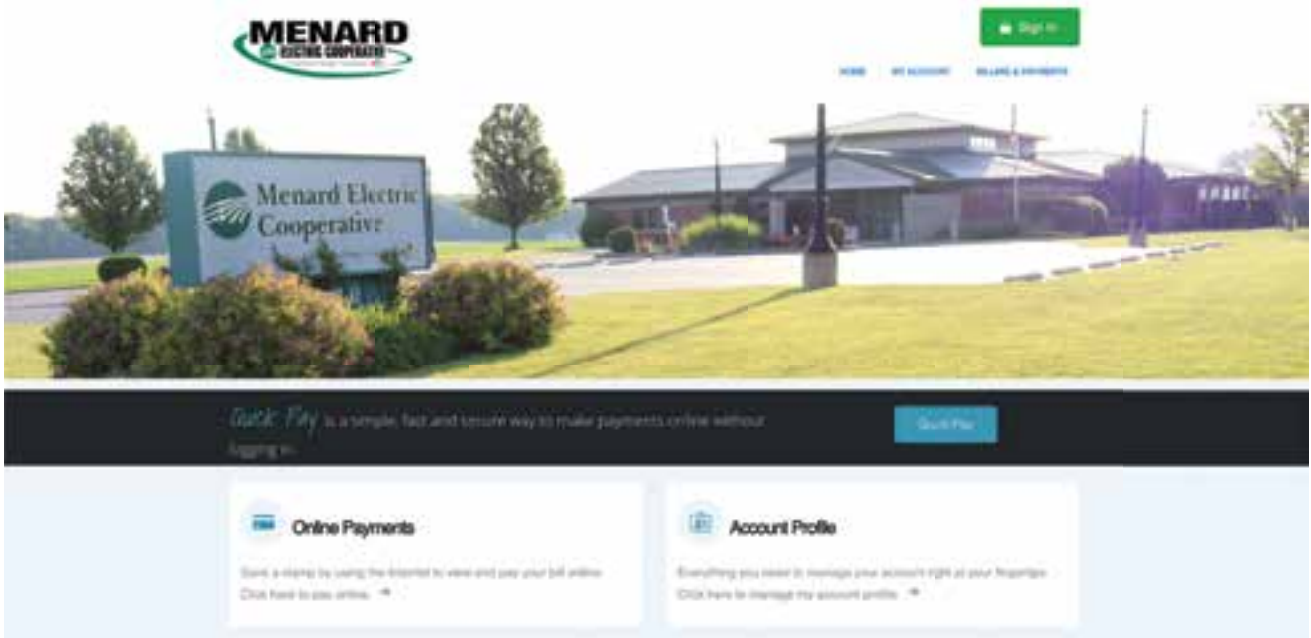
Citizens for Positive Adolescent Choices (CPAC)

A \$5,000 total donation will be used towards supply purchases, training, scholarships and more for a mentorship program supporting Illini Central School District sophomores. From left are CPAC Director/Treasurer Pam Johnson, Co-op General Manager Alisha Anker and Director Michael Patrick, and CPAC President Eric Stender.



Petersburg Community Fire Protection District

A \$10,000 total donation to be used towards purchase of a self-contained breathing apparatus, a vital piece of personal protective equipment. From left are Dave Leischner, Tim Wankel, Co-op Director Dennis Ryan and General Manager Alisha Anker, Chris and Hal Schirding, and Wayne Winkelmann.



Stay connected and simplify your service with an online account

At Menard Electric Cooperative, we are dedicated to providing our members with convenient, efficient and environmentally friendly ways to manage your electricity service. By creating an online account through our website, you gain access to a wide range of features designed to make it easier than ever to manage your account..

Easy access to your account anytime, anywhere

With your online account, you can view your bill statements, stay updated on your account activity, and make payments — all at your convenience. No more waiting for paper bills.

Stay informed with real-time notifications

An online account helps you stay on top of your account with important notifications, including:

- **Bill creation:** Know when your new bill is generated and ready to view.
- **7-day due date reminder:** Receive a notification a week before your bill is due, helping you avoid late fees.
- **Urgent cutoff notice:** If your account becomes overdue, you'll be alerted about potential service interruption.
- **Payment receipt:** Get confirmation when your payment has been successfully processed.

Go green with paperless billing

Switching to paperless billing benefits the environment and ensures you receive your statements faster and more securely via email. You can activate paperless billing easily through your online account.

Once logged on to the portal, you can opt into paperless billing and emailed statement notifications.

- Click **"Member Name"** at the top of the home page. Then click **"My Profile."**
- Select the **"Paperless Options"** tab.
- Check **"Email"** and/or **"Paperless Bill"** on the accounts you choose.

Getting started is easy

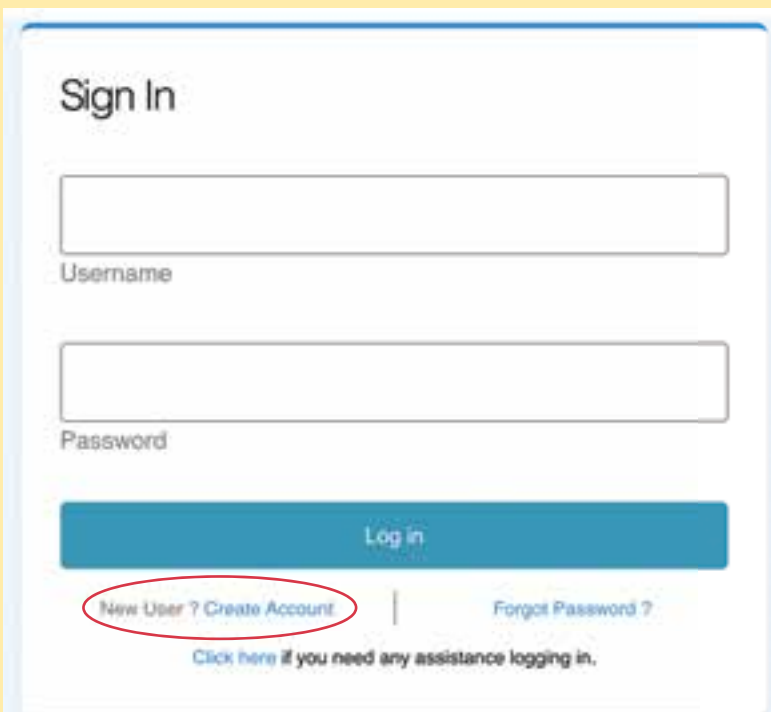
To create an account we first will need to have a valid email address on file for you. Call the office to add your address if needed.

Visit www.menard.com or your MyMEC App, click the “**Pay Online**” (on the website) or “**Payments**” (in the app). Choose “**Sign In**” and “**Create Account**.”

- Enter your **Account Number** — this can be found on the right side of your bill statement; if you have multiple accounts only one number is needed.
- Choose your email to send a verification code to your email address. (If you do not get the email check your spam folder.) Enter the verification code and complete your registration details.

Once logged on you can manage and subscribe to notifications from the portal.

- Click “**Notifications**” from the My Account drop-down menu. Then click “**Manage Notifications**.”
- Select the three dots next to the alert type you would like to subscribe to; add and verify the contact information.
- Select “**Manage Notifications**” again, click the three dots next to the alert type, and select “**Setting**” to set the time for receiving notifications.



Sign In

Username

Password

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[Click here if you need any assistance logging in.](#)

Manage Notifications

[Notification History](#)

Billing

Alert Type	Description	Email	
7 Day Due Date Reminder	Notification type for presenting periodic invoice.	Subscribed	⋮
Bill Creation Notification	Notification type for presenting periodic invoice.	Subscribed	⋮
Cutoff Notification	Notification type for presenting periodic invoice.	Subscribed	⋮
Payment Receipt	Notification type for payment receipts.	Subscribed	⋮

Board highlights

For full minutes visit menard.com
or contact the office.

June 27, 2025

- All Directors present except Jodine Tate; also present General Manager & Attorney.
- Approved Minutes of Reorganizational mtg held 6/18/25.
- Approved Board mtg dates July 2025-June 2026.
- Reviewed standing committees for 2025-2026.
- Reviewed May monthly & YTD financial trends. Operating margins \$1,138,839 compared to \$1,664,382 last year; equity at 42.20%; 12-mo TIER 2.63 & DSC 2.03.
- Reviewed operations report; longest duration of an outage 368 min & largest # affected by single outage 303 due to downed trees by tornado/storms.
- Sharing Success program applications reviewed. Motion carried to provide donations & submit for CoBank matching donations: \$2,500 Ashland Youth Association, \$2,500 Citizens for Positive Adolescent Choices, & \$5,000 Petersburg Community Fire Protection District.
- Director Dennis Ryan appointed Voting Delegate & Gary Holloway Alternate for NRECA Region V mtg & NRECA's Illinois Director election.
- Annual Meeting reviewed.
- Director of Accounting & Finance entered for executive session. Board entered into executive session & reconvened. Motion carried to ratify actions taken.
- Next mtg 7/22/25.

September is Disaster Preparedness Month!

Food safety during long outages

Prepare

- **Use appliance thermometers** in your fridge and freezer. Safe temps: 40° F (fridge), 0° F (freezer)
- **Keep coolers, ice packs or ice** ready in case of long outages.
- **Stock up** on ready-to-eat foods that don't need refrigeration.

During an outage

- **Keep doors closed.** A fridge keeps food safe for up to 4 hours; a full freezer, up to 48 hours.
- **Use a cooler** if the power is out for more than 4 hours. Layer frozen items with fridge foods and ice for a more consistent temperature.
- **If you don't have a cooler, use your freezer.** Put ice in bowls and place them around the food (to prevent melting ice from flooding your freezer). Use blankets to insulate the freezer, but ensure that air vents are unobstructed.
- **Monitor temps** with a thermometer. Food must stay below 40° F.



- **In the event of a prolonged outage** use perishable foods and items from the refrigerator first, food from the freezer next and nonperishable foods last.
- **Never taste food to test safety.** When in doubt throw it out.

Use the U.S. Department of Agriculture's guide to learn more about foods you can keep or should throw out after a power outage: www.foodsafety.gov/food-safety-charts/food-safety-during-power-outage.

HARVEST SAFETY



PREPARE AHEAD

- Train anyone working on your farm, including seasonal workers and family members, on potential electrical hazards.
- Know the location of guy wires — while not energized, if hit or damaged these wires could bring down power lines.
- Look up and around for electric lines and ensure equipment will stay a minimum of 10 feet away — inspect farm equipment heights now for clearance.
- Be aware of the location of power poles and lines, including field entry and exit points, and plan safe equipment routes.
- If you see a sagging or low power line, contact us. Never attempt to move a line or raise it for clearance.

DURING HARVEST

- Use a spotter when operating large machinery near lines, set extensions to lowest setting before moving, and use care when extending augers or raising truck beds.
- If the machinery you are operating makes contact with a power line, stay on the equipment. Immediately call 911, warn others to stay away and wait for the utility crew to cut the power.
- If you need to exit the vehicle after contact is made, jump off with your feet together, and without touching the ground and machinery at the same time. Then, still keeping your feet together, hop to safety as you leave the area.