

Help us find members with uncashed Capital Credit checks!

In 2025, your Board of Directors authorized a general retirement of Capital Credits earned by members who had active service with us in 2004 and/or 2005. Active members received a bill credit or check, and inactive members were mailed a check.

Some of those checks were never cashed. Sometimes members move and we don't have a good address, sometimes they pass away, and sometimes they simply overlook a check as junk mail or forget to cash it. Whatever the reason, we want to make sure every member gets the Capital Credits due them.

Scan this QR code to visit our webpage at www.menard.com/capitalcredits; at the bottom of that page click the link to view a listing of members with uncashed checks.

If you know someone, please ask them or their estate executor if applicable, to email info@menard.com or call 800-872-1203.



2026 Capital Credit allocations

A message appeared on your electric bill in June showing the amount of Capital Credits allocated to your account for electricity you purchased in 2025. These allocations are not available as cash, nor can they be

applied as payment to your bill. Capital Credits are paid to members as the Board of Directors authorizes according to the financial condition of the cooperative. The Capital Credits allocated to you will remain with your membership until they can be retired.

**WE WANT
YOUR
FEEDBACK**



Member Survey

We would greatly appreciate all members taking a brief online survey! To take it, you may visit our website at www.menard.com or scan the QR code here.

This is the same survey that was presented to you at the Annual Meeting of Members on June 17. If you attended the meeting, you may have already taken the survey.



Sharing Success

Menard Electric Cooperative (MEC) and CoBank have joined forces to provide donations to three community service entities as part of CoBank's Sharing Success Program. As a member of CoBank, the cooperative 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 2027.

Cass County Food Pantry

A \$5,000 total donation was presented to Cass County Food Pantry. Pictured for a "big check" presentation are food pantry volunteers and MEC's General Manager Alisha Anker and now retired Director Jodie Tate. From left: Penny Davidsmeier, Janet Teegarden, Alisha Anker, Jeff Pederson, Jodie Tate, Richard Krohe and Al Giacomini.



Central Illinois Veterans Commission (CIVC)

A \$15,000 total donation to be used towards construction of new tiny homes in Lincoln provided to veterans. Front row from left: Co-op Director Michael Patrick, General Manager Alisha Anker and CIVC Outreach and Engagement Coordinator Annie Coers. Behind them are several volunteers building a home, including Dave Harris, Joe Funk, Tom Cade, Spud Newhouse and Bill Albert.

Friends of Mason County Youth Shooting Sports

A \$10,000 total donation will be used towards infrastructure and equipment purchases for the new organization. Pictured: MEC Director Jay Frye and General Manager Alisha Anker; sport organization leaders Gabriel Baker, Randy and Keri Pequignot, Luke Cowin and Jessilyn White; and numerous youth participants.



Scholarship winners

This is the ninth year of our scholarship program. Eligible applicants included high school seniors whose parents/legal guardians are active members. Since one of our seven founding principles is Commitment to Community, these scholarships represent a small part of that commitment. As such, one of the criteria for the award is an emphasis on community involvement efforts the student has made or realized in their life.

Other criteria for the scholarship included an investment of time in school activities. The judging panel consisted of electric cooperative leaders from across the state who uphold the same values we do. Winners are shown at their school awards night with General Manager Alisha Anker.



\$1,500 At-Large
Luke Charlton
 Graduate of Midwest Central High School



\$2,000 4-year University
Nyah Gronewold
 Graduate of Lutheran High School



\$1,500 2-year Community College
Bryson Stickler
 Graduate of Pleasant Plains High School

Luke was also awarded a \$3,000 Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship, facilitated by Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives.

One scholarship applicant is chosen as our ambassador on the Youth to Washington Trip.



Isabella Smith, a graduate of A-C Central High School, was this year's winner of the all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. More details about her trip this summer will be in a future issue.



Youth to Washington Ambassador
Isabella Smith
 Graduate of A-C Central High School

Alert: 2027 Graduates

Members who will have a high school senior next fall should keep an eye out for applications to be available in January next year. They can be found at www.menard.com/scholarships and in local school guidance counselor materials.

Board highlights

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

March 24, 2026

- All Directors present except Rex Muir & Jodine Tate; also present General Manager & Attorney.
- Approved revision to large power rates 30 & 31 to ensure costs incurred for a member's use of a dedicated substation be borne by such member.
- Completed annual review of Conflict of Interest Policy; disclosure forms submitted.
- Reviewed February monthly & YTD financial trends. Operating margins \$1,244,754 compared to \$1,563,630 last year; equity at 42.66%; 12-mo TIER 2.54 & DSC 1.92.
- Reviewed operations report: 26 incidents; longest duration of outage 238 minutes due to auto accident & largest # affected by single outage was 219 for 30 min. due to bad insulator.
- Reviewed status of the 2026-29 Work Plan.
- Reviewed Order issued by Illinois Commerce Commission approving a Service Area Agreement between Ameren & MEC.
- Vote cast regarding CoBank bylaw amendments.
- Selected awards for Sharing Success Applicants.
- Selected PPI Ann Mtg delegate Director Gary Martin & secondary delegate General Manager Alisha Anker; Designated Martin as Director & Steve Worner as Alternate Director to PPI.
- Next mtg 4/30/26 at 6:00 p.m.

April 30, 2026

- All Directors present; also General Manager & Director of Accounting & Finance; attorney & auditor by phone.
- Approved audit report as presented by Auditor Kevin Kelso of Kelso Lynch, P.C., P.A.; Kelso then exited mtg.
- Authorized staff to seek quotes from auditing services as Kelso Lynch nears end of 2yr engagement. Dir of Accounting & Finance exited mtg.
- Reviewed March monthly & YTD financial trends. Operating margins \$1,225,359 compared to \$1,332,962 last year; equity at 42.57%; 12-mo TIER 2.65 & DSC 1.98.
- Updated status of 2026-29 work plan & loan approval.
- Reviewed operations report: 99 incidents; longest duration of outage 534 minutes affecting 1 member due to sheet metal from outbuilding blowing into line & largest # affected by single outage was 1,577 for 77 minutes due to broken transmission pole.
- Discussed MISO capacity auction clearing, Grid Resilience grant program, & education on battery tech/gas turbine generators.
- Discussed MEC participation in AIEC Lobby Day in Springfield & NRECA Legislative Conference in Washington, DC.
- Next mtg 5/26/26 @ 6:00 p.m.



Draft Payment

We can draft your payment from a credit card, debit card or bank account on the 10th, 17th or 24th of each month. See the back of your bill or visit www.menard.com/ways-to-pay to download the form.



ANNUAL MEETING COVERAGE

We hope you were able to join us for our Annual Meeting of Members June 17th!





Publication dates for this issue preceded the meeting date, and coverage of the event will be printed next month.

Stay in the know



with notifications

Sign up for notifications through our **Online Bill Pay Site** to keep close tabs on your account.

-  **Bill Creation:** Notification that your bill has been produced and mailed, the amount now due, and a link to view it.
-  **7-day Due Date Reminder:** Notification reminder sent a week before your bill is due.
-  **Payment Receipt:** Notification that we received your payment.
-  **Cutoff Notice:** Notification that payment was not received and a cutoff notice has been produced and mailed.

Our Online Bill Pay Site is easily accessible through our website at www.menard.com or our MyMEC App. To select any of these notifications, access the My Account drop-down menu, click on Notifications, then select your choices.

Please note that bills are produced, mailed and due at the same times each month. Notifications like these are a handy way to keep track of your account with us and avoid any surprises due to vacations/traveling, mail delivery delays, payment snafus or other changes that life sends your way.

