

# ALONG THE LINES



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**BUSINESS MEETING  
BEGINS AT 6:35PM!  
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FOR EASY REGISTRATION  
AND VOTING!**



## **BETTER** *Together* 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

**THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023 3:30-6:30 P.M.**

**MJM HEADQUARTERS • 18300 SHIPMAN RD, CARLINVILLE IL**

# 2023 AGENDA

3:30 PM

Registration opens for MJM Members. There will be three drive thru truck bays available for Members. **[Bring this booklet for easy registration!](#)**

3:30PM - 6:30 PM - Registration, Food, Music, Giveaways

Upon entering the truck bay, three booths will be set up. A registration, information, and food booth are placed to make this drive thru a quick and easy process. Entertainment will be provided by **Patty Ames (see page 18 for details)**! While waiting in line, MJM Members can tune into FM 89.5 to enjoy the music. Members may also view Facebook/YouTube Live during this time.

6:35 PM - Business Meeting

Registration will close at 6:30 p.m. sharp and we will begin the **business meeting**. If you would like to stay and participate in the meeting, let registration know and they will direct you where to park. If you would rather listen from your vehicle, MJM will continue to broadcast via FM 89.5 (only available near the MJM HQ) and Facebook/YouTube Live to announce the Annual Meeting prize winners, scholarship winners, and any Cooperative announcements. The live stream videos will be played back on MJM's website and social media pages if you are not able to catch it live. **Annual Meeting prize winners will be contacted by phone and do NOT need to be present to win.**

Attendance Bill Credits and Prizes!

Members registered in person at the Annual Meeting of Members on June 8th will receive a **MJM magnetic LED pen light**. Each registered membership will also receive a **\$15 credit** on their July 1st electric bill. A grand prize drawing of a **\$350 bill credit** will be awarded, and **twenty-three individual \$25 gift cards**.

FOOD: Bagged Pork Chop Supper

The Macoupin County Pork Producers will be grilling **pork chop sandwiches** on site for a fresh, delicious meal! Bagged meals will have prepackaged sides along with bottled water for an easy grab-n-go.

**Guests receiving meals MUST be present in the vehicle.**

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# SECRETARY'S REPORT

I, Marcie Tonsor, am the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of M.J.M. Electric Cooperative, Inc. I wish to report that the notice for the 84th Annual Meeting of the Members of the Cooperative was posted at the M.J.M. Headquarters office on May 15, 2023 as well as mailed to each Member of the Cooperative to their address on record. The Official Annual Meeting Notice can be found on page 12.

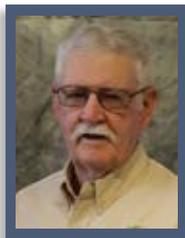
I, also, certify that on **April 25, 2023** the Elections and Credentials Committee met. The Election and Credentials Committee report was posted at the M.J.M. Headquarters office on **April 26, 2023** and is printed on page 12.

To satisfy the quorum requirements for our Annual Meeting, we are asking that Members participate this year by way of driving to the Annual Meeting site where Cooperative Staff and Board Members will greet you. **It is important that you bring your annual meeting booklet** with you to help speed up the registration process. In the annual meeting booklet, a ballot is provided for voting for the director election, approving the Annual Meeting Notice and 2022 Annual Meeting minutes. **If you have any old or new business, please notify the Cooperative by Friday, June 2nd.** A comment page is included on page 21 if you wish to submit it by mail. Otherwise, please call the office at 217-707-6156.

Note that the Cooperative's current Bylaws do not allow for mail-in ballots. In order for your vote to be counted it will need to be cast at the Annual Meeting using the drive-thru process no later than 6:30PM. Following the collection of the ballots, a continuation of the Annual Meeting will take place at 6:35PM. If you plan on staying for the short meeting which will be held in the truck bay, please let us know so we can save you a seat. Notification to MJM, however, is not required to attend. A pork-chop meal to-go will be provided for only those individuals participating in person. Prize and scholarship winners will be announced via Facebook and YouTube Live. Information will also be posted on MJM's website and social media by the next business day. Winners will also be contacted directly. Questions and/or comments for MJM will be answered subsequently. We hope you can join us!

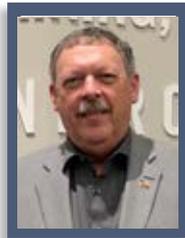


Sincerely,  
Marcie Tonsor, Secretary



**Kay Schultz**  
Board Chairman

## Board Chairman and President/CEO's Report



**Joe Heyen**  
President/CEO

Welcome to the 84th MJM Annual Members Meeting. Since our last Member meeting we have experienced many new challenges. In spite of continued economic pressures and material delivery issues, our Engineering and Operations departments have been as busy as ever handling Member work requests as well as completing system improvements.

MJM has also added to its Forestry crew. We are transitioning away from the cycle-based approach and moving towards a condition-based approach. With this improved method, we can do a better job of meeting our Members' needs in our Right-of-Ways (ROW) by using less contract labor and taking more direct control of the tree trimming process. Another advantage is that budget forecasting becomes more accurate, and we will be able to spread ROW trimming expenses across all twelve months without the varying peaks and valleys we typically experience when using contractors. When fully implemented, this program is projected to save MJM thousands of dollars a year in ROW expenses.

Maintaining our fleet remains a challenge as lead times on aerial trucks and digger derricks continue to be out as much as two years, and equipment prices have nearly doubled. As a result, we have upgraded our fleet maintenance program and we are keeping trucks and equipment a little longer than in past years.

MJM is also in the process of replacing the outdated automated meter reading (AMR) system. The system that MJM will be transitioning to is the result of over two years of research and evaluation by myself and my Engineering staff. The implementation will be spread over three years and is expected to be viable for 15 or more years.

As the CEO, I use several methods to ensure that we are making the best decisions possible to foster sound financial management of your Co-op. MJM's single largest expense, which we have the least amount of control over, is the cost of wholesale power. It is determined by Member energy consumption, which in turn is determined largely by the weather. The expense that we have a good degree of control over is

related to Operations. With a fair amount of effort, we have managed to keep our Operations expenses at a steady level with little change since 2018. MJM's Total Utility Plant Investments have consistently outpaced Long Term Debt. Equity has remained strong throughout the period. Our margins and Member Debt Service Coverage score will always fluctuate month-to-month with revenues and cash on hand, but these scores have remained within our preset ranges for several years. We ended 2022 with \$1,849,795 in margins compared to \$1,496,960 in 2021. MJM retired \$181,513 in capital credits for estates in 2022.

MJM has made progress on the new Fieldon substation. The property has been purchased and phase 1 environmental surveys are complete. The design work is at the 30% level, and we hope to get the site to grade with a road entrance and drainage work completed in 2023. The Butler substation was upgraded to current specifications in 2022 and the cost to complete this work came in at \$350,000. Which, due to economic conditions, was approximately \$50,000 over budget.

We inspected 2,087 poles in 2022 with 163 found to need replacement. Overall, we installed 459 new poles.

Our Board Chairman, Kay Schultz, and I are proud to announce that the Operation Roundup Program distributed \$54,400 to nonprofit organizations within the MJM service areas in 2022. Complete details are in your booklet. We are very impressed with the work this committee does and the time they are willing to contribute to this cause.

MJM's Board of Directors conducted a successful strategic planning session in 2022 and a board self-assessment session in March 2023. Your Board of Directors are always working and learning new and better ways to evaluate their performance as a Board and to help grow and improve MJM Electric.

In February of this year, we welcomed Todd Stewart as Director for District 8. Todd, his wife Erika and two children live on the family farm in the Nokomis area. We are glad to have Todd on the Board of Directors. Todd is filling the position left vacant by the passing of Denny Stewart who served as District 8 Director for 12 years.

When you consider all of the economic and environmental challenges that we have faced in the last three years, I believe that our cooperative business model is working as it should. MJM is providing its members with reliable service coupled with financial oversight and stewardship. The Directors, MJM Staff and employees are always working to support and improve your co-op and will continue to do so for many years to come.

*W. Kay Schultz, Board Chairman  
Joe Heyen, President/CEO*

# MJM Electric Cooperative, Inc

## Annual Meeting Minutes - June 10th, 2022



The Annual Meeting of Members of MJM Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held at the MJM Headquarters at 18300 Shipman Road, Carlinville, Illinois, on Friday, June 10, 2022.

Registration was from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The entertainment was provided by Patty Ames.

Chairman Kay Schultz welcomed MJM Electric Cooperative members, guests and friends to the 83rd Annual Meeting of Members.

Chairman Kay Schultz then welcomed visitors including Dan Phillips and Joe Garmon from Wabash Valley Power Alliance; Brooke Gross and Ambyr Crawford from Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives; Craig Sondgeroth General Counsel of AIEC, Members of Carlinville 4H, MJM Honorary Scholarship winner Cody Croxford's family and Senator Steve McClure

Chairman Kay Schultz then introduced Senator Steve McClure. Senator McClure addressed the membership.

Chairman Kay Schultz announced that a quorum was present and called to order the business session of the 2022 Annual Meeting of Members of MJM Electric Cooperative, Inc. pursuant to the Bylaws. A complete list of those registered in person and by proxy is attached to the official minutes of this meeting of the Cooperative.

Secretary William R. Heyen posted the Official Notice of the 2022 Annual Meeting of Members of MJM Electric Cooperative, Inc., as mailed to all members of the Cooperative, together with his affidavit of mailing of such notice to each member as required by the Bylaws.

The Minutes of the June 4, 2021 Annual Meeting of MJM Electric Cooperative, Inc. were approved as presented in the 2022 Annual Meeting Notice.

It was pointed out that the Treasurer Report by Robert E. Moore, Cooperative Treasurer, was contained in the 2022 Annual Meeting Notice.

CEO Joe Heyen addressed the membership in attendance regarding slides and explanation of same.

CEO Joe Heyen announced the MJM Scholarships recipients as Charlie Kessinger of Carlinville, Eli Ratcliff of Carlinville and Honorary Scholarship winner is Dane Rosentreter of Carlinville and Cody Croxford of Jerseyville.



Attorney Lee J. Plummer addressed the proposed Order of the Day and Rules of the Day. Attorney Plummer referred the members to the proposed agenda as found on page two of the Annual Meeting Notice and pointed out that this agenda is in compliance and verbatim with MJM Electric Cooperative's Bylaws. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Order of the Day being the proposed agenda on page two of the 2022 Annual Meeting Notice. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

Attorney Plummer then presented to the members for their consideration the following recommendations for the Rules of the Day, which were unanimously approved by the Cooperative's Board of Directors at their February 2022 meeting:

First, that not more than 25 minutes be allocated to discuss each motion that is addressed; second, that during the consideration of the motion, each speaker may speak for up to three minutes unless no one else wishes to speak and that the chair will attempt to recognize speakers with alternating viewpoints; third, that during the question and answer period, each person may speak up to two (2) minutes unless no one else wishes to speak; fourth, that Robert's Rules of Order will govern the conduct of the meeting; and fifth, that the Cooperative's Attorney, Lee J. Plummer, will serve as Parliamentarian for this meeting. A motion and second was made to adopt these recommendations as the Rules of the Day. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried.

The 2022 Election and Credentials Committee Report as contained in said Annual Meeting Notice, listed the following candidates for the Directors for a term of three years each or until their successors have been elected and qualified:

District 1- W. Kay Schultz, Godfrey, IL

District 6- Tyler Heyen, Litchfield, IL

District 9- Marcie Tonsor, Jerseyville, IL

Attorney Plummer then asked if there was a motion and second to elect by acclamation the candidates for districts 1, 6, and 9 as certified by the Election and Credentials Committee. There was then such a motion and second, which upon a voice vote carried, electing Directors as follows: W. Kay Schultz, Godfrey, Illinois – District 1, Tyler Heyen, Litchfield, Illinois – District 6, and Marcie Tonsor, Jerseyville, Illinois – District 9. A copy of the Election and Credentials Committee report is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

It was determined that there was no unfinished business or new business.

Chairman Kay Schultz discussed Operation Round Up.

There was a motion and a second to adjourn. Upon a vote, the motion carried, and the business session of the meeting was adjourned.

# OPERATIONS - MAJOR PROJECTS IN 2022

## ELECTRIC OPERATIONS PROJECTS 2022

### ***ROW (Right-of-Way) Maintenance:***

The price of right-of-way contracting continues to go up, year after year. In 2022, MJM decided that to help control costs, it was in our member's best interest to start a Right-of-Way (ROW) program. This year, the goal is to primarily use MJM employees versus paying a contractor year after year to help maintain a healthy ROW. In 2022, 171 miles of ROW line were sprayed to control vegetation on the Newburn and Nutwood Substations. This task was split between contractors and MJM employees. Going forward, MJM will complete all spraying.

### ***Pole Inspection and Replacement:***

Lee Inspection Service completed 2,087 pole inspections. They identified 163 poles that needed to be replaced due to poor condition. During the first three months of 2023, MJM successfully replaced 49 of them. The total number of poles that MJM put in the ground during 2022 was 459 as a result of line extensions, accidents, or the changing of bad poles.

### ***Work Plan Projects***

Four miles of overhead primary line was replaced and upgraded in 2022. In addition to pole replacements, we added four miles of underground primary and three quarters of a mile of overhead line for new services. In 2022, MJM also completed the Butler Substation project. Improvements include a new transformer, fence, and an upgrade of the structure. Land was purchased for the construction of the Fieldon substation.



# NEW EQUIPMENT

MJM took delivery of a 60ft. bucket truck and upgraded the Track Machine that is used off road to set poles and anchors.



**Matt Eisenmenger**  
Director of Operations

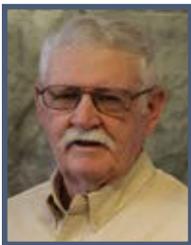
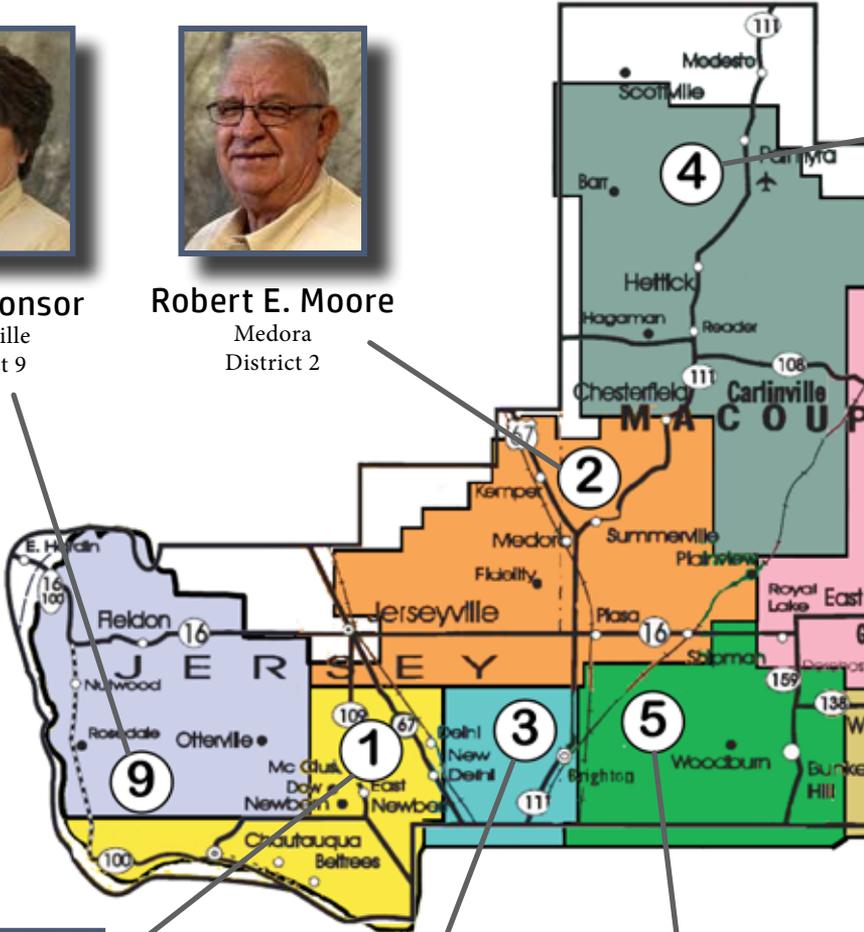
# YOUR NEIGHBORS SERVING AS YOUR COOPERATIVE'S DIRECTORS



**Marcie Tonsor**  
Jerseyville  
District 9



**Robert E. Moore**  
Medora  
District 2



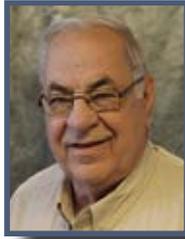
**W. Kay Schultz**  
Godfrey  
District 1



**Charles Huebener**  
Brighton  
District 3



**Dwayne Milner**  
Piasa  
District 5



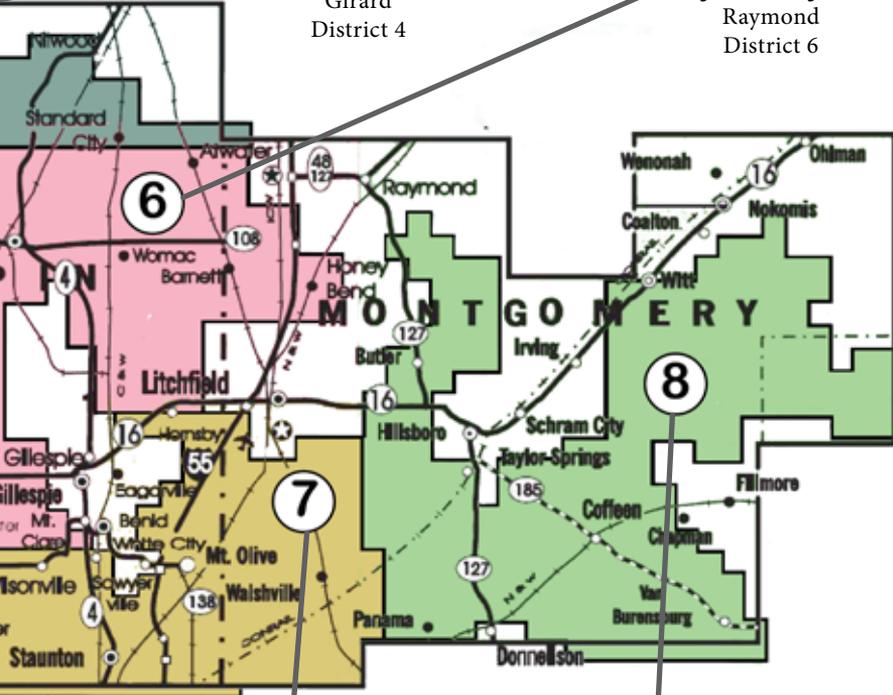
**Robert Lehmann**

Girard  
District 4



**Tyler Heyen**

Raymond  
District 6



**James Niemann**

Litchfield  
District 7



**Todd Stewart**

Nokomis  
District 8

# Election and Credentials Committee Report

CARLINVILLE, ILLINOIS – APRIL 25, 2023

The Elections and Credentials Committee, appointed by the Board on February 23, 2023, met pursuant to the bylaws on April 25, 2023. (Due to printing deadlines for this booklet, the names of the appointed Chairperson and Secretary are not included in this report.)

Being the Members of Election and Credentials Committee, we hereby certify the following named persons, as candidates for the position of Director from the respective named Districts of M.J.M. ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., for terms of three years each, or until their successors have been elected and qualified, beginning June 8, 2023.

Further, we state that we have examined the Petitions of the following named persons and found that said Petitions

are in compliance with the requirements of Article IV, Section 4.05 of the M.J.M. Bylaws and that they are qualified candidates for the respective positions. For Directors for a term of three years each, or until their successors have been elected and qualified:

**Robert Lehmann**

Girard, Illinois - District 4

**Amy Box**

Hettick, Illinois - District 4

**Dwayne Milner**

Piasa, Illinois - District 5

**James Niemann**

Litchfield, Illinois - District 7

## OFFICIAL MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the 84th Annual Meeting of the Members of M.J.M. Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held at the M.J.M. Electric headquarters, 18300 Shipman Road, Carlerville, IL, on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at **3:30 p.m.**, to act on the following:

1. The reports of officers, directors, and committees.
2. The election of one director from each of Districts Four, Five, and Seven for terms of three years each or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.
3. Any other business which may come before the meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

In connection with the election of directors, the following members have been nominated by the election and credentials committee, appointed pursuant to the bylaws:

For directors for a term of three years each or until their successors have been elected and qualified:

Robert Lehmann of Girard, IL - District 4  
Amy Box of Hettick, IL - District 4  
Dwayne Milner of Piasa, IL - District 5  
James Niemann of Litchfield, IL - District 7

You are urged to attend this Annual Meeting via a drive-thru process this year so that we can satisfy our legal quorum requirements, and to allow our Members to participate in the very important Annual Meeting process.

*Marcie Tonsor, Secretary*

# MEET THE BOARD CANDIDATES

## District 4 - Robert Lehmann



Robert Lehmann has served on the MJM Board of Directors for 35 years, he is proud to hold his NRECA's Director Gold Credential.

Lehmann lives in Girard and has been married to his wife Betty for 24 years. Together, they have two children, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Lehmann also has four step-children, nine step-grandchildren, and three step-great grandchildren. He says his house is always full of family.

Lehmann has served on the Girard School Board for 16 years and has had the title as a Commissioner for the South Otter Drainage District. He has also served on the Board for Wabash Valley Power Alliance and the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperative for 20 years. When Lehmann isn't farming or serving on various Boards, he enjoys woodworking in his shop.

Lehmann says, "Serving on the Board for MJM has been a very good experience. I feel good about what we have done and what we will continue to do. We try to keep quality people, employees, service, equipment and, most importantly, electricity."

## District 4 - Amy Box



Amy Box, of Hettick, has been an MJM Member of District 4 since 2015 and was a participant of MJM's Member Advocate Committee in 2018. She and her husband, Matt, are parents to three children who she also homeschools. Along with her husband, she manages their family owned heating and cooling business. Her prior work experience includes direct sales as well as being a litigation assistant. Amy cares deeply for the community and regularly participates in volunteer opportunities.

If awarded this opportunity to serve as the District 4 Board Director, she looks forward to learning more about the cooperative's business model as well as being a collective voice for MJM Members.

## District 5 - Dwayne Milner



Milner began his journey as Director of District 5 on June 4, 2021. Milner graduated from Southern Illinois University – Carbondale with his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics in 2006. He obtained a job as a Salesman for CHS out of Shipman and now manages the seed department. "I continue to be enthusiastic about meeting MJM's Members and learning how to best serve them," Milner says. He is hoping that his background will continue to add a diversity to the Board of Directors.

Milner is the proud dad of Abram, ten, Charlotte, eight, Cole, five, Josh, three, and Sadie who is 18 months old. He is married to his wife Catherine. Milner enjoys duck hunting and raising market lambs to sell for kids to show across the country.

## District 7 - James Niemann



James has served on the MJM Board for 24 years and has a Director Gold Credential through the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association. He also serves as a Director on the Annual Meeting Committee for the Association of Illinois Cooperatives, Chairman of the Midstate Antique Collectors Club, and is a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Litchfield. James and his wife Della live in Litchfield and have three children, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

James works with his son Jay on the Niemann Family Farm, and as a hobby, he likes to collect antique Allis Chalmers tractors, combines, and equipment.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

I, Robert E. Moore, am the duly elected, qualified, and acting Treasurer of M.J.M. Electric Cooperative, Inc. The financial statements in the annual report are based upon a complete and independent audit of the Cooperative's books and records for year ending December 31, 2022 and was performed by Kelso Lynch, P.C., P.A. and completed in April of 2023.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Cooperative's financial statements are free of material misstatement, the auditors examine records relating to the receipt of loan funds and the construction and acquisition of property, plant, and equipment. During the year, MJM received \$3,490,000 in long-term advances from the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) on loans controlled by MJM's banker, the CFC Mortgage and Loan Agreement and were able to make long term debt payments of \$1,410,703. Plant additions totaled \$4,123,534.

MJM had strong positive margins for the year ending 2022 and was able to meet the Debt Service Coverage ratio required by its lender, CFC. As a not-for-profit, any margins, or revenues remaining after all expenses have been paid, are returned to Members in proportion to their usage of the co-op's services through capital credit allocations and retirements. In 2022, MJM's Board elected to begin retiring capital credits of estates – dating back to 1983. In doing this, they elected not to have a general capital credit retirement.

2022 margins will be allocated back to the Members in the form of capital credits on Members' July 1, 2023 bill and appear as equity on the Balance Sheet. Equity is used to help meet the expenses of the co-op, such as paying for new equipment to serve Members and repaying debt. Capital credits represent each Member's share of the cooperative's margins and ownership of the co-op. Capital credits help by reducing the amount of funds that must be borrowed.

A summary of the financials is found on page 15 - 17 of this annual meeting booklet. Further explanation of the financials is discussed in the Board Chairman and President/CEO's report found on pages 4 & 5. A copy of the audit report is available for your inspection at the MJM office.



*Sincerely,*  
*Robert E. Moore, Treasurer*

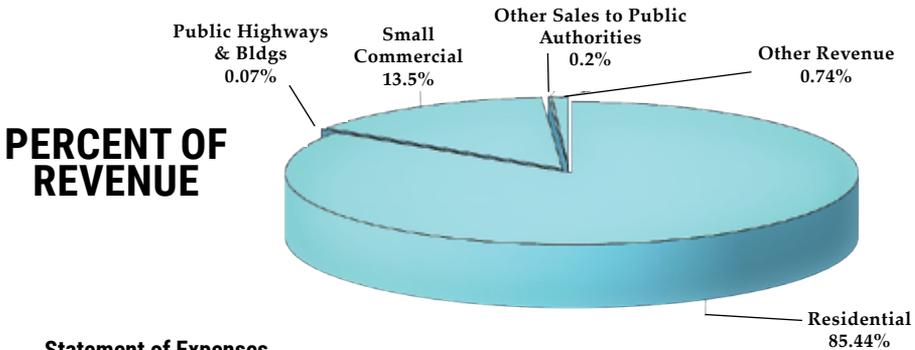
# INCOME AND EXPENSES

2021

2022

## Statement of Income

Residential	\$17,284,307	\$18,422,478
Public Highways and Buildings	\$13,625	\$13,071
Small Commercial	\$2,738,291	\$3,158,797
Other Sales to Public Authorities	\$44,787	\$44,895
Other Revenue	\$149,511	\$199,031
<b>Total Electric and Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$20,230,521</b>	<b>\$21,838,272</b>



## Statement of Expenses

Cost of Power	\$11,130,712	\$12,353,133
Administrative and General	\$1,201,634	\$1,253,451
Operations and Maintenance	\$3,104,298	\$3,124,401
Transmission Expense	\$91,020	\$80,816
Consumer Accounting, Collecting	\$245,521	\$286,221
Interest on Debt	\$1,172,959	\$1,217,345
Taxes	\$37,605	\$53,883
Member Service and Information	\$189,024	\$143,244
Depreciation of Plant	\$1,966,184	\$2,044,416
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$19,139,301</b>	<b>\$20,556,910</b>

## EXPENSE PER DOLLAR:

58 1/4 cents = Cost of Power

16 1/4 cents = Op. & Maint.

10 1/4 cents = Plant Depreciation

6 1/4 cents = Admin. & General

6 cents = Interest on Debt

1 1/4 cents = Cons Acct./Collect

1 cent = Member Service & Info

1/2 cent = Transmission

1/4 cent = Taxes

# MARGINS

	2021	2022
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$20,230,521</b>	<b>\$21,838,272</b>
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$19,139,301</b>	<b>\$20,556,910</b>
Net Margins	\$1,091,220	\$1,281,362
Non-Operating Margins	(26,960)	\$191,037
Capital Credits from G&T and Others	432,700	\$377,396
<b>Total Margins</b>	<b>\$1,496,960</b>	<b>\$1,849,795</b>

# COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

December	2021	2022
<b>What we own</b>		
The total cost of our system	\$68,578,133	\$72,701,668
We estimate it has depreciated	(20,227,846)	(21,925,958)
Which leaves a net value of	48,350,287	50,775,710
We have cash in the bank amounting to	37,546	250,274
Members owe us (current billing)	1,387,577	1,922,595
Our stock of materials and supplies is worth	641,815	950,579
We have made prepayments of	316,112	177,745
We also have a regulatory asset of	460,722	305,469
Interest earned	4,678	5,953
And investments in associated organizations	7,702,228	7,950,973
Investments of economic development	905,947	556,127
<b>Making our total assets</b>	<b>\$59,806,912</b>	<b>\$62,895,425</b>
<b>What we owe</b>		
We owe our lenders for long term debt	26,364,748	28,094,225
We owe for short term debt	2,013,345	1,512,675
We have an obligation for taxes, interest, etc.	438,203	424,037
Memberships and consumer deposits	1,202,743	1,199,186
Members' capital credits	26,073,340	27,390,567
Other deferred credits and misc. liabilities	564,428	648,332
Margins and other equities	3,150,105	3,626,403
<b>Making our total equities and liabilities</b>	<b>\$59,806,912</b>	<b>\$62,895,425</b>

# FIVE - YEAR OPERATING STATISTICS

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Average Number of Meters Billed (all rates)	9,513	9,465	9,409	9,386	9,396
New Services Connected	58	88	89	77	89
Services Retired	33	57	70	55	62
Total Services in Place	10,477	10,452	10,421	10,397	10,382
Idle Services	970	960	984	1,019	978
Total Miles of Line Energized	2,116	2,114	2,116	2,117	2,117
Total kWh Purchased	147,438,756	142,124,291	137,812,646	144,288,677	147,358,744
Total kWh Sold and used by MJM	139,722,275	134,336,309	129,640,269	134,905,214	137,284,658
Percent of Line Loss	5.76%	5.48%	5.93%	6.503%	6.84%
<b>Farm and Residential Rate:</b>					
Average Monthly kWh Usage	1,057	1,035	1,016	1,028	1,055
Average Bill per Member per Month	\$166.65	\$151.59	\$154.91	\$158.05	\$162.83
Average Members per Mile	4.49	4.47	4.45	4.43	4.44
<b>Capital Credits Refunded Cumulative To Date</b>	<b>\$5,175,952</b>	<b>\$4,994,439</b>	<b>\$4,367,869</b>	<b>\$3,708,705</b>	<b>\$3,255,283</b>

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# 2022 OPERATION ROUND UP REPORT

2022 was a great year for Operation Round Up! Over \$54,400 was given to local non-for-profit organizations in Macoupin (11), Jersey (8), and Montgomery (3) counties:

Zion Lutheran School (Litchfield) - \$5,000, Jersey County Historical Society - \$2,500, The Restore Network - \$2,000, Crime Stoppers - \$2,000, Darts For Kids - \$5,000, Federated Church of Carlinville - \$2,500, Macoupin County Historical Society - \$2,200, Southside Church (Litchfield) - \$2,500, First Baptist Church of Jerseyville - \$3,000, The Macoupin Art Collective - \$5,000, JCH Foundation - Ambulance Association - \$4,100, MacGomery Christian Camp - \$2,500, TreeHouse Wildlife Center - \$5,000, Jersey County Arts Council - \$1,200, Christmas in Carlinville - \$3,000, & Staunton IL Baseball & Softball League - \$5,000.



## MJM WELCOMES BACK PATTY AMES!

Patty has been performing music and writing since the age of 21 when she wrote her first song entitled "As One". Her first album was recorded in 2005 at a local studio in Crawfordsville, Indiana. The album is an original gospel album titled "Where to next Lord." Patty's hope is that her music can really touch people's hearts.

In addition to being a musician, Patty is a proud mother of a 28 year old son, a 20 year old step-daughter, and wife to a wonderful husband. Her family have all been very supportive with her music ministry.

Along with her own original songs, Patty plays a wide variety of cover songs; from Patsy Cline, Pat Benetar, country music, classic rock music, modern music, or gospel, Patty can cover it all.

You can follow Patty and catch her music livestreams at: [www.pattyames.com](http://www.pattyames.com)



**TUNE TO:**

**89.5 FM**

when you get to MJM on June 10th to listen live.

# A Safe, Happy House

Four Easy Ways to Boost Electrical Safety at Home

**DON'T**

place flammable items, like potholders, napkins or dish towels near the stove while cooking.



**DO**

keep electrical devices away from water to prevent electric shock.



**DO**

ensure you're using the correct wattage in all light fixtures.

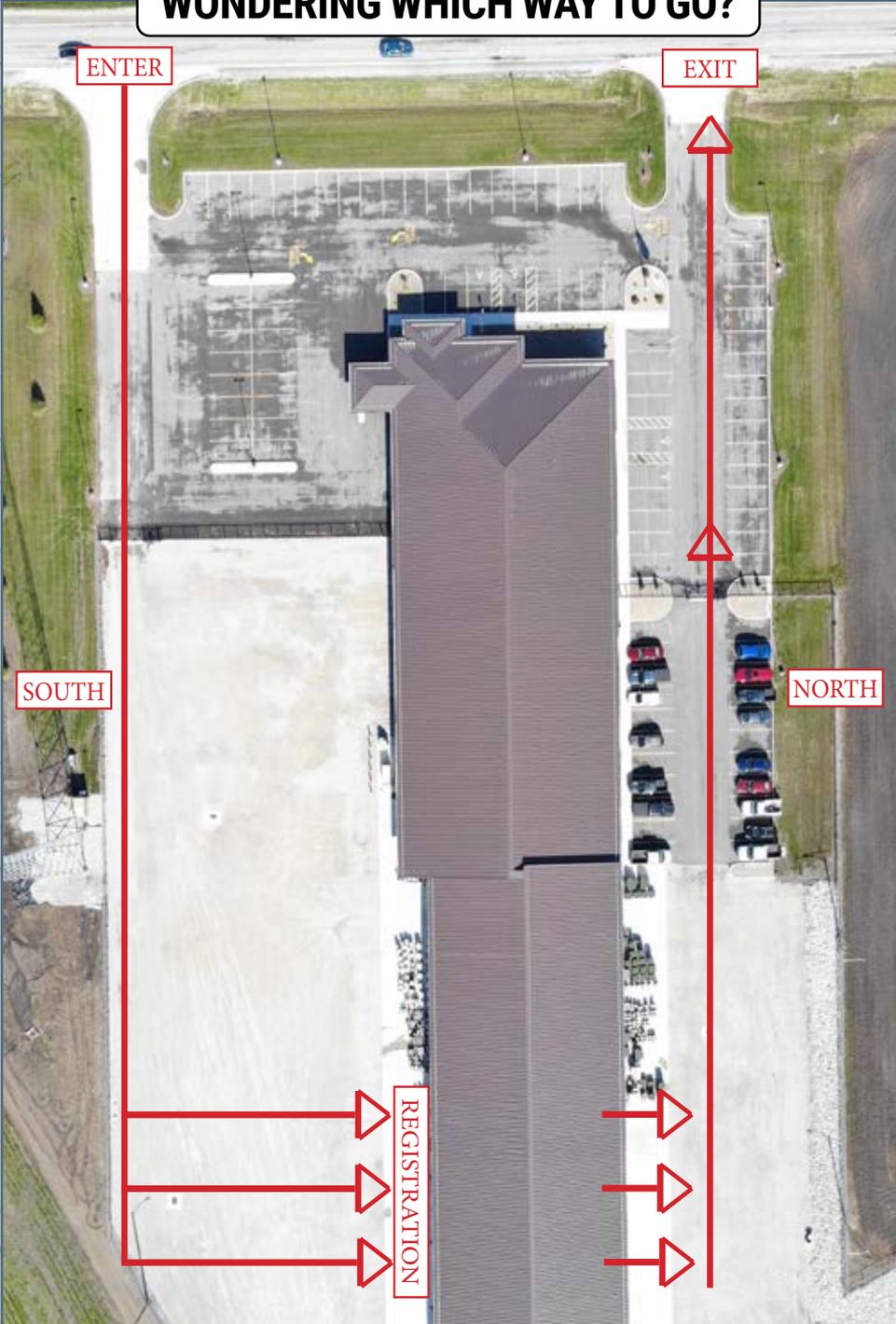


**DON'T**

overload electrical outlets with more devices than the circuit can handle.

**May is National Electrical Safety Month.**

# WONDERING WHICH WAY TO GO?



Follow the map for an easy drive thru experience!

# MJM COMMENT AND FEEDBACK FORM

If you have any old or new business, please notify the Cooperative by **Friday, June 2nd**. We value your opinion and want to take time to address any questions or concerns that you may have.

To leave a comment and provide feedback, please fill out the form below and turn it into the registration table on June 8th or mail to MJM Electric, P.O. Box 80, Carlinville, IL, 62626.



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Account Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you wish to be contacted? YES or NO.**

**If so, please provide a contact number:**

**Call Back Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Use the space below to write out your comments, feedback, and/or questions:**

# MEMBER TRADING POST

**FOR SALE:** 6yr old GE washing machine, like new \$125 call 217-854-8784

**FOR SALE:** 2023 Orion brand, Aluminum Deer Hunting Blind. \$3,599. Call: 618-772-8999

**FOR SALE:** Used Lumber and Corrugated Metal Roofing. Call 618-781-6926.

**WANTING TO BUY:** Halloween and Christmas blow molds, with or without light kits: Santa's sled, reindeer, spooky house, etc. Call or Text: 618-402-4420

**FOR SALE:** 5 ½ ft. Kohler Clawfoot Cast Iron Bathtub, in good condition Call: 618-372-8725

WE WILL NEVER FORGET.

*We salute you.  
We thank you.*

Let us remember those who  
courageously gave their lives.

**MEMORIAL DAY 2023**

# MJM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Each voting Membership in attendance will receive a \$15 bill credit, a gift, and entry into the drawing for MJM's prizes.

Drive thru registration lanes will open June 8th, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. and registration will close at 6:30 p.m. Voting will conclude at the end of the annual meeting.

Enter MJM's drive through parking lot and register at the welcome table.

**\*\*\*Turn this voting ballot in at that time\*\*\***

## APPROVAL BALLOT

Please fill in the appropriate oval to cast your vote for the 2023 Annual Meeting notice and 2022's Annual Meeting Minutes.

I approve the MJM 2023 Annual Meeting Notice.  YES  NO

I approve the Minutes of the 2022 MJM Annual Meeting.  YES  NO

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR BALLOT

Please vote for a Board Director in each district by filling in the oval.

### District #4

- Robert Lehmann
- Amy Box

### District #5

- Dwayne Milner

### District #7

- James Niemann

## ONLY USE THIS PROXY IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, the undersigned member of M.J.M. Electric Cooperative, Inc., do constitute and hereby appoint:

\_\_\_\_\_ my lawful attorney and proxy to vote in my place and stead at the annual meeting of members of the M.J.M. Electric Cooperative, Inc., to be held at the MJM Headquarters, Carlinville, Illinois, on June 8th, 2023, and at any and all adjournments of said meeting, and I hereby ratify and confirm my proxy's vote in my stead on all matters properly brought before said meeting, including the election of directors.

Witness my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of member giving proxy

**NOTE: A member attending the meeting in person can vote no more than one (1) proxy.**

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## MAY CALENDAR

May 8th: Mother's Day  
May 21st: Armed Forces Day  
May 29th: Office Closed - Memorial Day

## UPCOMING

June 8th: MJM's 84th Annual Meeting  
June 14th: Flag Day  
June 18th: Father's Day

### Holidays observed:

New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, day following Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

**BRING THIS BOOKLET WITH YOU FOR  
EASY REGISTRATION AND VOTING!**