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Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Closed Tuesday and Thursday

Thankful for Our Members



CHAD CARRICK

AS WE GATHER WITH OUR family and friends this holiday season, we at REA Energy Cooperative are thankful for you, our members.

The holiday season reminds us that being an electric cooperative is not just about providing power; it is about people. Unlike other utilities, we are owned by our members, and as a member-owned cooperative, each and every decision is made from our commitment to serving you and your communities.

We know that many families in our area and beyond face financial challenges as the cost of living increases, putting a strain on household budgets. It is why we take our responsibility of providing reliable power and keeping costs as low as possible so seriously.

At REA Energy, this commitment to our members means that we continually look for ways to improve efficiency, manage the costs that we can control, and make long-term investments in our system to ensure that you receive safe and reliable power. This commitment embodies the cooperative principle, "concern for community."

Most of all, we never lose sight of why we do this work. Every line that our lineworkers maintain, every outage that is restored, and every investment into our system revolves around our members. We want our members to count on us for the energy we provide, and we work hard to earn that trust.

As we celebrate the holidays, on behalf of the board, management, and employees of REA Energy Cooperative, I want to thank you for your continued trust and membership. You are what makes the cooperative possible, and your support inspires us to serve you with dedication and integrity every day.

We wish you and your family a safe, blessed and happy holiday season.

CHAD CARRICK, MBA, CFPC
PRESIDENT & CEO



Annual Meeting Wrap-Up

KAYLA KING, CCC, MARKETING & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

REA ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC. (REA) held its 89th annual meeting on Thursday, Sept. 22, online. There were 393 members in attendance at the virtual meeting.

The Credentials & Elections Committee who witnessed the annual meeting were: Chairperson Paula Hencel, Robert Fairman, John Shrift, Dennis Gillespie, R. Michael Keith, John "Tom" Brady, Virginia Farabaugh and Shelby Miller.

Election results

This year, Districts 7, 8 and 9 were up for regular elections. In District 7, incumbent Anthony Enciso ran unopposed and was re-elected. In District 9, incumbent Sandra Dill ran unopposed and was re-elected. According to REA Energy bylaws, when only one candidate has been nominated and qualified in a district, the member-signed nominating petition will serve as a written ballot and no election is necessary.

District 8 was a contested race this year. Incumbent Wayne Farabaugh ran against Ronald Smith. Cooperative Attorney Tim Leventry announced during the annual meeting that Farabaugh received the majority of the votes.

Cooperative updates

Board Chairman Michael Bertolino and President & CEO Chad Carrick held a town hall-type presentation for their reports about the cooperative. Communications & Marketing Manager Stacy Hilliard moderated.

Carrick discussed some of of our members' most frequently asked questions. A popular one is about the broadband roll-out through REA's subsidiary, In The Stix Broadband. Upon completion, the REA Energy fiber-ring build will have more than 1,000 miles of connectable fiber, giving members in Indiana and Cambria counties an option for high-speed internet.

"The main idea of why we built fiber was, first and foremost, to get ready for the demands of the electric grid and to build for the future," Carrick told members. "What we are building will be something that will be able to take on broadband and energy capacity demands — not just now, but decades into the future."

Carrick also answered questions about generation and transmission rate increases over the last several years.

"We have held our costs in relationship with the generation and transmission costs very well," he said. "We have done a good job of making sure that we keep our costs as inexpensive as possible. You cannot get more local of a utility than REA Energy, and we have one of the lowest per-kilowatt rates in Pennsylvania."

Carrick also mentioned that inflation is affecting costs to build and maintain the grid.

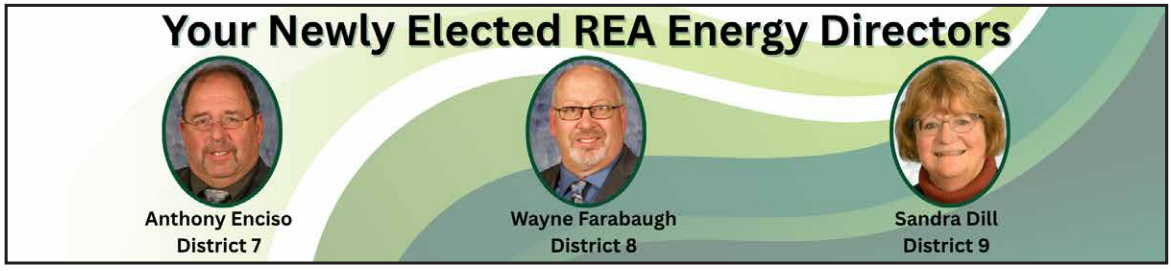
When asked about the qualities of a good director, Board Chairman Michael Bertolino said, "Today, the cooperative needs directors who are willing to learn, adapt and think about the long-term future for the cooperative. Looking ahead, I think the cooperative will need directors who can embrace change while staying true to our cooperative values."

Carrick's final topic was about the potential impact that data centers might have on the cooperative.

"Our first and foremost priority will be providing electricity as safely, reliably, and cost-effectively as possible," he said. "We ask our members to pay attention to matters pertaining to data centers and know that our tried-and-true traditions and precedents will remain intact to ensure reliability and affordability remain at the forefront of every decision we make."

Other business

Immediately after the business meeting, the board held a reorganization meeting and elected officers for 2026-2027. They are Bertolino, chairman; Farabaugh, vice chairman; and Robert Neese, secretary/treasurer. Farabaugh was elected to represent the cooperative on the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association (PREA) Board for a two-year term, and Neese will serve as the alternate PREA director.



REA ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

District 1 Tom Beresnyak
District 2 Rick Shope
District 3 Michael Bertolino
District 4 Thomas Aurandt
District 5 Robert Neese
District 6 John Learn
District 7 Anthony Enciso
District 8 Wayne Farabaugh
District 9 Sandra Dill

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Yes! I am interested in participating in REA Energy's 2027 Youth Tour. Please send me an application and information packet.
Return this slip by Jan. 8, 2027.

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Address: _____

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High School: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

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REA Account Number: _____

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MAKE YOUR MARK!

OFFICE CLOSINGS

REA Energy Cooperative offices will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day, and Thursday, Nov. 26, in observance of Thanksgiving.
Call 844-920-3395 to report any power outages.
Payments can be placed in the drop boxes at our Indiana or Ebensburg offices by calling our payment system at 844-920-3395, or online via SmartHub.





Right-of-Way Management/Facility Construction News

REA Energy Coopertive contractors will be completing tree-trimming work in the following areas in November:

Contractor crews from Penn Line Tree Service will be trimming the rights of way in the Locust substation area, in addition to emergency maintenance areas.

Affected members will be notified. Contractors will perform all right-of-way work per REA Energy specifications. All contractor employees will carry identification cards and their vehicles will display their company name.

If you have any questions, call 724-349-4800 or view the specifications at reaenergy.com.

Your Board of Directors



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Vice Chairman
District 8

Robert P. Neese
Secretary/Treasurer
District 5

Sandra Dill
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District 1

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District 4

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District 6

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District 2

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