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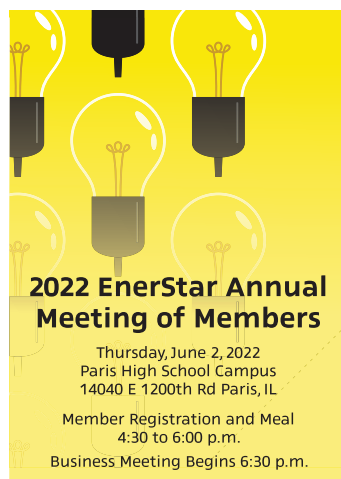
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A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

11597 Illinois Highway 1
Paris, IL 61944
800-635-4145
Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

More than just a meeting

Vote, socialize, eat and more when you attend your annual meeting

Cooperatives operate according to the same set of core principles and values. There are seven of them. Principle #2 is "Democratic Member Control." Cooperatives are controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. The co-op board of directors are elected among the membership and are accountable to them. Members have equal voting rights – one member, one vote.

After a two-year hiatus due to COVID restrictions, the EnerStar employees and directors are excited to have the opportunity to hold the annual meeting of members.

The official notice of the meeting was mailed to all active members in late April. Members may vote for the co-op directors by mail or bring their ballot to the meeting. At the meeting, members will vote on proposed bylaws.

While traditionally held in the month of March, this year's annual meeting will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at the Paris High School complex.

While voting is important, it isn't the only reason to attend your co-op's annual meeting. Here are many more reasons to attend:

★ **Socialize!** Catch up with neighbors, family, and friends you don't normally see.

★ **Food!** We are doing things a bit differently this year. We know many of you love the pancakes and sausage breakfast of year's past, but this year we will be serving a wonderful meal catered by Front Street Market (Hume). The meal will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the PHS cafeteria.

★ **Information!** Explore programs offered from your electric co-op that will help you and your family.

★ **Win prizes!** Register and stay for the meeting and you could win a fabulous door prize or even bill credits!

★ **Learn!** You're never too old to learn new things. We will talk about the national and state energy plans as well as what is going on a local level at the co-op.

★ **Meet!** Come on by and say hi to the employees who make your electric co-op run. Put a face with a name or meet the directors that represent the district you live in.

★ **Hear!** Find out what EnerStar will be doing in the next year to provide safe, reliable power to your home and business.

★ **Ask!** Ask questions. Now is your chance to do that.

Being a member of an electric co-op allows you to take part in your co-op's annual meeting which is one of the cooperative differences. So, make plans to attend this year's annual meeting. You'll be glad you did!

2022 Director Candidate Profiles

The biographical information (up to 250 words) for these candidates has been provided by the candidates who are solely responsible for the content.

Granville Colvin

Paris, Representative District 3



Granville was born and raised in Edgar County and is a 1996 graduate of Paris High School. He went on to attend Eastern Illinois University and graduated in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in speech communications with a concentration in interpersonal, organizational, and public relations and a minor in business.

In 2013 Granville started his career with Edward Jones and is currently a financial advisor.

Granville is passionate about "giving back" to the community you work and live in. He has been a member of the Edgar County Shrine Club for 22 years. In 2020 he served as president. Granville also served as president for the Charleston Rotary Club (2019) and is currently still a board member.

Granville also serves as a mentor for local youth programs. He is a volunteer for the PERK program where he serves as a mentor for the Kansas School District. He also works with a Mattoon High School Senior in the Coles County CLASS E program.

Granville currently resides in Paris with his wife Danielle and their two children, Brinkley & Mack. Danielle is a physical therapist at Horizon Health in Paris. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, cooking for charity events and spending time with his family.

Jeff Murphy

Marshall, Representative District 6



Hello, my name is Jeff Murphy and I would consider it a privilege to serve as your representative on Enerstar Electric Board. I have been a native of Clark County all my life. My wife Amy and I have three kids and five wonderful grandkids. I am a business owner with a farm background. I feel we are very fortunate to have a member owned co-op such as Enerstar Electric. Co-ops are unique in

that the members are vested in the company. I believe that rural co-ops will be faced with many challenges in the future such as fewer members, increased cost of whole sale power, how to implement new power supplies such as solar, wind, and other renewable energy sources into our distribution system in a fair and equitable manner for all members. Regulation is always a concern and we must make sure our voice is heard statewide and on the federal level. I look forward to working with our membership.

Greg Robinson

Marshall, Representative District 8



Greg Robinson grew up on a swine and grain farm south of Marshall, Illinois. He is a graduate of Marshall High School, received a B.S. in mechanical engineering from Southern Illinois

University-Carbondale in 2000 and Professional Civil Engineering licensure in 2010.

Greg has been employed with the Illinois Department of Transportation for 20 years and has held job titles ranging from bridge inspector to resident engineer to his current position as a supervising construction field engineer. In addition to his career at IDOT, Greg operates a small corn and soybean farm as well as a contract hog finishing business with the gracious assistance of numerous friends and neighbors.

Greg has been heavily involved in the Clark County 4-H program since 1985 as a member and currently as a leader of the Triple-T 4-H club. He has been a member of the Clark County Pork Producers for over 20 years and has been an active member of the Illinois Farm Bureau.

WHY: I am seeking a board position with Enerstar to serve as a representative voice for my fellow coop members while pursuing the continuous goal of implementing the cooperative principles.

CHALLENGES: The inevitability of increasing operating costs associated with the recent unattainable goal brought forth by the federal government and followed blindly by Illinois' legislators of eliminating all carbon emitting (primarily coal and natural gas) will bring unprecedented challenges to the power generation and distribution industry both fiscally and logistically.

Annual Meeting News

Thursday, June 2, 2022 ✨ Paris High School Complex



**New date.
New location.
New dining
experience.**

This year's meeting will be held at the Paris High School complex. An evening meal, catered by Front Street Market, will be served in the school's cafeteria from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The meeting will commence at 6:30 in school's 500-seat theater, the Paris Center of Fine Arts. There will be ample signage and parking to direct members at the new location.

Director Elections

Member-owners of the cooperative vote to decide who serves on the cooperative board of directors. A co-op director is a fellow member just like you. He or she represents your district and is your voice in the cooperative.

The official notice of the meeting was mailed to all active members in late April. Included in the mailing is the proper ballot for your district, annual meeting news and proposed bylaw changes that will be voted on at the meeting.

Completed ballots should be placed and sealed in the ballot return envelope. Ballots can be returned one of two ways:

1. Mailed or hand-delivered to the EnerStar office and must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 2022. Ballots received in the mail or in the office after that date will be null and void.
2. Or, ballots may be brought to the Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at the Paris High School Complex

EnerStar's Annual Meeting of Members is just around the corner!

LIGHTING THE WAY

EnerStar Electric Cooperative
2022 Annual Meeting of Members
Thursday, June 2, 2022
Paris High School | 14040 E. 1200th Rd. Paris, IL

This is a new date and venue for the cooperative annual meeting.

4:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Join us for an evening meal served in high school's cafeteria prepared by Front Street Market from Hume, Illinois.

6:30 pm
The member business meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Paris Center of Fine Arts.

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**Mark your calendars to attend on
Thursday, June 2, 2022!**

Proposed Bylaw Considerations

This year, the official notice includes proposed bylaw changes that will be voted upon by the membership at the annual meeting.

Got Questions?

If you have any questions regarding your membership or the annual meeting, please contact the EnerStar office at 800-635-4145 during normal business hours. We look forward to seeing everyone at this year's annual meeting!

Years of Service Recognized

We have some really GREAT employees!

EnerStar is fortunate to have employees with many years of experience. At the Annual Meeting of Members, Julie Wineinger, EnerStar accountant, will be recognized for 10 years of service. **Thanks Julie!**



Dedicated Directors Serve the Membership

*Three directors will be recognized for their years of service.
Thank you for your dedication to the co-op!*



Jeremy Williams,
Martinsville, 5 years



Kevin Julian,
Metcalf, 10 years



Jeff Zimmerman,
Oakland, 10 years

Special Thank you – Dale English

The cooperative would like to express our appreciation to retiring EnerStar director Dale English, Paris. Dale has served on the co-op board since 2004, as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer for several years. Dale has earned the trifecta of board certification from our national organization – the Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate, the Gold Director certificate, and the Board Leadership Certificate. THAT is dedication and we are deeply grateful for your years of service to our cooperative!

