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Greg Hollingsworth Returns to EnerStar


Paris native Greg Hollingsworth has rejoined the EnerStar team. He will be replacing System Engineer Tim Haddix, who will retire in January. Haddix will spend the next few months training Greg in his new position.

Hollingsworth began his career at EnerStar in 1988, working through the apprentice program to earn his Journeyman Lineman certificate. He was employed at the co-op until 2008.

At that time, he began his employment at another electric cooperative, WinEnergy, and worked out of their Sullivan, Indiana office. During that time, he served as a Line Superintendent.

Welcome home, Greg! We are so happy to have you back!



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After two-year hiatus, EnerStar Electric able to hold Annual Meeting of Members

Members of EnerStar Electric Cooperative gathered for their co-op's annual meeting on Thursday, June 2 at the Paris High School Complex. A complimentary dinner was catered by Front Street Market, followed by the business meeting held in the Paris Center of Fine Arts, where the membership heard updates on the state of their cooperative.

Although he's been EnerStar's CEO since 2020, Brent Reyher addressed the co-op's member-owners for the first time, because the last two annual meetings were cancelled due to COVID-19. He discussed the cooperative business model, the power supply, industry challenges, rates and more.

"Over half of every dollar received from a member is dedicated to power supply and transmission costs," Reyher stated, adding that a Cost-of-Service Study (COSS) is underway. "Your co-op board utilizes the results of the COSS as a key resource to determine if/when rate adjustments are necessary."

Currently, Reyher's key objectives include retaining and attracting a talented workforce, service reliability improvement, community development, and continuing to be a trusted energy advisor.

Dale English, assistant secretary-treasurer of EnerStar Electric's board of directors, presented the co-op's 2021 financial statement, saying that the co-op is in good financial standing. The co-op's total revenue in 2021 added up to about \$12.9 million with \$11.9 million in expenses. The co-op's total assets were just more than \$41 million.

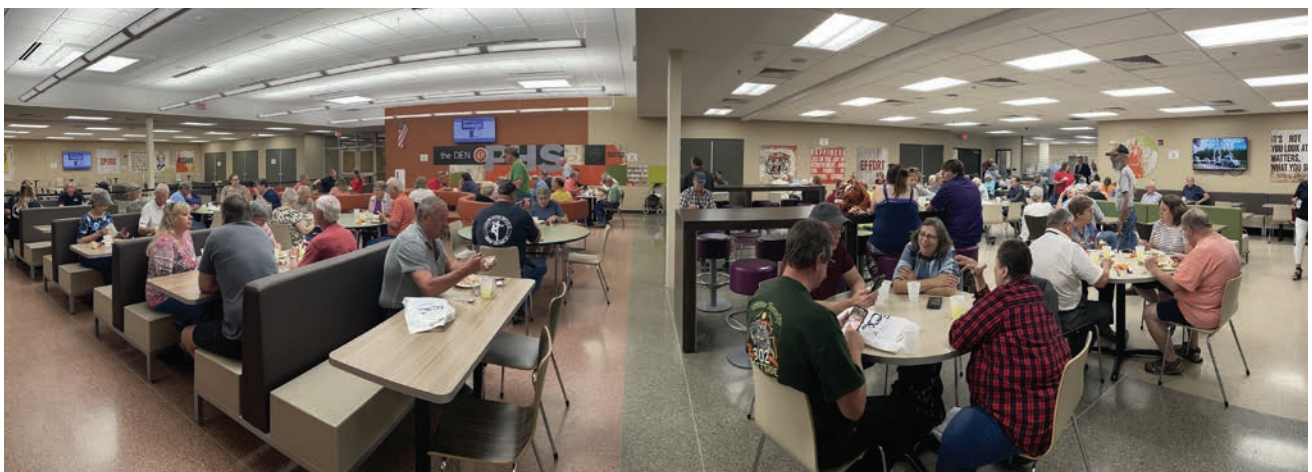
"Most of our assets are invested in our physical plant ...

poles, wires, substations ... those items needed to deliver electricity to you," English said. "Even with inflation, EnerStar's expenses have remained steady for the last couple of years."

As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, any excess revenue over costs is allocated to individual members based on patronage. "EnerStar remains vigilant in returning capital credits to you, the member-owners," English said. "EnerStar has refunded about 28 percent of all capital credits allocated, which is almost 4 percent higher than the average for other Illinois electric cooperatives."

After 21 years on EnerStar's board of directors, English retired from his position and was recognized for his service to the co-op and its consumer-members.

The results of the director election were announced. Jeff Murphy of Marshall, District 6, and Greg Robinson of Marshall, District 8, were both re-elected to three-year terms on the board. With the retirement of English, Granville



Thank you to Front Street Market in Hume for serving an excellent meal for our members attending the annual meeting. Yum!

Colvin of Paris was newly elected to represent District 3 on the board for a three-year term.

During the meeting, members voted to approve several bylaw changes. Changes include several wording clarifications as well as necessary changes due to

COVID-19. The updated bylaws allow for greater flexibility in scheduling the annual meeting as well as allowing for electronic notification of members for the annual and special meetings, attendance of meetings via electronic means, and the ability to hold director

elections in the event an annual meeting cannot occur.

The 2022 EnerStar Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting ended with drawings for door prizes and bill credits. Every member in attendance went home with an appreciation gift.



Opening the meeting and presenting the colors at this year's annual meeting was Paris Cub Scout Pack 8.



New location! For the first time, this year's pre-meeting meal was held at Paris High School, and the business meeting was conducted in the Paris Center of Fine Arts. Thank you to the high school staff for all of their assistance.

2022 EnerStar Board of Directors

Your cooperative's directors are EnerStar members just like you. They are elected by you and your fellow co-op members to set policy and govern the co-op. Nine directors sit on the board, residing in and representing a specific district in the cooperative. Any EnerStar member can run for director if they reside in the appropriate district.

Each director represents the members of his or her district. Working closely with the CEO/president, the board ensures the cooperative provides quality service to its members.

Your board of directors is chosen through elections each year prior to the annual meeting. This year, Greg Robinson of Marshall and Jeff Murphy of Marshall were re-elected to the board. With the retirement of Dale English from the board, Granville Colvin of Paris, was elected to a three-year term.



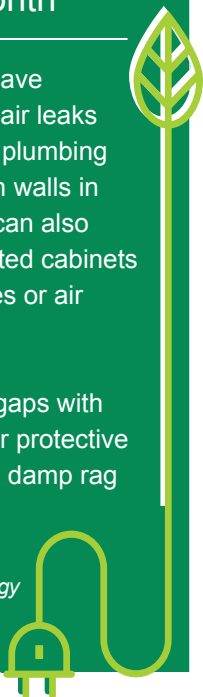
Front row, left to right: Kevin Julian (Metcalf), Dan Gard (West Union), Granville Colvin (Paris), and Jeff Zimmerman (Oakland). Back row: Jeff Murphy (Marshall), Jeremy Williams (Martinsville), Thad Martin (Paris), Greg Robinson (Marshall), Darin Griffin (Paris) and EnerStar CEO Brent Reyher.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

An easy way to save energy is to seal air leaks and holes where plumbing pipes run through walls in your home. You can also check wall-mounted cabinets for plumbing holes or air gaps in the back.

Fill any holes or gaps with spray foam. Wear protective gloves and use a damp rag for cleanup.

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