

Darke Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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Annual Meeting:

Kitchel re-elected; Gehret chosen for board of trustees

Jack Kitchel was re-elected while Dan Gehret was elected to the Board of Trustees at the Darke Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. annual meeting of members March 19 at the Lighthouse Christian Center in Greenville.

Kitchel has been a Darke REC member for 44 years and has been on the Board of Trustees for 24 years, currently serving as president. Gehret has been a member of Darke REC for 23 years. He has served on the cooperative's nominating com-



Dan Gehret and Jack Kitchel

mittee for 15 years and has been chairman of the board of Darke REC's Operation Round-up for five years.

Board President Kitchel spoke about the costs associated with the March ice storm and September wind storm. He said the co-op rebuilt 30 miles of line in the past year and is continuing to rebuild and is replacing wires and poles that were part of the original system. Kitchel also thanked members for their support of Operation Round-up. He said members rounding up their electric bills to the next dollar each month has resulted in \$132,294 going back to help the community. Kitchel awarded retiring trustee Robert (Bob) Buschur with a plaque for his 30 years of service.

In his report, Executive General Manager Ted Holsapple talked about the status of the cooperative. Holsapple encouraged members to sign the Our Energy, Our Future card in the

handouts they received upon arriving. The card will be sent to congressmen and senators to let them know how co-op members feel about pending energy policy. He told the members the cap and trade proposal by the government is simply a tax that is projected to be at least a 25 percent increase in your electric bill. "Our goal is to keep electricity reliable and affordable," he explained.

Guest speaker Pat O'Loughlin, COO and vice president of Engineering and Power supply for Buckeye Power, Inc., talked about the challenging economic times for rural Ohio. He said co-ops are continuing to make required environmental investments, keeping ahead of the curve. "We are going to have the cleanest burning power plants in Ohio," he said.

O'Loughlin said co-ops will continue to add renewable generation as cost effectively as possible, pointing to ag waste bio-digesters and an Iowa wind farm from which Ohio's co-ops are receiving renewable energy. He also spoke about climate change legislation and how it will effect electric rates. He said rates could increase significantly, as much as \$50 to \$100 a month, rolling through the economy to cause higher costs for groceries, goods and services.

TRUSTEES

Jack L. KitchelPresident
Keith Daugherty ...Vice President
Judith FasnachtSecy.-Treas.
Robert BuschurTrustee
Virgil HaleTrustee
Michelle MarkerTrustee
Donald MuhlenkampTrustee
Ted HolsappleGen. Manager

Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed Saturdays

Failure to receive your electric bill in no way relieves you, the member, from paying it. If you do not receive your bill, contact us before the due date.

Annual Meeting recap

Dominic Lehman, a local talent, entertained members with inspirational songs and skits.

Many members took part in a health screening and won door prizes.

Approximately 425 cooperative members and guests attended the meeting.

At the board meeting, which followed the annual meeting, Jack Kitchel was re-elected as president, Keith Daugherty as vice president, and Judith Fasnacht as secretary-treasurer. Other members of the board include Dan Gehret, Michelle Marker, Virgil Hale and Donald Muhlenkamp.



Application Deadline



The deadline for Operation Round-up applications is June 1. Applications are available at the cooperative office.

These applications will be reviewed and considered at the meeting of the Trust Board of Trustees, composed of members of the cooperative, separate from the Darke REC Board of Trustees.

The Operation Round-up is a voluntary charitable program. Participating members' monthly electric bills are rounded up to the next dollar, with the additional pennies deposited into the Trust. The Trust Board of Trustees oversees the application and allocation process.

UNCLAIMED CHECKS

Darke Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. is attempting to locate current and former cooperative members who earned, but have not claimed, patronage capital. These checks were returned to our office for various reasons. Please read through the list of names. If you know a person on the list, or know a relative, please have that person contact our office at 937-548-4114 or toll-free 1-800-776-5612. According to Darke Rural Electric's Code of Regulations, if a former cooperative member fails to claim patronage capital within four years of issuance, these monies will be reassigned to present cooperative members. The deadline to claim the 1990 patronage capital is Sept. 1, 2009. Keep in mind, if you move from Darke REC lines; be sure to let us know you're forwarding address for future contact.

Abbott, Gary	Boyer, Mildred	Methodist Church	Ferguson, Carl	Hartman, Ronald
Abel, Tom	Brandly, Dale	Condy, Virginia	Ferguson, Jackie	Hartzell, Betty
Academy Mfg. Co.	Breaden, Janet	Conway, Richard	Fetzer, Irvin	Hasbrook, Robert
Adams, Betty	Brewer, Brian	Cook, Floyd	Fields, Sharon	Hauser, Douglas
Adams, Mary	Brickler, Donnie	Corban Comm.	Fifer, Charles	Hayes, Kathy
Adams, Melvin	Brockman, Charles	Corcoran, Shelly	Fischer-Frazier, Amy	Head, Michael
Alcorn, James	Brockman, David	Cordell, Linda	Fisher, N	Heinhold Hog Market
Allen, Joseph	Brooks, Karen	Coughlin, Kevin	Fleagle, Clyde	Heitzweibel, W
Allen, Steven	Brooks, Steve	Coulter, Don	Fleenor, Karl	Hernandez, Sergio
Althaus, Charlene	Brower, John	Cover, Gregory	Flegel, Patrick	Hileman, Ralph
American Tower Co.	Brown, Clarence	Cox, Donna	Focht, Gilbert	Hill, Jerrod
Anderson, Darlene	Brown, E	Crabtree, Diana	Fourman, Rita	Hinshaw, Fran
Angel, Kenneth	Brown, Fay	Crane, Martha	Fraley, W	Hiser, Earl
Antle, John	Brown, Joe	Culver, Michael	Freidhof, David	Hittle, Robert
Archie, Michael	Brown, Kenneth	Curry, Mary	Fultz, Karrie	Hogg, Edward
Arcorp Inc.	Brown, Tim	Curtis, Aaron	Gade, Richard	Holford, Charles
Armstrong, Stephen	Brown, Willis	Curtis, Evelyn	Gallagher, Belinda	Hosier, Lois
Arnold, Thompson	Buckner, Sammy	Davenport, Edith	Gallaher, Archie	Houdeshell, Donovan
Artz, Christopher	Burden, James	Davis, Debra	Garner, Ruthalloys	Hughes, Edward
Aukerman, Robert	Burgess, Steven	Davis, Jill	Gates, James	Hulett, James
Back, William	Burgett, Curtis	Davis, Robert	Gehbart, Timothy	Hummel, Chad
Bailey, Dale	Bush, James	Deaton, Willard	Gilbert, Edith	Hummel, Mark
Bailey, Debbie	Byers, Rolland	Decker, Ronald	Glunt, Tracy	Humphreys, Mike
Baird, Dennis	C & S Turkeys	Denny, Tony	Godwin, Joseph	Hussong, Richard
Baker, Larry	C. B. Hill Inc.	Desatnik, Joseph	Goldsmith, Harvey	Husted, James
Bales, A	Cain, Leslie	Deskin, Sherman	Gomez, Anita	Huston, Cheryl
Balon, Ben	Calder, Anna	Deskin, Vonda	Graham, Betty	Inman, Devota
Banks, Charles	Cameron, Billy	Detrick, Sharen	Gray, Miriam	J & N Farms Inc.
Banks, Stormey	Carico, Stephanie	Dickey, Thomas	Gray, Robin	Jackson, Clodus
Barga, George	Carlotti, Shirley	Dickman, Michael	Griffitts, Kathryn	Jackson, Philomina
Barga, Jerry	Carmony, Richard	Dirksen, Gregory	Grinstead, Hilda	Jaeggi, Joseph
Barger Carey, Wanda	Carr, Margie	Ditty, Laverne	Groh, Richard	Jaros, Florence
Barnes, Donna	Chambers, Joseph	Ditty, Melanie	Grothaus, Tura	Jarrett, Karen
Bechtol, Ronald	Char-mar Enterprises	Ditty, Susan	Grover, Helen	Jasinski, John
Begoon, Bill	Chavez, Tina	Dixon, Charles	GTE Telephone Op.	Jerdon, Susan
Beneficial Mortgage	Cherrystone Farms	Douglass, Doyle	Guthrie, Janet	Jerome, Lyla
Bennett, A	City Loan Financial	Drew, Tammy	Haas, Melvin	Jewell Outdoor Adv.
Bensman, Linda	Clark, Terry	Dues, Lanita	Hall, Bill	John Davis Const.
Bernier, Gary	Clark, Wendy	Duffield, Douglas	Hall, Drexal	Johnson, Brian
Berry, Tresa	Clawson, Leonard	Duke, Lynn	Hall, Zella	Johnson, Elizabeth
Blake, John	Claxton, Angela	Dunlap, Harvey	Hamilton, Ben	Johnson, Jennifer
Blanton, Eddie	Clemens, Dan	Dyer, Steven	Hammaker, Joseph	Johnson, Max
Blanton, Tony	Clemens, Glenn	Eaton, Christopher	Hammond, Lauren	Johnson, Raymond
Boner, Thomas	Clemens, Naomi	Ebersole, William	Hampton, John	Jolly, Arlie
Booher, Vincent	Clevenger, Candace	Egbert, Howard	Hans, Herbert	Jolly, Dianna
Boomershine, Joyce	Clevenger, Steve	Eisenberg DVM, Eric	Hansel, Jack	Jones, William
Borger, William	Coby, Darrell	Elmore, Charles	Hart, Danny	Jordan, Barbara
Bortner, Gerald	Coby, Twila	Erwin, Mark	Hart, Martha	Kahlig, Mark
Bowers, Ronald	Cochran, Sheila	Everman, Robert	Hart, Robert	Kaiser, Larry
Bowman, William	Collins, Brian	Falknor, Douglas	Hart, Susan	Kaiser, Ronald
Bowser, William	Collins, Pat	Faulk, Tom	Hart, William	Kazee, Vernal
Boyer, Louanna	Comm United	Feltner, Russell	Harter, Omer	Keller Herman, Dawn

