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IEC ANNUAL MEETING

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Somene may have thought they were giving away money at this year's

Fielding called the meeting to order following the invocation by Fairfax Christian Church Pastor George Weston. A flag ceremony conducted by the American Legion Post No. 3 and the National Anthem sung by Ed Turley and the Midnight Special band followed.

Then the fun began with prize drawings. Trustee for District No. 5 Vice-President Wanda Foster and Trustee for District No. 6, Robert Burk called out various names of members who

Indian Electric Co-op's annual meeting with all the people who were in attendance...wait they did, \$20,000 in registration gifts to be exact.

Nothing draws a crowd like the lure of money, just ask any of the over 1,000 people who came out Thursday, August 26th for the 71st annual meeting at the Cleveland Event Center.

There was a large crowd of 1,026 registered memberships and their families. The meeting was more like a small county fair complete with food vendors, a business and arts spotlight, prizes and even entertainment provided by Ed Turley and the Midnight Special Band.

Finding parking was difficult as the public poured in to claim a fresh crisp twenty dollar bill and register for a host of prizes including the grand prize, a 2006 Ford F-150 4x4 pick up truck.

However, it was still a meeting with business to be conducted. The doors opened at five and the business meeting began at seven. President of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Greg



Kenny Templeton drove away with the IEC 2010 Annual Meeting Grand Prize of a 2006 Ford F-150 4x4 pick up truck.

were randomly drawn to receive prizes including bill credits. Rechargeable lights, a navigation system, gift cards, small kitchen appliances and surge protectors were also given out.

The business portion of the meeting commenced with the notification and vote of Bylaw article amendments:

- Section 3.04 Quorum
- Section 3.06 Annual meeting Polling Process
- Section 3.07 Order of Business
- Section 3.08 Parliamentary Procedure

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The American Flag hung in front of the Cleveland Event Center for the 2010 Annual Meeting.

- Section 4.03 Terms of Office and
- Section 4.05 Election of Trustees By District.

All amendments were passed.

Special guests were then recognized followed by an interesting presentation by J. Chris Cariker, CEO for KAMO Power. Cariker spent several minutes talking about the effects that federal taxing of carbon dioxide emissions would have on KAMO and IEC members.

He informed the crowd that 80 percent of all the electricity produced for Oklahoma comes from coal which emits carbon dioxide when it is burned.

He went on to say that the middle states are the most reliant on coal and so they would carry the burden of the tax which is estimated to cost between \$10-20 per ton. The average

residential electric bill could rise by as much as \$25.00 per month.

This would be a significant amount of taxation passed along to members which as Cariker said, “is just wrong.” His statement brought applause.

He added that whatever is decided must be done through what technology is currently available.

“It has to be affordable and most of all, it has to be fair to everyone regardless of where they live,” he said.

Following his presentation, more prizes were given away. The evening closed with the drawing and announcement of the grand prize winner. Kenny Templeton of Cleveland walked away, or I suppose drove away would be more appropriate, with the big prize. ♦

THREE TIERS FORM A STRONG CO-OP SYSTEM

Associated Electric Cooperative Inc. is the source of wholesale electric power for Indian Electric Cooperative. The system is organized into three levels or “tiers,” each with its own set of responsibilities.

The system’s top tier is made of 51 distribution cooperatives in Missouri, southeast Iowa and northeast Oklahoma including IEC. To provide the best service possible, distribution cooperatives take on many different responsibilities, including installation and maintenance of power lines from substations to member-consumers, planning for the future needs of their service areas, working with communities to encourage economic development and helping their members learn to use energy more efficiently. These cooperatives serve about 875,000 member-consumers.

At the second level of the system are the regional cooperatives that transmit Associated’s power to the 51 distribution cooperatives. These

organizations are known as generation and transmission cooperatives (G&Ts), and they serve six geographical areas of Missouri, southeast Iowa and northeast Oklahoma. G&Ts work on a regional level as construction agents and also own and maintain all transmission systems above 161-kilovolt. At one time the

G&Ts not only transmitted the power to their member distribution cooperatives, but they also had all of the responsibility for generating and/or purchasing it as well.

In 1961 the six G&Ts joined to form the system’s third tier, Associated Electric Cooperative Inc. Associated was subsequently given the responsibilities for generation and power procurement, leaving transmission as the primary responsibility of the G&Ts.

In order to provide for the system’s ever-growing demand for wholesale electricity, Associated has built a flexible mix of resources, including coal and gas-based power plants, hydropower, Missouri wind power, the Take Control & Save energy efficiency program, a vast and integrated transmission system and interconnections with neighboring utilities. In addition to its generation and power purchasing responsibilities, Associated also provides its member systems with economical services related to such business needs as insurance, marketing, economic development, environmental services and labor relations.

The three-tiered system brings efficiency through specialization at each level of the system. The entire three-tiered system benefits from the economy of scale and, because each tier can react quickly to changes, the overall competitiveness of the system is improved.

The financial success of Associated is a reflection of the success experienced by the three-tiered system. Associated has wholesale electric rates that are among the lowest in the United States. Associated continues to be one of the few wholesale power suppliers rated AA by Standard & Poor’s and Fitch Ratings Ltd. and A1 by Moody’s Investors Service. ♦



FALL IMPROVEMENTS?

CHECK OUT THE TAKE CONTROL & SAVE REBATES FROM IEC

When the need arises to buy new appliances, IEC members are encouraged to choose Energy Star rated electric appliances. Energy Star appliances use less electricity and allows members to claim an IEC rebate on their purchase.

Electric Water Heater - \$50

Unit must have efficiency rating of .90 or higher and cannot replace gas. Submit the Energy Star proof of efficiency rating, brand and model number with your rebate form. *Limit 2 per member.*

Room A/C Unit - \$50

Applies to the purchase of a new Energy Star unit.

Clothes Washer - \$100

Applies to purchase of a new Energy Star unit. The unit must be connected to an electric water heater.

Dishwasher - \$50

Applies to the purchase of a new Energy Star unit. The unit must be connected to an electric water heater.

Ground Source Heat Pump - \$750 per ton

Installation of Energy Star rated unit with at least an EER of 14. Residential 10 ton max. Commercial 50 ton max.

Air Source Heat Pump with Gas, Propane or Fuel Oil Backup Heat - \$150 per ton

Installation of a 14.5 SEER or higher Energy Star heat pump.

Air Source Heat Pump with Electric Backup Heat - \$150 per ton

Installation of a 15 SEER or higher Energy Star heat pump with electric backup in new construction or replacing electric resistance heat.

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Recipe: Tomato Soup

- 2 cans Crushed Tomatoes (28 oz)
- 1 Tbsp. Sugar
- 1 Tbsp. Fresh Basil
- 1/2 tsp. Garlic Powder
- 1 tsp. Black Pepper
- 2 cups Heavy Cream (1 pint)

Combine tomatoes, sugar, basil, garlic powder, salt & pepper. Bring to boil, stirring often. Reduce heat to low, slowly stir in cream. Simmer 4-5 minutes. Do not boil.

**1 tsp. dried basil will replace the 1 Tbsp. of fresh basil.