

## Board of Directors Releases 2022 Service Charges and Fees

After careful review and consideration, the ECI REC Board of Directors determined an increase in some of the Cooperative's electric service charges and fees was necessary. The following fees will be effective for member-owners on June 1, 2022.

- » **Disconnect Member-Owned Security Light:** \$100.00 (unchanged)
- » **Disconnect Power (non-remote):** \$150.00
- » **Locate, Member-Owned Underground Fault:** \$107.00\* (unchanged)
- » **Locate, Member-Owned Underground:** \$107.00\* (unchanged)
- » **Outage Service Call, after hours:** \$160.50\* (unchanged)
- » **Outage Service Call, regular business hours:** \$107.00\* (unchanged)
- » **Reconnect (non-remote), after hours:** \$321.00\*
- » **Reconnect (non-remote), regular business hours:** \$160.50\*
- » **Test Meter:** \$26.75\* (unchanged)
- » **Returned Check:** \$30.00 (unchanged)
- » **Non-Payment Posting:** \$150.00
- » **Non-Payment Disconnect (remote):** \$50.00
- » **Non-Payment Reconnect (remote), after hours:** \$80.25\*
- » **Non-Payment Reconnect (remote), regular business hours:** \$53.50\*

\*Includes applicable state and local taxes

## POWERING AHEAD FOR YOU



## IT'S TIME TO VOTE!

The election for the East-Central Iowa REC Board of Directors will get underway May 16, when voting opens, and continue until June 13. This year's Annual Meeting of the Members will once again be held virtually via Zoom. There are three positions up for election. You can find more information about these Board Districts below.

### HOW DO I VOTE?

On May 16, ballots will be mailed and online voting will open. All votes—online and mail-in—MUST be received by June 13.

- 1 MAIL** - A ballot was mailed to every member with a self-addressed and stamped return envelope.\*
- 2 SMART HUB** - Log in to SmartHub at <https://ecirec.smarthub.coop> and click VOTE NOW. Please note: SmartHub voting must be done in a web browser, not the SmartHub mobile app.
- 3 ONLINE** - Click the blue VOTE NOW button located on the home page at [www.ecirec.coop](http://www.ecirec.coop). Enter your voter number and election passcode, which were listed at the bottom of your mailed ballot. Follow online voting instructions.

## VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Login opens at 10:30 a.m.

Business meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.

### HOW DO I ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING?

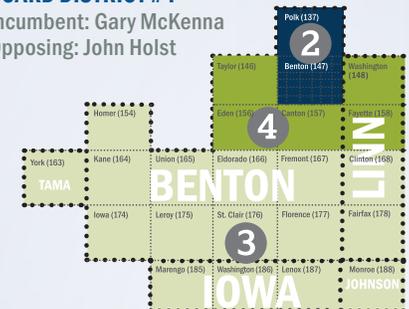
Visit [www.ecirec.coop](http://www.ecirec.coop) and look for the yellow button at the top of the home page, which will take you to the Annual Meeting of the Members page. Look for a green **JOIN NOW** button. The virtual meeting room will open at 10:30 a.m.

#### BOARD DISTRICT #2

Incumbent: Julie Kester  
Opposing: Jim Bruce

#### BOARD DISTRICT #4

Incumbent: Gary McKenna  
Opposing: John Holst



#### BOARD DISTRICT #3

Incumbent: Brian McNulty  
Opposing: Kristina Carte  
Opposing: Joey Zweigart

\*ECI REC partnered with Diamond/OSG to administer the 2022 Annual Meeting mailing and ballot validation processes. They will tabulate all the ballots, both paper and online.

## smart corner

### Stay in the Know with the Smart-Hub Mobile App

No matter where you are this summer—at home or on the go—the SmartHub mobile app helps you stay up to date on your energy usage. It's available for download today from the Apple and Android stores. You can also sign up for SmartHub by visiting [ecirec.smarthub.coop](http://ecirec.smarthub.coop). When you're registered with Smart-Hub, you can:

- » Quickly view and file bills
- » Streamline month-to-month financial planning
- » Enroll in budget billing
- » Monitor your energy usage
- » Check ECI REC's online outage map, which offers near real-time information



Scan to access the member portal from your smartphone.



## Nominate a local volunteer and they could win \$2,000 for their charity!

Contest entries accepted in June at [IowaShineTheLight.com](http://IowaShineTheLight.com)



## Help ECI REC Shine the Light on Community Volunteers this June!

Do you know a local volunteer who deserves a standing ovation? Nominate them for the 2022 Shine the Light Contest!

During the month of June, members and employees of Iowa's electric cooperatives are encouraged to nominate local volunteers who are making a positive impact in the community. Up to three Iowa winners will be selected, and a \$2,000 donation will be made in each winner's name to their charity or local organization. The winners will also be featured in the September issue of *Iowa Electric Cooperative Living* magazine.

Nominees do not need to be a cooperative member. Minors may be nominated with consent from their parents or legal guardians. Contest entries will start being accepted on the website on June 1. Visit [www.IowaShineTheLight.com](http://www.IowaShineTheLight.com) for more information.

To ensure your home's electrical system is safe, its wiring should be up to date and any defects corrected.

How do you know if your home needs an electrical inspection?



## DOES YOUR HOME NEED A CHECKUP?

If your home was last inspected:

- 40 or more years ago, an inspection is overdue.
- 10 to 40 years ago, an inspection is advised.
- Less than 10 years ago, an inspection should not be necessary unless there are issues.

Regardless of when your home was last checked, consult a qualified electrician/licensed contractor if you notice symptoms of a potential hazard, such as dim/flickering lights, unusual sounds, a frequent need to reset fuses or breakers, overheating, odors, loose plugs, damaged insulation on wires, or conditions that cause electrical shocks.

SOURCE: U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



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