Norris Electric News

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Norris Electric Cooperative

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7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Chairman
Gordon McClure .....Jasper

Vice Chairman
Brandon Graves ..... Richland

Secretary/Treasurer
Dan Strine ..... Wabash

Directors
Ava Lemmon .....Crawford
Ron Viehman.....Lawrence
Kurt Holscher .....Crawford
Dave Thoele .....Effingham
Scott Weiss.....Lawrence
Justin Parcel..... Clark
Dave Sheppard.....Jasper
Ted Helmink ..... Cumberland

General Manager
Luke Johnson

Petitions for board of directors are available

What does it mean to serve on the board?

Serving on Norris Electric's board means you're making a difference locally, using your individual talents and perspective to guide big decisions about the co-op that in turn benefit the larger community. While day-to-day decisions are made by co-op staff, major decisions are made by the board, whose mission is to look out for the vitality of the co-op and the community it serves. On a granular level, Norris Electric board members typically provide input and guidance on:

- Budgets
- Co-op goals and direction
- Co-op's community/charitable contributions
- Capital investments and upgrades in equipment and technology
- Renewable investments and energy mix
- Co-op's role and involvement in economic development
- Analyze and approve the Purchase Power Agreement

The term of four directors will expire with the February 2027 Annual Meeting. The board seats are up for election with one board member to be elected from each county: **Jasper, Crawford, Effingham and Lawrence.**

Four incumbents intend to seek reelection. They are Gordon McClure, Jasper County; Ava Lemmon, Crawford County; Dave Thoele, Effingham County; and Scott Weiss, Lawrence County.

Any members who reside and take service in any of the four counties above may submit a petition to be placed on the ballot.

According to the cooperative bylaws, all candidates must submit a petition signed by at least 25 members to be placed on the ballot. Requests for petitions will be available Nov. 18, 2026, and may be obtained by contacting the cooperative office. **Petitions must be returned to the cooperative office by noon on Dec. 29, 2026.**

Petitioners with qualified petitions will be placed on the ballot. Ballots will be mailed 30-45 days prior to our annual meeting. The results will then be announced at our annual meeting, to be held in February 2027.



Gordon McClure
Jasper County



Ava Lemmon
Crawford County



Dave Thoele
Effingham County



Scott Weiss
Lawrence County

Attention High School Seniors!

Our scholarship program is now open!

Visit norriselectric.com/scholarships to explore available opportunities, review the rules, and submit your applications for the 2026-2027 school year. You can also reach out to your school's guidance counselor for more information, or call Norris Electric Cooperative at 618-783-8765.

Scan for more information







Our office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26.



IN REMEMBRANCE

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of a former Norris Electric Cooperative board member, who faithfully served on our board of directors from 2006 through 2024.

For 18 years, he was a tremendous asset to our board and to Norris Electric Cooperative. He brought with him a wealth of knowledge, wisdom and experience, along with a positive attitude that made a lasting impact on all those around him.

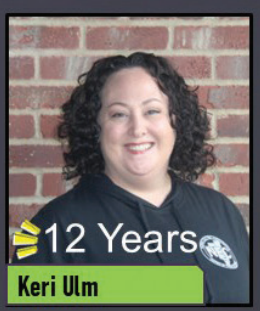
We feel incredibly fortunate to have had the opportunity to work alongside him and to benefit from his years of dedicated service. His commitment to our cooperative and the members we serve will always be remembered and appreciated.

We were truly blessed to have him as part of the Norris Electric family for 18 years. He will be deeply missed.

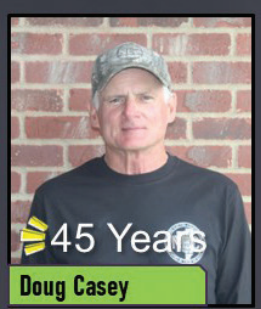
Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones during this difficult time.



NOVEMBER
Service Anniversaries







NORRIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
NEC
OWNED BY THOSE WE SERVE

thank you
FOR YOUR SERVICE

Did you know?

Norris Electric Cooperative

members can use VanillaDirect Pay to pay their electric bill at participating retail locations.

1 STEP 1

Find your barcode on the back of your NEC bill.



2 STEP 2

Visit a location: Bring your barcode to a participating location near you.



3 STEP 3

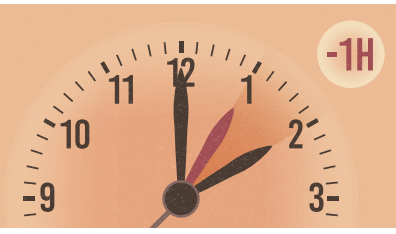
Pay with Cash: The cashier scans your barcode, takes your cash, and your payment processes instantly.



PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS:

DOLLAR GENERAL | CVS pharmacy | DOLLAR TREE | Walgreens

FALL Back



Reminder: Daylight saving time ends Sunday, Nov. 1.