



# The Energizer

SEPTEMBER 2021 | STEUBEN RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

## Official Notice

In accordance with Article III, Section 7 of the Bylaws, this Annual Meeting newsletter serves as your Official Notice of the October 16, 2021 Annual Meeting of the Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Information packets containing all reports will be available at the Bath and Cherry Creek Office prior to the date of the meeting and can be mailed upon request.

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## 77th Annual Membership Meeting

**Saturday, October 16, 2021**

**Steuben County Fairgrounds**

**Bath, New York**

**Chestnut Street Entrance**

**Registration: 9:30 - 11:00 am**

**Business Meeting: 11:00 am**

## President's Invitation



James McCormick - Board President

We recognize the annual meeting is a special time for our members to gather, listen to reports from the General Manager and President, and elect board members. We are happy to advise that the Cooperative will be hosting an in-person meeting this year. There will be some revisions to the in-person meeting that you have come to know, and we're looking forward to seeing everyone in October.

The Board of Directors and employees of the Cooperative have implemented a plan for this year's Annual Membership Meeting that will provide its members the opportunity to listen to Cooperative reports, vote for directors in the districts scheduled for election, and carry out the Stearns Chicken Barbeque while adhering to the state and local mandates as they relate to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting will be held at the Steuben County Fairgrounds in Bath. Entry will be through the Chestnut Street gate and departure will be from the Rumsey Street gate. Members will participate in the business meeting, with employees registering you upon arrival and then directing you to the parking area and advising whether you must remain in your vehicle or be allowed to sit in the grandstand. Reserved chicken dinners will be distributed upon departure from the meeting and will be carry out only. There will be no refreshments or snacks available throughout the morning registration period or the meeting. There will be no supervised child care available.

Members attending the meeting will receive a \$30.00 credit on their November billing statement (\$25 annual meeting gift plus \$5 registration). Only one \$25/\$5 credit per membership will be issued.

Please use the registration forms included in the publication to reserve your chicken barbeque dinners. We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

# VOTING PROCEDURES

Director elections for Districts 3, 4, and 6 were not conducted during the 2020 Annual Membership Meeting due to a lack of an in-person quorum. As a result, directors for these Districts remained in their position of Director and will come before the membership for election for the remaining two years of their three-year terms during the 2021 Annual Membership Meeting. Directors elected to serve Districts 3, 4, and 6 terms will expire in 2023.

Director elections for District 5, 7, and 8 will be conducted during the 2021 Annual Membership Meeting for three-year terms that will expire in 2024.

Members registering for the meeting will receive an official ballot at the time of registration.

Members not able to attend the meeting could elect to vote by proxy after having received a proxy from the main office and providing said proxy to the member appointed to represent the member unable to attend the meeting.

The Cooperative's Bylaws require a quorum of 50 members in order to conduct any business and/or elections at any meeting of the members. Because the 2020 meeting format did not allow for a quorum, voting on director elections for Districts 3, 4, and 6 was postponed until the adjourned date or next annual meeting, whichever was earlier. The Directors for Districts, 3, 4, and 6, when elected, will serve the remaining portion of the three-year term that will expire in October 2023.

Following the 2020 Annual Meeting, the Director from District 3 resigned his position on the Board. Candidates for the remaining two years of the three-year term will be elected during the 2021 Annual Meeting. (See candidate announcement for District 3 in this publication).

## Director Candidates for Election 2020-2023

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICTS 3, 4 & 6 WERE NOMINATED FOR THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING. AS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED DUE TO LACK OF A QUORUM, CANDIDATES FOR THESE DISTRICTS WILL BE ELECTED AT THE 2021 ANNUAL MEETING TO SERVE THE REMAINING TWO YEARS OF THEIR THREE-YEAR TERMS.



**Vacant as of May 2021**  
**District 3**  
**Towns of Urbana, Wayne, Bradford, Hornby, Orange**

Since the 2020 Annual Meeting was adjourned due to lack of a quorum being present, Mr. Hauryski continued to represent District 3 until May 2021 at which time he resigned his position as Director with Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., thereby creating a vacancy on the Board of Directors.

The Nominating Committee met on June 30, 2021 and selected a candidate interested in being elected as Director for District 3. The candidate agreed that if elected, he would serve the remaining two years of the three-year term that will expire in 2023.

Candidate information can be found in this publication on page 3.



**Gary Brockway**  
**District 4**  
**Town of Bath**

Mr. Brockway and his wife, Barbara, reside in Savona, New York and have been Cooperative members since 1996. He has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2010 and currently serves as Treasurer.

He obtained his degree in Business Administration from Alfred and was employed at the Steuben County Department of Social Services, retiring in 2005, following 30 years of service.

He is a past member of the Avoca Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Corp as well as having served as Deputy Mayor of the Village Board. He also served as Deputy Mayor for the Savona Village Board. Gary is a long time communicant of Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Savona where he has served on the Executive Committee for 20 years.



**Gordon Foster**  
**District 6**  
**Towns of Thurston, Campbell Rathbone**

Mr. Foster resides in Thurston, New York and has been a member of the Cooperative for 55 years. He has served on the Board of Directors since 1982 and as President for 15 years. He is an active participant with the NYSRECA Statewide organization.

He obtained his AAS Degree in Engineering Sciences from Alfred Agricultural and Technical College and was employed with Corning, Inc. for 40 years as a Technologist until retiring in 2005.

Mr. Foster manages a 750-acre replacement farm in Risingville and has served as Thurston Town Assessor for 48 years.



### CERTIFICATION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee certified to the Board of Directors, as required by the Bylaws, that they made a prudent effort to nominate at least two nominees from each district scheduled for election and were able to find only one candidate willing to be nominated for the position of director from Districts 3, 4, and 6.



# Director Candidates for Election 2021-2024



**Gerald S. Chase Jr.**  
**District 5**  
**Towns of Canisteo, Jasper,**  
**Troupsburg, Woodhull**

Mr. Chase and his wife, Judy, reside in the Town of Woodhull, New York. He has been a Cooperative member since 1984 and retired as an RN Supervisor and the Army Nurse Corps with the rank of Major with 22 years of service. He was also in the Air Force 71-75 with Vietnam service and is currently a voter inspector for Steuben County.

He graduated from Alfred University with a degree in Nursing and Elmira College where he obtained an MS in Adult Education.

He attends Victory Highway Wesleyan Church, is a Life Member of NRA, American Legion and DAV. Mr. Chase recently obtained his Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certification from NRECA.

Mr. Chase has five children and six grandchildren.



**Robert Nichols**  
**District 7**  
**Towns of Addison, Erwin,**  
**Corning, Tuscarora, Lindley**

Mr. Nichols and his wife, Susan, reside in the Town of Tuscarora and operate a dairy farm with their son Dan. He has been a Cooperative member for 47 years, a Board Member since 2003 and currently serves as Vice-President.

He is a graduate of Corning Community College and Cornell University. He currently serves as Steuben County Legislature; Town of Tuscarora Supervisor, President of the Addison Milk Cooperative; is a member of the Addison Fish & Game Club; is a Board Member of the Steuben Soil & Water District; and has previously served as Deacon at the Tuscarora Baptist Church.

Bob has five adult children and 18 grandchildren.



**Randy Stankey**  
**District 8**  
**Cattaraugus County**

Mr. Stankey and his wife, Brenda, reside in the Town of Leon. They have been Cooperative members for over 40 years and he has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2016.

He is a graduate of Pine Valley School and Alfred State College. As a member of Carpenters Local for 36 years he worked at West Valley Disposal and Niagara Mohawk. In addition, he was foreman for Benchley Construction at the Nestle Plant in Dunkirk.

Since retiring Randy enjoys motorcycling, snowmobiling, and watching high school sports. Most importantly, he enjoys spending time four-wheeling with his family and grandchildren.

## Director Candidates for Election 2020 - 2023

Due to the recent vacancy created by the resignation of the Director representing District 3, the following candidate was nominated by the Nominating Committee to be elected at the 2021 Annual Membership Meeting to the position of Director for District 3 for the remaining two years of the three year term. Townships represented by District 3 include Urbana, Wayne, Bradford, Hornby, and Orange



**Edward Borkowski**  
**District 3**  
**Towns of Urbana, Wayne,**  
**Bradford, Hornby, Orange**

Mr. Borkowski resides in the Town of Bradford and has been a Cooperative member since 1993.

He is a graduate of Bradford Central School and Cornell University where he obtained a degree in Life Science and Agriculture. He was employed with the New York Department of Agriculture and Markets until his retirement in 2017. He has served on the Bradford Town Board for 17 years and is a former Toastmaster.

Mr. Borkowski is a member of the Sons of the American Legion, member, elector and usher with St. Stanislaus Church in Bradford and a member of the Board of Directors for the Shooter Committee on Public Education (S.C.O.P.E.).

## CERTIFICATION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee certified to the Board of Directors, as required by the Bylaws, that they made a prudent effort to nominate at least two nominees from each district scheduled for election in 2021 and were able to find only one candidate willing to be nominated for the position of director from Districts 5, 7 and 8. In addition the Nominating Committee certified to the Board of Directors, as required by the Bylaws, that they made a prudent effort to nominate at least two nominees to serve the remaining two years of a three-year term for District 3 and were able to find only one candidate willing to be nominated for the position of director from District 3.



## PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

**Current Article III Meetings of Members Section 1. Annual Meeting reads:** The annual meeting or meetings of the members shall be designated in the notice of the meeting or meetings for the purpose of electing directors, passing upon reports for the previous fiscal year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting or meetings. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Cooperative.

**Proposed Amendment to Article III Meetings of Members Section 1. Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting or meetings of the members shall be designated in the notice of the meeting or meetings for the purpose of electing directors, passing upon reports for the previous fiscal year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting or meetings. **The Board of Directors may, in its sole discretion, direct that meetings of members be held partially or solely by means of electronic communication, and the electronic service and/or platform by which a meeting is held shall be the place of such meeting if such meeting is held solely by means of electronic communication. The notice of the meetings shall state whether the Board of Directors has authorized the conduct of a meeting partially or solely by means of electronic communication. Meetings conducted partially or solely by means of electronic communication and any member's electronic participation in such meetings shall be subject to guidelines adopted by the Board of Directors, provided that the Board of Directors implement reasonable measures to: (i) verify that each person participating electronically is a member or a proxy of a member according to the term of these Bylaws; (ii) provide each member participating electronically with a reasonable opportunity to participate, including an opportunity to propose, object to, and votes upon a specific action to be taken by members, and to see, read, or hear the proceedings of the meeting substantially and concurrently with such proceeding; (iii) record and maintain a record of any votes or other actions taken by electronic communication at the meeting; and (iv) within a reasonable time after, but not to exceed sixty days after the meeting, distribute minutes of such meeting to the members in electronic or paper form.** Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Cooperative.

**Current Article III Meetings of Members Section 2. Special Meetings reads:** Special meetings of the members may be called by resolution of the Board of Directors, upon a written request signed by any three (3) Directors, by the President, or by ten percent (10%) or more of all the members; and it shall thereupon be the duty of the Cooperative to cause notice of such meeting to be given as hereinafter provided. Special meetings of the members may be held at any place within the State of New York, specified in the notice of the special meeting.

**Proposed Amendment to Article III Meetings of Members Section 2. Special Meetings** proposes to add the following language (in bold) to the last sentence: Special meetings of the members may be held at any place within the State of New York, specified in the notice of the special meeting **and may also be held partially or solely by means of electronic communication.**

**Proposed Amendment to Article III Meetings of Members Section 4. Quorum** proposes to add the following language (in bold) to the first and third sentences: As long as the total number of members does not exceed five hundred (500), ten percent (10%) of the total number of members present in person **or electronically** shall constitute a quorum. In case the total number of members shall exceed five hundred (500), fifty (50) members shall constitute a quorum. If less than a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of those present in person **or electronically** may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice, provided the Cooperative shall notify absent members of the time and place of such adjourned meeting.

**Proposed Amendment to Article III Meetings of Members Section 5. Voting** proposes to add the following language (in bold) to the last sentence: Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote. All questions shall be decided by a vote of the majority of the members voting thereon in person or by proxy, **mail or electronic means, or any combination thereof.**

### DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

In order to be elected to the Board as a Director, candidates must meet the following qualifications (see Bylaws, Article IV, Directors, Section 2, Qualifications & Tenure):

Directors shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting of the members, by and from the members, to serve until the third succeeding annual meeting of the members or until their successor shall have been elected and shall have qualified. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold any position of trust in the Cooperative who:

- ◇ Is not a member and bona fide resident of the district within the Cooperative for which the director was elected to serve;
- ◇ Is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy, equipment or supplies to the Cooperative;
- ◇ Is an employee of the Cooperative or has been an employee of the Cooperative within five (5) years from the date of the annual meeting at which the nomination will come to a vote;
- ◇ Is unable to read, write and speak in the English language;
- ◇ Is not able to enter into a legally binding contract;
- ◇ Is a convicted felon;
- ◇ Who has had bills owed to the Cooperative delinquent for more than ninety (90) days within the past two (2) years.

### NOMINATIONS

Additional nominations can be made for Board seats using the following procedure (Bylaws, Article IV, Directors, Section 3, Nominations:)

Any fifteen (15) or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, and the Cooperative shall post such nominations, under the direction of the Secretary of the Board of Directors, at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. Under the direction of the Secretary of the Board of Directors, the Cooperative shall mail with notice of the meeting or separately, but a least seven (7) days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of directors to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates, specifying separately the nomination made by petition, if any. Additional nominations made by petition shall be for the respective districts scheduled for election.

**STEUBEN RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. & SUBSIDIARY**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND PATRONAGE CAPITAL**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019**

	<u><b>2020</b></u>	<u><b>2019</b></u>
<b>Operating Revenues</b>	\$ 10,881,039	\$ 10,999,696
<b>Operation and Maintenance Expenses</b>		
Cost of Purchased Power	2,370,510	2,383,029
Power Production Expense	-	172,378
Distribution Expense - Operation	1,795,440	1,879,114
Distribution Expense - Maintenance	1,829,204	1,680,824
Customer Accounts Expense	451,721	445,881
Customer Service and Information Expense	157,172	116,068
Administrative and General Expense	1,139,261	1,366,559
Total Operation and Maintenance Expenses	<u>7,743,308</u>	<u>8,043,853</u>
<b>Other Operating Expenses</b>		
Depreciation Expense	1,291,455	1,650,361
Interest Expense - Long-Term Debt	727,492	795,495
Interest Expense - Other	581	13,944
Miscellaneous Expenses	139,813	113,736
Total Other Operating Expenses	<u>2,159,341</u>	<u>2,573,536</u>
Total Cost of Electric	<u>9,902,649</u>	<u>10,617,389</u>
<b>Net Operating Margins</b>	<u>978,390</u>	<u>382,307</u>
<b>Non-Operating Margins</b>		
Interest Income	31,955	46,443
Other Capital Credits and Patronage Dividends	35,559	37,809
Miscellaneous Non-Operating Income	39,200	5,097
Net Non-Operating Margins	<u>106,714</u>	<u>89,349</u>
<b>Net Margins</b>	1,085,104	471,656
<b>Patronage Capital - Beginning</b>	14,679,377	14,696,820
Less: Retirement of Patronage Capital	<u>(540,286)</u>	<u>(489,099)</u>
<b>Patronage Capital - Ending</b>	<u>\$ 15,224,195</u>	<u>\$ 14,679,377</u>

**STEUBEN RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. & SUBSIDIARY**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
**December 31, 2020 and 2019**

**ASSETS**

	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
<b>Electric Plant</b>		
In Service - At Cost	\$ 50,582,824	\$ 55,431,652
Construction in Progress	317,964	344,738
Total Electric Plant	<u>50,900,788</u>	<u>55,776,390</u>
Less:		
Provision for Depreciation	19,882,465	23,016,906
Retirement Work in Progress	(780)	(3,081)
Subtotal	<u>19,881,685</u>	<u>23,013,825</u>
Total Electric Plant - Net	<u>31,019,103</u>	<u>32,762,565</u>
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Investments in Associated Organizations	1,207,721	1,992,808
Total Other Assets	<u>1,207,721</u>	<u>1,992,808</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,099,567	730,961
Accounts Receivable - Net	1,515,833	1,605,645
Other Accounts Receivable	576,834	1,713,100
Inventory	568,932	493,805
Prepaid Expenses	358,527	357,964
Total Current Assets	<u>4,119,693</u>	<u>4,901,475</u>
<b>Noncurrent Assets</b>		
Other Regulatory Assets	1,584,396	522,638
Miscellaneous Deferred Debits	20,949	88,824
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>1,605,345</u>	<u>611,462</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 37,951,862</u>	<u>\$ 40,268,310</u>

**LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY**

	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
<b>Members' Equity</b>		
Memberships	\$ 334,230	\$ 326,605
Patronage Capital	15,224,195	14,679,377
Other Equities	1,772,221	1,751,668
Total Members' Equity	<u>17,330,646</u>	<u>16,757,650</u>
<b>Long-Term Debt - Net</b>	<u>17,464,421</u>	<u>19,877,593</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Long-Term Debt - Current Maturities	1,288,240	1,508,407
Line of Credit	901,588	872,000
Accounts Payable	269,539	389,651
Customer Deposits	33,230	39,830
Other Liabilities	394,127	619,951
Total Current Liabilities	<u>2,886,724</u>	<u>3,429,839</u>
<b>Noncurrent Liabilities</b>		
Loan Conversion Fees	-	-
Other Postretirement Benefits	270,071	203,228
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>270,071</u>	<u>203,228</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>	<u>\$ 37,951,862</u>	<u>\$ 40,268,310</u>

# CHICKEN DINNER RESERVATIONS



## CHICKEN DINNER RESERVATION

**\$3.00 PER PERSON**

### MENU

One-Half Barbecued Chicken

2 Sides, Roll & Butter

Catered by Stearn's Poultry Farm, Alfred Station, NY

Saturday, October 16, 2021

### REMINDERS:

1. The barbecue is limited to members and their spouse or companion and children living at home.
2. Reservation deadline October 8, 2021.
3. Payment due with registration form.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NO. DINNERS AT \$3.00 EACH \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Return the reservation form & payment to the Bath Office at: 9 Wilson Avenue, Bath, NY 14819 or the Cherry Creek Office, 5966 South Road, Cherry Creek, NY 14723 by no later than October 8, 2021.

### MEMBER QUESTIONNAIRE/CONCERNS YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED BY COOPERATIVE PERSONNEL

Due to the unusual structure of this year's meeting, and circumstances beyond our control, members may find they would like additional information concerning certain reports or have questions in general.

Please feel free to submit your questions, in writing to the Bath or Cherry Creek offices using this form. The form should be submitted prior to the deadline for reservations (10/08/2021) and can be mailed to the Cooperative at 9 Wilson Avenue, Bath, NY 14810 or 5966 South Rd., Cherry Creek, NY 14723; or emailed to [kcleveland@steubenrec.com](mailto:kcleveland@steubenrec.com). Each question will be reviewed and answered on an individual basis or in future editions of The Energizer.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ACCOUNT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



James McCormick  
President  
District 1



Robert Nichols  
Vice-President  
District 7



Janice Hoad  
Secretary  
District 2



Gary Brockway  
Treasurer  
District 4



Gerald S. Chase Jr.  
District 5



Gordon Foster  
District 6



Randy Stankey  
District 8



William Moss, III  
District 9

## YOU WILL RECEIVE A \$30.00 CREDIT ON YOUR NOVEMBER BILLING STATEMENT UPON REGISTERING AND ATTENDING THIS YEAR'S MEETING

Each registered member (account) will receive a \$25.00 credit that will be applied to the member's November billing statement. In addition to the \$25.00 credit, the Board has agreed to continue with the \$5.00 credit that has always been applied to registered members' November billing statements.

For all members attending and registering at this year's annual meeting, your November billing statements will reflect a \$30.00 credit. It will not be necessary to send in a separate certificate with your payment to obtain said credit.



## Office Locations

Bath District Office

9 Wilson Ave

Bath, NY 14810

(607) 776-4161

(800) 843-3414

Cherry Creek District Office

5966 South Rd

Cherry Creek, NY 14723

(716) 296-5651

(800) 883-8236

## STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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