

NEWS & VIEWS

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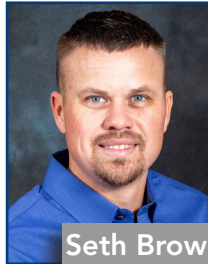
JCREMC members elect board directors

The results of JCREMC's 2021 Board of Directors Election were announced April 17 during the cooperative's virtual annual meeting. Members elected representatives in Districts 2, 3 and 7.

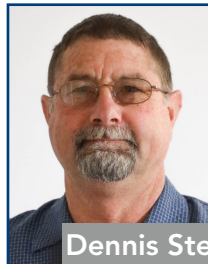
In **District 2, Seth Brown**, who has served on the board for four years, was reelected. He holds Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certification and Board Leadership Certification (BLC). Brown owns Professional Edge Lawn Care in Franklin. He and wife Jessica have three children.

In **District 3, Dennis Stewart**, a 45-year JCREMC member, was elected. He has run his family farm for 45 years, raising corn, soybeans, wheat and cattle. He has also operated a Pioneer Seed business for 30 years. He and wife Pam have two children.

In **District 7, Ron Barnett**, who has served on the board since 2018, was reelected. Barnett chairs the JCREMC Audit Committee and is pursuing his BLC and CCD certifications. He is vice president of an Indianapolis-based industrial supply company. Barnett and wife Teresa have two children.



Seth Brown
District 2



Dennis Stewart
District 3



Ron Barnett
District 7

Members voted in the 2021 election via mail-in ballots. That resulted in the highest participation level ever for a JCREMC election with 3,430 ballots returned. The election was conducted by an independent election company and overseen by a committee of JCREMC members. Election Committee representative Mickey Lee announced the results during the virtual annual meeting.

Members attended the meeting on the JCREMC website, over the phone, or on Facebook Live. The meeting is archived and available for viewing at jcremc.com/2021annualmeeting.

Continuing on the JCREMC Board of Directors are President Lee Ann Wilbur of District 5, Vice President Jamie Meredith of District 4, Secretary and Treasurer Seth Brown of District 2, Stephen Watson of District 6, and Glenn McAlpin of District 1.

A district map and information about the roles of the Board of Directors are available on the JCREMC website at jcremc.com/board-of-directors.

Rating 7

With new Super Off-Peak rate options from JCREMC, running your electric appliances and charging batteries could get cheaper.

The cooperative now offers a Single-Phase Service rate (SPS1) and a Single-Phase Time of Use rate (SPTOU), both of which come with a super off-peak period from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Scheduling programmable appliances to run and charging devices or electric vehicles during this period will cost members less.

Take your dishwasher for example. Let's say you start your dishwasher at 6 p.m. on a Tuesday in June. If you're on the SPTOU rate, the wash cycle will cost about 37 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh). On SPS1, the cost would be about 10 cents per kWh. However, if you

program your dishwasher to start after 11 p.m. that day, it will cost about 6 cents per kWh on SPTOU or 8 cents per kWh on SPS1.

While that may not sound like a big difference, JCREMC consumers who shift electric usage to Super Off-Peak and Off-Peak periods will see the savings add up.

"JCREMC residential consumers on either the Single-Phase Service rate (SPS1) or Single-Phase Time of Use (SPTOU) rate can save money by shifting their electricity usage away from defined peak times," says Shane Neher, JCREMC Energy Advisor. "Those who switch to SPTOU can realize the greatest savings."

JCREMC offers the two residential rate options for all consumers. While some of

5 WAYS TO SAVE *with Time of Use*



Program electric appliances, such as washing machines, clothes dryers, and dishwashers to run between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.



In winter, preheat your house between 5-7 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. Drop the temperature a few degrees between 7-9 a.m. and 6-9 p.m.



In summertime, cool down your house from 1-3 p.m., then increase the temperature setting between 3-7 p.m.



Charge lawn equipment, electric vehicles, and electronics between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Turn off power strips during peak times.



Perform housekeeping and other tasks requiring small electric appliances on weekends, which are always off-peak.

The Rates

the cooperative's consumers are still on the previous Seasonal Single-Phase Service (SPS) rate, which doesn't have an Off-Peak component, they have the option to switch to one of the newer rates with greater opportunity for savings.

"The SPS1 rate structure is designed so that consumers who don't shift their usage will pay about the same as consumers on the previous SPS rate," Neher says. "Still, consumers on SPS1 can save money by shifting use to the Super Off-Peak time from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m."

Consumers who sign up for the optional SPTOU rate can save even more. On SPTOU, the Super Off-Peak hourly charges are lower than those on SPS1. SPTOU also includes a seasonal Off-Peak time for additional savings. Weekends are always Off-Peak on SPTOU.

"Consumers who have programmable thermostats and Wi-Fi-enabled devices and appliances will find it easiest to maximize savings by shifting usage to these Off-Peak times," Neher says. "For example, they can program air conditioners to cool their house before the peak time and then coast through that timeframe before dropping the thermostat again.

"The other group is those who drive electric cars. They're definitely going to save the most by scheduling their cars to charge during SPTOU's Super-Off-Peak."

JCREMC provides tools at jcremc.com and on the [myJCREMC](#) mobile app to help you determine the best rate for your household.

"Both of these tools allow you to see when

you're using the most electricity throughout the day," Neher says. "If you see increased usage at a certain time, you can think about what appliances you were using or how your thermostat was set at that time."

If you'd like help determining which rate is best for you, contact Neher at 317-736-6174 or nehers@jcremc.com.

Learn more about JCREMC's rates options at jcremc.com/residential-rates.

Rebate Revamp

JCREMC has expanded the 2021 Residential Rebates Program to offer more incentives for energy efficiency and beneficial electrification.

Members can now receive a rebate of up to \$50 on qualifying electric lawn equipment and up to \$600 on installation of a 240v electric vehicle charging outlet.

Rebates on qualifying electric and hybrid HVAC equipment and water heaters have carried over from 2020 and include both upgrades and purchases for new construction. Rebates are available on the following:

- Air Source or Geothermal Heat Pumps
- Mini-Split Ductless Heat Pumps
- Air Source Heat Pump Water Heaters

The cooperative also offers incentives for HVAC tune-ups, attic insulation upgrades, duct sealing, variable-speed pool pumps, and smart thermostats.

See the full details at jcremc.com/rebates.

CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

JCFiber announces broadband expansion

JCFiber is growing. The high-speed fiber optic internet provider, which is a subsidiary of JCREMC, will expand to serve an additional 5,000 consumers over the next four years.

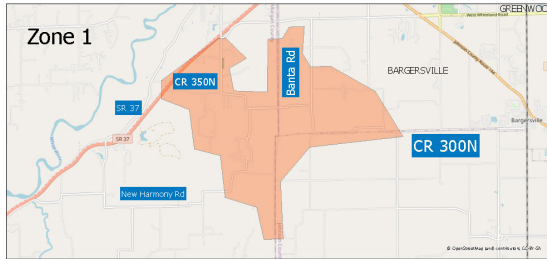
The JCREMC Board of Directors took action to begin the expansion in December 2020. It focuses on underserved rural areas where residents don't have access to true high-speed internet service.

"We recognize the need our rural consumers have for high-speed internet connectivity," said John Sturm, JCFiber President and JCREMC CEO. "Our goal is to bridge the digital divide that currently separates our rural and urban members."

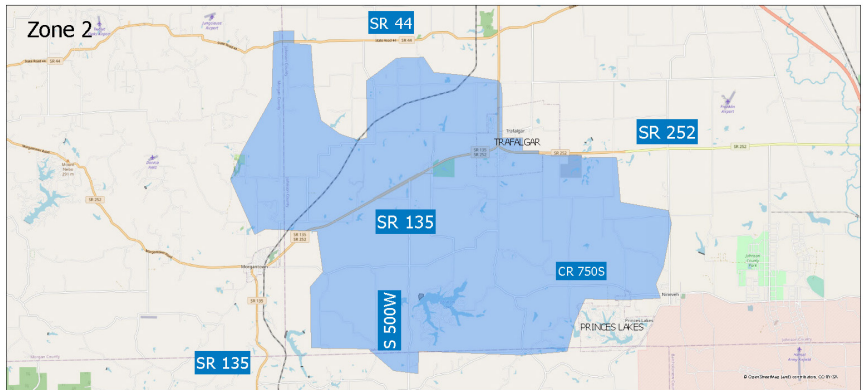
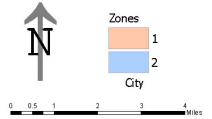
The network expansion will be completed in phases. Phase 1 is already under construction and includes approximately 360 households on the west side of JCREMC's electric service territory near Banta, Crooked Creek, and Paradise Lakes.

The goal is to have the first round of home installations completed by summer. Residents can sign up for service at jcfiber.com or by calling 317-736-6174.

Phase 2 mainline construction in the



Fiber Zone Map



southwestern corner of Johnson County will begin this summer. It will cover most of Hensley Township and part of Nineveh Township from Peoga Rd. to the Johnson-Morgan county line. This area will include approximately 1,100 households and the initial round of installations is slated to complete by early 2022.

Fiber expansion plans for the remainder of JCREMC's electric service territory are in development and currently include four additional construction phases. The next phase will be announced this summer.

See the full-size expansion map and learn more at jcfiber.com.