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Your Board of Directors

The business affairs of JCREMC are managed by a seven-member board of directors, one director for each of the seven districts in the service area of JCREMC. Directors are cooperative members and they pay electricity bills just like all JCREMC members. Director elections are open to all eligible JCREMC members. Elections are held during the Annual Meeting of the Membership, and each member has a single vote. To view the map that indicates the boundaries of each of the seven JCREMC districts visit jcremc.com/company/board-of-directors. Other important board of director information can also be found here.

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JCREMC Operation Round-Up Hits \$500,000 Milestone

We are pleased to announce that the JCREMC Operation Round-Up (ORU) Community Fund has donated over \$500,000 to local non-profit organizations since the program began in the fall of 2019. The ORU program has spread throughout electric cooperatives in the U.S. and we are grateful to take part. Awarded community grants have helped fund over 150 projects, along with providing funds for COVID-19 relief in 2020 and tornado damage relief in 2023.

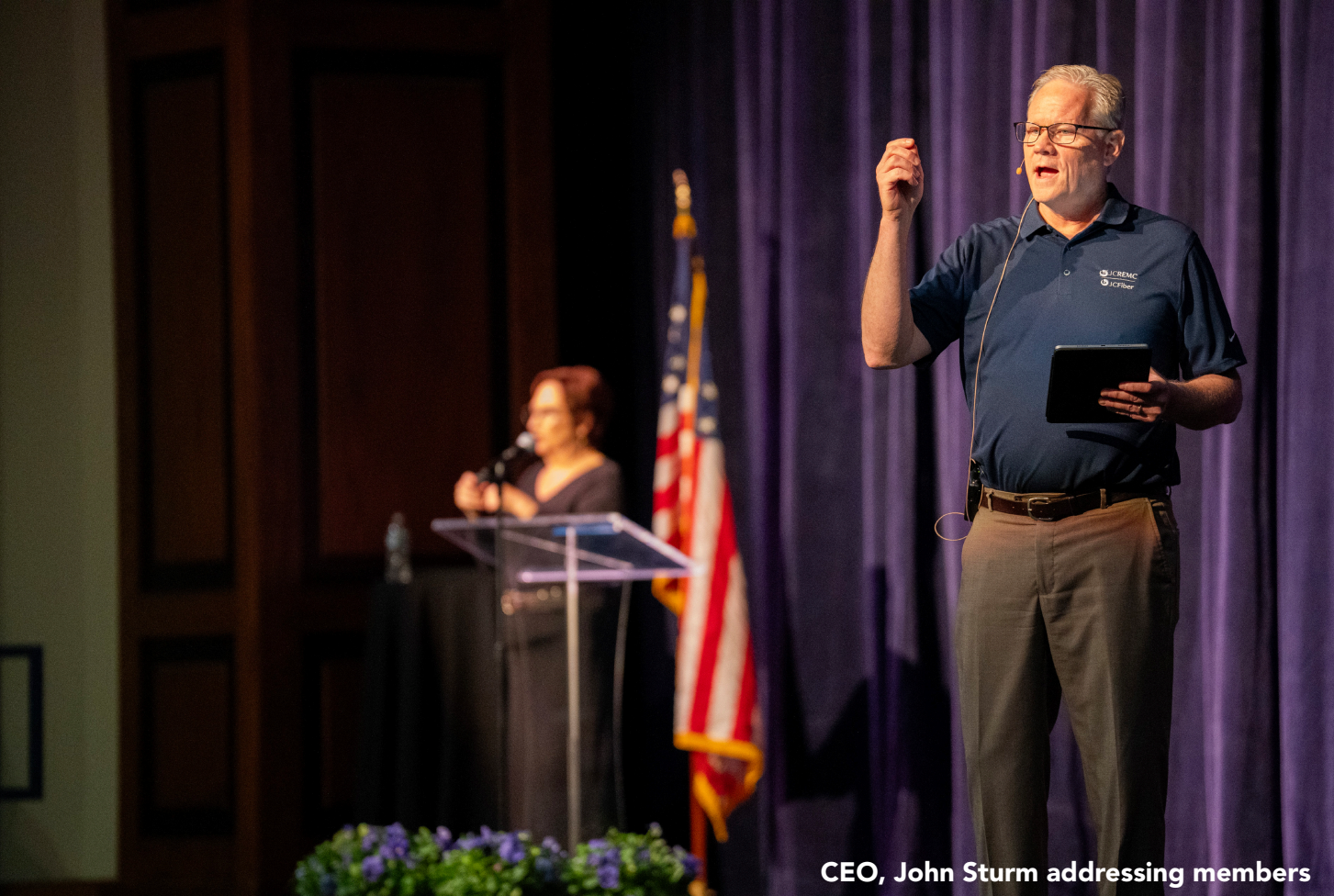
Operation Round-Up grants are made possible by JCREMC members who elect to have their monthly electric bills rounded up to the nearest whole dollar. The rounded amount is placed in the JCREMC Community Fund to provide financial support for charitable causes and non-profit organizations in the communities served by JCREMC. The average amount each participant contributes in a year is about \$6.

Local non-profit organizations can apply for up to \$5,000 in project-based grant funding each spring and fall. A voluntary independent advisory board oversees the JCREMC Community Fund and selects grant recipients twice a year in April and October. The next round of applications will be open beginning April 1. To learn more, apply for a grant, or see the list of all previous grant recipients visit jcremc.com and click Operation Round-Up under the Community tab.



FALL 2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Amity Community Fire Department**
EMS Trauma Kits
- Bridges Alliance of Johnson County**
Surviving to Thriving Project
- Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation**
Behavioral Needs Program
- First Mount Pleasant Baptist Church**
Sanctuary Sound System
- Franklin Youth Football, Inc.**
Equipment Reconditioning & Update
- Habitat for Humanity of Johnson County**
Tools and Equipment
- Indian Creek Education Foundation**
Safe Sitter & Bicycle Safety Programs
- Indian Creek Middle School**
Outdoor Cattle Shelter
- Indiana Ag & Tech FFA**
OSHA Safety Training Program
- Indiana FFA Foundation, Inc.**
Track Lighting Project
- Johnson County Historical Society**
Food Replenishment Project
- Johnson County Historical Society**
Plotter/Printer Replacement
- Leadership Johnson County**
Ramp it Up Program
- The HUB Ministry**
Required HVAC System
- The Indiana Center for the Prevention of Youth Abuse and Suicide**
Safety Training Materials
- The Sertoma Club of Greenwood**
Thanksgiving Dinner Program
- Trafalgar Volunteer Fire Department**
Thermal Imaging Cameras
- Turning Point**
Outreach Equipment & Material
- Webb Elementary PTO**
Playground Equipment Replacement



CEO, John Sturm addressing members

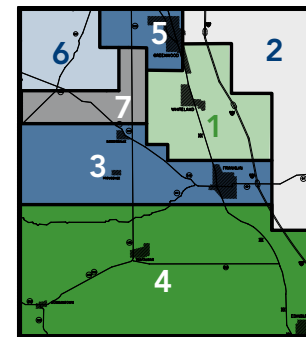
On the Agenda

8 AM: Registration Opens

8-10 AM: Complimentary Breakfast

9 AM: Entertainment Begins

10 AM: Business Meeting Begins



DISTRICT 1: Glenn McAlpin

DISTRICT 2: Seth Brown

DISTRICT 3: Dennis Stewart

DISTRICT 4: James Meredith

***DISTRICT 5:** Lee Ann Wilbur

***DISTRICT 6:** Stephen Watson

DISTRICT 7: Ron Barnett

*Uncontested districts up for election

Grand Prize Cash Drawings

*Each attending membership will be entered into the Grand Prize drawing for these prizes:

\$3,000 (one winner)

\$2,000 (one winner)

\$1,000 (two winners)

\$500 (four winners)

\$250 (four winners)

*Must be present to win

2025 JCREMC Annual Meeting: Shaping a New Era

Please join us for the JCREMC Annual Meeting on **Saturday, April 12, 2025** at Franklin Community High School, 2600 Cumberland Drive, Franklin.

This Annual Meeting is a time for JCREMC members, directors, and staff to celebrate the prior year's accomplishments and look forward to the future. The meeting will include breakfast, entertainment, Board of Directors election and the yearly cooperative business meeting.

Doors open at 8 a.m. for our traditional hot breakfast. Popular local band, Tastes Like Chicken will provide entertainment beginning at 9 a.m., followed by the business meeting at 10 a.m. Our CEO and members of the Board will give updates on the cooperative's financial standing, new initiatives, and JCFiber.

"In 2025, we begin a new era, built on our long-standing foundation of innovation, resiliency, reliability, and cost control" says JCREMC CEO and JCFiber President, John Sturm. "On the electric side we have many strategic initiatives underway that support our vision of expanding local control over our system planning, our power supply future, and our overall costs. Shaping a new future includes changing the way we manage wholesale power costs – including the installation of locally owned solar generation and two additional battery storage systems. For JCFiber we are laser focused on implementing initiatives to become more competitive. This new era promises to be one that focuses on cost control and becoming more valuable to JCREMC members and JCFiber customers."

Activity bags will be provided for children to take into breakfast and the Performing Arts Center during the business meeting. Families may also elect to sit in overflow seating located just outside the Performing Arts Center.

Meeting registration cards will be mailed to all member households in March, and attendees should be certain to bring these cards to the meeting in order to receive the annual report, a gift, and be included in the grand prize drawings.

Live Entertainment: Tastes Like Chicken

Tastes Like Chicken is a nine-member, high-energy band, that specializes in upbeat dance music with the ability to cover the old and new of many musical genres. Tastes Like Chicken has been around central Indiana for years, and has played at almost every major event or venue in the area. We are excited to have them perform for our annual meeting this year!



JCFiber Expanding In Community Value



JCFiber provides high-speed internet to our electric members who's options for true high-speed internet are sub-par. Last year we successfully reached our goal of providing fiber internet to all underserved JCREMC members. Although the original goal has been reached, we run the JCFiber business with the same principles as our JCREMC business. That means we aim to provide the best reliable service at the best price.

Every year we strive to make JCFiber better. This year we've continued to improve service and greatly expanded our contribution to the community.

Our Enhanced Features

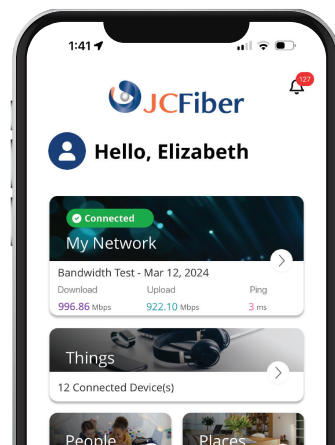
ExperienceIQ, is a service that protects children and grandchildren from harmful and inappropriate content, limits screen time on devices or applications, and displays online usage through our enhanced parental control app.

ProtectIQ, is a network-level security service that protects ALL devices connected to your Wi-Fi. If it's connected, it's protected!

The enhanced features available in ExperienceIQ and ProtectIQ are:

- \$5 per month per feature
- \$8 per month when bundled

Download the app for free in the Apple or Android store today.



Expanding Business Accounts and Services

JCFiber has entered into an agreement with the Johnson County government to provide services for their county buildings. Our relationship with local business continues to expand along with our offered services.

For businesses, we offer: GigE Internet, Hosted Phone Systems, IT Services, Off-Site Data Storage, Cyber Security, and 24/7 Local Customer Service.

For residential, we offer: Wi-Fi Extenders, Static IP Addresses, and 24/7 Local Customer Service.



Best of the Southside

The Daily Journal has voted JCFiber the Best of the Southside in the internet and broadband provider category for 2024, the second year in a row. We continue work to improve services and stay at the top of the list of internet providers.

Cooperative Calendar of Student Art Contest

Indiana K-12 students are invited to enter the Cooperative Calendar of Student Art Contest for a chance to illustrate an award-winning wall calendar. Each year, 13 first-place winners and honorable mention winners will have their artwork featured in the calendar and will receive cash prizes. Winners will have their artwork displayed at the IEC Annual Meeting. A complete set of rules and required entry forms are available by visiting indianaconnection.org/for-youth/art-contest. Entry deadline is February 28, 2025.



Apply for our Youth Programs

Energize your student's summer at Camp Kilowatt! This fun, powerful and unique camp experience is designed for students entering 7th grade in 2025. Applications are due by March 1, 2025.

campkilowatt.org



Have a high school junior who would enjoy a historical trip to the Gettysburg Battlefield, visiting Smithsonian Museums, and making new friends? Applications for the Youth Tour are due by March 1, 2025.

indianayouthtour.org



Developing Our Electric Distribution Grid

JCREMC strives to continually improve our intelligent distribution grid, and always remain at the forefront of technology. Currently we are working on a new solar array near Honey Creek and Tracy Roads. We are also installing a utility-grade battery at the site to work in conjunction with the solar panels. This new solar array will:

- Consist of 15,300 panels
- Have 13 MWh battery storage
- Power approximately 1,000 homes annually
- Span 52 acres, 35 acres will be solar panels
- Have a lifespan of 25-30 years
- Provide additional reliability during outages



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