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It's a matter of principles



ACE Hardware, Ocean Spray, REI, Land O'Lakes and yours truly, Noble REMC, all share something in common: we're all cooperatives.

We may be in different industries, but we all share a passion for serving our members and helping our communities to thrive.

In fact, all cooperatives adhere to the same set of seven principles that reflect our core values of honesty, transparency, equity, inclusiveness and service to the greater community good.

October is National Co-op Month — as well as Noble REMC's anniversary month! — so this is the perfect time to reflect on these principles that have stood the test of time but also provide a framework for the future.

VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP: This principle notes that anyone can be a Noble REMC member. The only requirement: being a consumer of our services.

DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL: Co-op members, like you, control our cooperative. You play a role in setting policies and making decisions. Not only can you vote for your board of directors, you can run for the board yourself.

MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION: Electric cooperatives

deliver service at cost. Members share the operational expenses and are credited for any revenues that exceed costs.

AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE: Noble REMC follows a democratic process. Locally-elected members serve as your directors and use first-hand information to make local decisions.

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION: Electric cooperatives educate members about how to get the most from their energy dollar and the safe use of electricity. Also, continued education and training for members, directors and employees helps us contribute to the development of our cooperative.

COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES: While cooperatives exist to fulfill a mutual need among members, by working together through local, national, regional and international structures, co-ops improve services, bolster local economies and deal more effectively with community needs.

CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY: The old adage "it takes a village" is at the heart of this principle. Cooperatives work for the sustainable growth of our communities through policies supported by our members.

RON RAYPOLE
President/CEO



HAPPY 85TH, NOBLE REMC!

It may seem strange to look backward in order to move forward, but after 85 years, there's a lot we've learned from how we were founded and how we've served our community through the decades. It's prepared us to continue to innovate as we move through the next few decades with new technology and changing needs.

While our 85th anniversary isn't a milestone like 75 or 100, it's still important to us to show our appreciation for our members and community who built us and supported us for more than eight decades.

BUILT BY YOU

Have you ever wondered why we call you a "member" rather than a "customer?"

It's because you – or rather, people like you – created Noble REMC 85 years ago.

Rural residents took the power into their own hands when larger utilities wouldn't provide them electricity and built their own system. They found the tools to set poles, string lines and get power to farms and homes in the most rural areas of Noble County.

Since then, we've grown beyond county lines, now serving six counties in our service territory. We went from "Noble County REMC" to "Noble REMC" to better represent who we are and who we serve.

Our co-op is run by your friends and neighbors as members of our board of directors, as well as our employees, who live and work in the same community. That means we're constantly listening to your priorities and needs and doing the best we can to provide for you.

REMC CONTINUES TO INNOVATE

The world has changed a lot since our founding in 1936. World Wars, multiple civil rights movements and revolutions, the invention of the internet (and social media) and more have dramatically changed the way we live our lives.

Noble REMC has changed right alongside our community. From expanding our service territory, to allowing online account management, to advanced metering infrastructure, we meet our members where they are.

As we continue to serve you, we're continuing to transform.

This includes our electric vehicle pilot program, Charge Ahead, which allows those with EVs to benefit from a time-of-use rate to incentivize off-peak charging.

It also means we're continuing to investigate and assist in the pursuit of better high-speed internet options for our most rural members, who currently have a lack of options for providers and speeds. Access to adequate internet speeds is vital to the quality of life of our members.

And it also means diversifying our portfolio with more renewable energy. Our power supplier, Wabash Valley Power Alliance, increases its investment in solar, wind and other alternative energy options each year to provide a greener footprint than the year before.

No one knows what the future may hold when it comes to technology and its reliance on electricity, but Noble REMC will be there, innovating to provide you the highest quality of life possible – just as we have for 85 years.



NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE DIRECTORS OF Noble
COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC
MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION.

Dear Director:

You are hereby notified that a special meeting of the directors of Noble County Rural Electric Membership Corporation will be held at the Farm Bureau Cooperative Office in the town of Albion, Indiana, at 7:30 o'clock, P.M., on the 13 day of October, 1936, for the purposes of (1) adopting, ratifying and confirming all action taken at all meetings of the incorporators and board of directors of the corporation; (2) repeal of the existing by-laws of the corporation and the adoption of new by-laws; (3) electing officers; (4) providing for an executive committee and electing the members thereof; (5) adoption of a seal; (6) determining the existing membership of the corporation; (7) authorizing the execution of a contract with Indiana Statewide REMC, whereby it will undertake to do certain engineering services for this corporation; and (8) any and all other business which may properly come before said meeting.

Very truly yours,

Frank H. Beece
Secretary

Dated: October 5, 1936.

No. 2513

Noble REMC's resolution from 1936 creating the cooperative.

85 years

Built by our
community,
to serve our
community,
for 85 years
and beyond.



10 OUT OF 10: OCTOBER IS A MONTH OF ACTION!

Celebrated in October, Co-op Month has unintentionally become a month of action for our cooperative throughout history. It's when we've created new programs, assisted other co-ops after disasters and prepared for the impact of technology.

Let's look at 10 moments in history in honor of the 10th month:

1936: The Noble County REMC articles of incorporation were signed and bylaws adopted. The membership drive was underway, with a membership fee of \$5.

1937: Indiana Statewide REMC was contracted to provide power to Noble County REMC.

1939: The first line truck — a 1932 Ford B 1.5-ton truck — was purchased for \$445.

1943: The board voted to establish

a \$4 membership fee, \$1 less than when the co-op was founded.

1954: The Noble County Commissioners gave REMC rights to start our right-of-way program and “cut and remove any trees, shrubs or other growth upon the right-of-way of highways in Noble County, Indiana.”

1976: The board voted to acquire the empty buildings and 10 acres of ground on Weber Road for a new headquarters location.

1998: Board began reviewing Y2K Compliance issues to ensure that the cooperative's operations would continue on an uninterrupted basis at the millennium. (Spoiler alert: everything was fine.)

2005: Journeymen Linemen Marc Gaerte and Rob Coil (who still work at the co-op!) traveled to southern

Louisiana and spent three weeks working 16-hour days to assist with rebuilding power lines devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

2019: Noble REMC rolled out our “Commitment to Zero Contacts” pledge, an initiative designed to provide co-op leaders with resources to help eliminate serious injuries and fatalities and enhance co-op safety programs.

2020: Noble REMC launched a member survey regarding high-speed broadband internet in our area as part of the co-op's research into how we could best assist our community in acquiring better service and options. The survey received a surprisingly large response, with 23% of our membership — more than 2,200 members — completing the survey.

Save through our water heater program

Did you know you can purchase your water heater directly from your trusted electric co-op? That's us! Noble REMC.

Whether you're replacing your old water heater or installing one, we provide energy-efficient options free of charge or at/below cost, depending on the circumstances. We also provide credits for water heaters purchased elsewhere.

For those replacing their water heater, they can purchase at/below cost:

- 50-gallon electric water heater
- 50-gallon heat pump water heater
 - *Eligible for a \$400 Power Moves® rebate*

New home needing one water heater:

- 50-gallon water heater – FREE
- Heat pump water heater from Noble REMC – \$150 credit

- *Also eligible for a \$400 Power Moves rebate*
- Any size electric water heater, purchased elsewhere – credit toward purchase

There are additional options for homes needing two water heaters, as well as other sizes of water heaters that can be special ordered and priced at our cost.

You also have the potential to benefit from a \$50 electric replacement installation allowance, \$100 gas replacement installation allowance and an \$85 annual service reimbursement.



Energy Advisor Brian Hawk talks through some of the basics and mechanics of a heat pump water heater in a recent video in his “Ask the Energy Advisor” series. Visit our YouTube channel (or noblerehc.com/energy-advisor for a link to our channel) to view.

Interested in learning more? Call Energy Advisor Brian Hawk at 800-933-7362 for pricing details or visit our website, noblerehc.com/water-heaters, for more information.