



## Nominating Committee Appointed

At the June 23rd Board Meeting, the following Cooperative members were appointed to serve on this year's nominating committee to select director candidates for the following districts:

District #2: Brad Assman, Matt Johnson, Steve Pelz

District #7: Jeff True, Roger Kopecky, Marcus Vogel

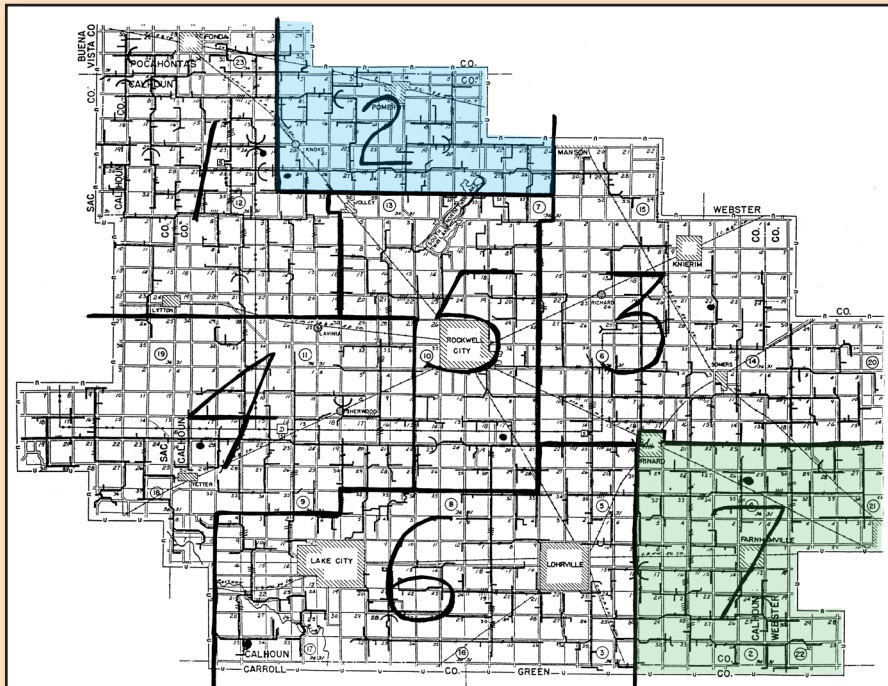
The nominating committee will meet July 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at Calhoun County Electric Cooperative's office in Rockwell City. The purpose of the meeting is to select candidates for the respective districts up for election.

According to Article XII (12) of the bylaws, it shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, not less than 40 nor more than 90 days before the date of a meeting of the members at which Directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of three (3) members from each district from which a Director is to be elected. No members of the Board may serve on such committee. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least thirty (30) days before the meeting, a list of those candidates nominated for Director from each district from which a Director is to be elected. The committee is encouraged but not required to include at least two (2) candidates for each Director to be elected.

## Two Positions on CCECA Board Open for Election

Two positions on Calhoun County Electric Cooperative's seven-member Board of Directors will be open for election at the September 1, 2021 annual meeting. This year the terms of Ron Hanson (District 2) and Duane Beschoner (District 7) will expire. Both directors are eligible to run for another 3-year term.

If you are a member in one of those districts and are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, reach out to a member of the nominating committee listed above or contact CEO Keaton Hildreth at 712-297-7112 or 800-821-4879.



## Nominating Committee Appointed

Front

Members appointed to serve on nominating committee

## Two Positions Open

Front

2 Positions Open  
on CCECA Board,  
Districts 2 & 7

## Calhoun County Business Park Groundbreaking

Page 2

June 3, 2021

## CCECA Solar Recap

Page 3

Solar Production Recap

## Calhoun County Expo Donation

Page 4

Donation in  
conjunction with  
BEPC & CoBank

## Website Revamp

Page 4

Check out our new  
website

# Calhoun County Business Park Groundbreaking

## *Calhoun County's first business park begins construction near four-lane U.S. Highway 20*

ROCKWELL CITY, IA – A groundbreaking ceremony took place on Thursday, June 3, 2021, to commemorate the beginning of construction on a new 115-acre business park being developed at the intersection of four-lane U.S. Highway 20 and Highway 4, just north of Rockwell City. This is the first business park to be located in Calhoun County, and it is one of the first to be built along rural Highway 20 since the four-lane highway expansion project was completed in 2018.

The Calhoun County Business Park project is spearheaded by a development team including the Calhoun County Board of Supervisors, Calhoun County Economic Development Corp. (CCEDC), Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association (CCECA), and Corn Belt Power. The engineering firm ISG, City of Rockwell City, and Twin Lakes Utilities were also involved in the project.

"The Calhoun County Business Park project was only made possible through the diligent efforts of numerous organizations working together toward a common goal," said Jill Heisterkamp, Executive Director at CCEDC. "We are excited to see opportunities develop at the site and for this project's success to influence future development throughout Calhoun County."

The groundbreaking marks the beginning of Phase 1 of the Business Park's planned four-phase development.

Phase 1 offers 16.49 developable acres and includes construction of a new dedicated road entrance to the Business Park, drainage and stormwater detention, and water and sewer infrastructure access for three buildable lots.

"With its location at an interchange for new four-lane Highway 20 and its proximity to Interstates 35 and 29, the Calhoun County Business Park is a great location for warehousing, distribution, cold storage, and other logistic service providers," said Heisterkamp. "A

Sparky's One Stop truck stop and convenience store already exists at the site, located on the southeast side of the property, which further supports businesses in these industries locating here."

More information about the Business Park can be found at [www.ccedciowa.com/businesspark](http://www.ccedciowa.com/businesspark), or by contacting CCEDC at 712-297-5601 or [ccedc@calhouncountyiowa.com](mailto:ccedc@calhouncountyiowa.com).

### Why a Business Park?

"This project has been a long time in the making," Keaton Hildreth, Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association's chief executive officer said. "As an organization we've been working for years to get this done."

But, why a business park? In short, it will help build Calhoun County's rural economy. However, it's more than that says Hildreth.

"As an electric cooperative, one of our main goals is to enhance the quality of life in the area we serve," he said. "Enhancing quality of life means more than just providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity. It also means attracting and retaining good-paying jobs to our area."

"Having a business park will foster a stronger economic base, which will in turn increase the county's wage base and tax base," Hildreth said. "Our goal is to create jobs and then ultimately promote the use of our product, electricity."

Hildreth says the investment in a business park will help stabilize rates for electric cooperative member-owners in the future.

*continued on page 3*



*Pictured (L-R): Rand Fisher, President, Iowa Area Development Group; Brittany Dickey, Development Finance Director, Corn Belt Power Cooperative; Jim Vermeer, Vice President of Business Development, Corn Belt Power Cooperative; Brooke Sievers, Civil Engineer, ISG; Scott Jacobs, Calhoun County Board of Supervisors; Keaton Hildreth, CEO, Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association; Jill Heisterkamp, Executive Director, Calhoun County Economic Development Corp.; Debi Durham, Executive Director, Iowa Economic Development Authority; and Nick Buse, Calhoun County Engineer.*



# Recipe of the Month

## Lemon Rice Krispie Treats

- 5 c crisp rice cereal
- 1 -10 oz bag mini marshmallows about 5 1/2 cups
- 1/4 c salted butter
- 1/3 c lemonade powder (such as Countrytime Lemonade)
- Zest of one lemon
- White chocolate and sprinkles for garnish optional

1. Add the cereal to a large bowl and set aside.
2. In another large, microwave-safe bowl, add the marshmallows and butter.
3. Microwave on high for one minute and stir until the butter is melted.
4. Stir in the lemonade powder and lemon zest.
5. Pour over the cereal and stir to coat.
6. Press into a greased square pan (8×8 or 9×9" will work).
7. Drizzle with melted white chocolate and top with yellow sprinkles, if desired.
8. Cut into squares and enjoy!

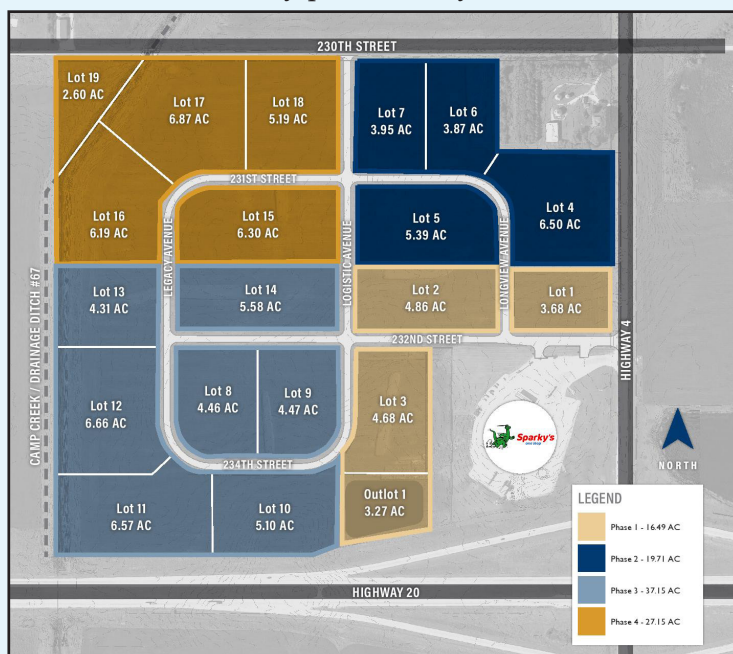


*continued from page 2*

"Increasing business activity at the intersection of Highway 20 and 4, will increase energy sales," he said. "By increasing energy sales, Calhoun County ECA will be able to spread its fixed costs over more kilowatt hour sales."

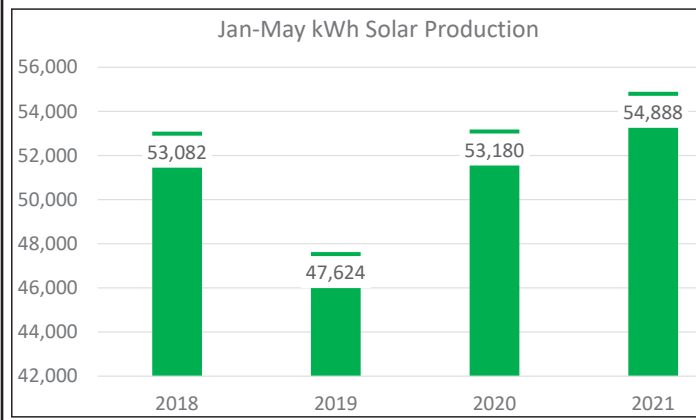
Economic development has been a priority of the cooperative's board of directors and this project is their long-term strategy to create more development opportunity within our service territory.

"When site selectors and businesses look for places to make investments, they typically want to move quickly. 'Shovel-ready' lots that include access to utilities such as water, wastewater, electricity, and the potential for high-speed broadband internet create the opportunity to attract development that has historically passed us by," said Hildreth.



## CCECA Solar Array Recap

Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association completed a 76kW Solar Demonstration Project in 2017. This project was interconnected on August 2, 2017. Since the project became interconnected, this has allowed the cooperative to gain first-hand experience in solar energy production to benefit our member-owners. 2021 was another record year for solar production, as seen in the graph below. The demonstration project has exceeded production during the same 5 month window since 2018. Currently, Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association has 7 Member-Owned Solar Arrays and 4 Member-Owned Wind Generation sites interconnected that are also monitored and tracked. Visit our website for more information or contact Richard Hall, Calhoun County ECA Member Services Rep.



## Calhoun County Exposition Donation

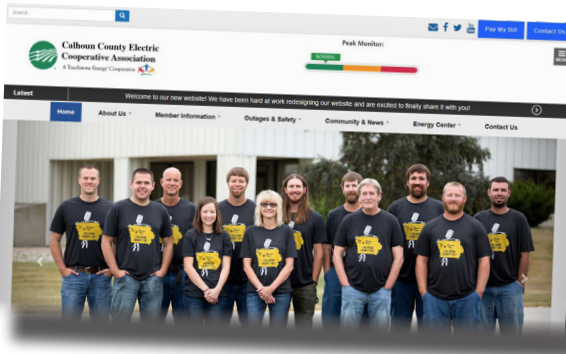
Recently, a \$3,000 donation in conjunction with matching donations from two of our partners, Basin Electric Power Cooperative and CoBank was made to help support the Calhoun County Exposition that is scheduled for July 7-11, 2021 in Rockwell City.



Pictured L to R: Jack Parker, Fair Board; Kayla Wiederin, CCECA Communications Manager; Brandon Anderson, Fair Board, and Kaylyn Anderson, Fair Board.

## Website Revamp

Check out our recently updated website at [www.calhounrec.coop](http://www.calhounrec.coop). Loaded with tons of helpful information including: Online Bill Pay, Membership Applications, Automatic Payment Forms, Rebate Forms, Energy Efficiency Tips, Outage Information and much more!



## Member Challenge...



1. A \$\_\_\_\_\_ donation was made to the Calhoun County Exposition.
2. What 2 districts are up for election on the CCECA Board? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many acres is Phase 1 of the Calhoun County Business Park? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Find the answers within the stories, features, and content of this newsletter and you could win a prize. Send your answer to [kwiederin@calhounrec.coop](mailto:kwiederin@calhounrec.coop), clip and mail to: Calhoun County Electric Cooperative, PO Box 312, Rockwell City, IA 50579 or submit on our website: [www.calhounrec.coop](http://www.calhounrec.coop). You may mail your entry along with your electric bill payment, but remember there is a deadline! Entries for this issue must be received by August 1. Three names will be drawn from all correct entries. Members will receive a \$10 credit on their account. Members who answer the questions correctly and participate at least three times throughout the year will be eligible for a \$100 bill credit, through a random drawing, at the end of the year.

*Congratulations to May's member challenge winners:  
Marie Kaufman, Ardith Wessels and Kent Wuebker*

## Reach Us

### OFFICE HOURS:

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
(Mon-Fri)

Contact 24/7 with the following numbers:

### General Phone:

(712) 297-7112

### Toll Free:

(800) 821-4879

### Fax:

(712) 297-7211

### Visit us online:

[www.calhounrec.coop](http://www.calhounrec.coop)

### Email:

[info@calhounrec.coop](mailto:info@calhounrec.coop)

### DIRECTORS:

Jim Miller, President - Fonda

LaVerne Arndt,  
Vice President - Sac City

Jason McKenney,  
Secretary - Somers

Ron Hanson,  
Treasurer - Pomeroy

Duane Beschoner - Lohrville

Steve Boedecker - Rockwell City

Scott Hicks - Lake City

Keaton Hildreth, CEO



Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.

**IOWA ONE-CALL  
AT 811 OR  
(800) 292-8989  
BEFORE YOU DIG**

### EASY WAYS TO PAY BILL:

**Online:** Access through [www.calhounrec.coop](http://www.calhounrec.coop) and pay online 24/7.

**Auto Bill Pay (ACH):** Deduct from your bank account. Find the form on our website or stop by the office.

**Call:** Call the office and make a payment over the phone with a card or checking account.

**Outside Drop Box/  
Front Corner:**

Rockwell City, IA

**U.S. Postal Mail**

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.