

RURAL Missouri

Sac Osage Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting Edition

September 2025

The 2025 Annual Meeting Will Bring Back The Traditional In-Person Event

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2025 Annual Meeting of the Members of Sac Osage Electric Cooperative, Inc., will be held at the Cooperative headquarters, 4815 E. HWY 54, El Dorado Springs, Missouri.

The doors will open at 4:30PM followed by the business meeting at 6:30PM, Tuesday, September 09, 2025, to take action upon the following matters:

Report of officers, directors and committees; Such other business that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

There was one (1) nominee from each of the districts 1, 2 and 3. According to the Bylaws, Article IV, Section 4, if only one (1) person is nominated for the position of director in any district, ballots shall not be mailed and the person nominated shall be deemed elected at the Annual Meeting of the Members. Any director elected without opposition shall commence serving immediately after the election results are announced at the annual meeting of the members. The director biographical sketches are located inside the back cover of the Rural Missouri. By order of the Board of Directors of Sac Osage Electric Cooperative, Inc.

All three directors were the only nominees from their respective districts this year. They shall be deemed re-elected at the Annual Meeting of the Members.

Tim Minehardt, Secretary

SAC OSAGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC

2025

ANNUAL MEETING

- SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2025 @ SAC OSAGE ELECTRIC HEADQUARTERS
- DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 PM
- BUSINESS MEETING AT 6:30 PM
- IN PERSON EVENT
- FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, GIVEAWAYS
- INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS

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 Sac Osage Electric Cooperative
A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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Members must be present after registration to be eligible for the drawings.

This year, there are no contested director districts or any proposed bylaw changes



Sac Osage Electric Cooperative

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TO THE MEMBERS OF SAC OSAGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

We invite all members of Sac Osage Electric Cooperative Inc. to join us for the 2025 Annual Meeting as we proudly celebrate 85 years of service to our communities.

This year, we return to our traditional in-person event format, moving away from the previous drive-through setup.

Join us for an evening filled with

delicious food, entertainment, and prize drawings.

The doors will open at 4:30 PM, with the business meeting scheduled to start at 6:30 PM.

For easy registration, please remember to bring the mailing label from your Rural Missouri Magazine. We look forward to celebrating with you!



BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S PRESIDENT REPORT



The Sac Osage Electric Cooperative Inc. Board of Directors and Employees invite all members of the Sac Osage Electric Cooperative to join us for the 2025

Annual Meeting. This gathering will take place on September 9th, 2025, at the Sac Osage Electric Cooperative Headquarters, located east of El Dorado Springs on US 54 Highway. We will be celebrating 85 years of serving our communities.

This year, we're excited to return to the traditional in-person format. Members of Sac Osage Electric Cooperative Inc. will enjoy delicious food and entertainment, and there will be multiple prize drawings throughout the evening.

Over the past year, our cooperative has been extremely busy as our service area continues to expand with new construction projects. Our dedicated linemen have been hard at work building new lines, overcoming numerous challenges, primarily from Mother Nature, including ice, rain, and tornadoes.

The fiber-to-the-home project has been completed, with Conexon Connect delivering fast and reliable internet to over 5,300 members. In the year 2024, lease payments from Conexon Connect contributed over \$4,000,000 in revenue.

Sac Osage Electric still strives to

provide dependable and affordable electric service to our members. We maintain a strong focus on pre-maintenance scheduling, which includes routine equipment upkeep and aggressive right-of-way and vegetation maintenance across our districts. These efforts have allowed the cooperative to operate more efficiently than years past.

To the members of Sac Osage Electric Cooperative, serving as the President of the Board of Directors for another year has been a true privilege. The Board dedicates countless hours to studying financials, reviewing policies, and addressing any pressing issues before each board meeting. Directors from each district are committed to answering phone calls and attending meetings to stay informed about any business at hand.

General Manager Aaron Ash and Director Brian Hubbard represent the cooperative at monthly board meetings at KAMO, while Director Tim Minehardt attends bi-monthly meetings at AMEC. These dedicated leaders serve as the cooperative's voice at both the state and federal levels, advocating for your interests as members.

I thank the dedicated employees of Sac Osage Electric Cooperative. As I have often said, a board "without" a staff or line crew is just a board. Thanks to the combined efforts of everyone involved, your cooperative has the "best of the best," ensuring that affordable and reliable electricity continues to meet your everyday

wants and needs.

Thank you, and God bless you all!
Ken Hacker - Board President

SUMMARY OF THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The 2024 Annual Meeting of Members of Sac-Osage Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held at the offices of Sac Osage Electric Cooperative, Inc., East Highway 54, El Dorado Springs, Missouri on September 10, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m., Ken Hacker, the Cooperative's Board President, officially convened the meeting and called the business portion of the Annual Meeting of Members of Sac-Osage Electric Cooperative, Inc. to order. Mr. Hacker welcomed all members present to the meeting. The meeting was also streamed live on Facebook.

Chris Hoberock, the Cooperative's General Counsel, who was appointed by the Cooperative's Board of Directors to preside over the business portion of the meeting, announced to the membership that a quorum for the meeting consisted of 5% of the first 2,000 members of the Cooperative and 2% of all members in excess of 2,000. Based upon a total membership of 9,197 members, Mr. Hoberock announced that a quorum for the



annual meeting was 244 members. The Cooperative had received 563 mail-in ballots prior to the meeting, and an additional 3 members voted at the meeting.

There was a total of 11 members present at the meeting. Additionally, 484 ballots were hand delivered to the Cooperative prior to the meeting, which were not counted in determining the existence of a quorum but were counted in the tabulation on the proposal to amend the Cooperative's Bylaws. Therefore, a quorum was declared and that the business portion of the meeting would proceed.

It was then moved, seconded, and upon voice vote, agreed to by a majority of the membership present that the reading of the Official Notice of the 2024 Annual Meeting would be waived.

Mr. Hoberock reviewed with the Members the actions taken at the 2023 Annual Meeting of Members. A motion was then made and seconded to approve the minutes as written and published. Upon a voice vote by the membership, a majority of the members present voted to approve the minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting as published.

Mr. Hoberock announced that copies of the 2023 Financial Statements of the Cooperative for the year ended December 31, 2023 were available to any member requesting a copy. Mr. Hoberock announced that the first matter to be acted on at this meeting was the election of directors for District 7, District 8 and District 9 of the Cooperative. Mr. Hoberock then announced that the candidates for the directorship vacancies were as follows: District 7, Shannon Tucker; District 8, Kenneth Hacker; and District 9, Brian Hubbard.

Mr. Hoberock stated that pursuant to the Bylaws of Sac-Osage Electric Cooperative, Inc., unopposed candidates for director are automatically elected without a vote. Therefore, Mr. Hoberock announced that the unopposed candidates for District 7, Shannon Tucker; District

8, Kenneth Hacker; and District 9, Brian Hubbard were declared elected without a vote and that they would assume their duties.

Mr. Hoberock then announced that the item of business was to consider and vote on proposed amendments to Article III, Sections 4 through 7, of the Cooperative's Bylaws.

Mr. Hoberock explained that the proposed amendments related to the authorization of the use of electronic voting at meetings of members and the counting of such votes in the determination of a quorum for the meeting in the form and with the language contained in the Notice of Annual Meeting of the Members of Sac-Osage Electric Cooperative, Inc. mailed to members on August 19, 2024. A copy of the proposed amendments is available at this meeting to any member who wishes to read them.

Mr. Hoberock then stated that he would entertain a motion to amend the Bylaws as proposed by the Cooperative's Board of Directors. Brian Hubbard then moved to adopt.

The motion was seconded by Ray Huesemann. A member raised a question about who the manner by which the electronic voting would occur.

Mr. Hoberock announced that the Board had previously appointed Delbert Bybee, Pat Moomaw and Stephanie Harper as Inspectors of Election who had taken their oath of office just prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Mr. Hoberock then declared the polls open for voting on the proposed amendments to the Cooperative's Bylaws.

After inquiring whether every member has had an opportunity to vote who desired to do so, Mr. Hoberock then declared the polls closed for further voting on the proposals to amend the Cooperative's Bylaws.

The President's and Secretary-Treasurer's reports to the members

had previously been made available to each member in written form as published in the Rural Missouri magazine.

Mr. Hoberock then turned the meeting over to Aaron Ash who gave his Manager's Report.

After an extended recess for the counting and tabulation of votes by the Inspectors of Election, Mr. Hoberock called the meeting back to order and then read to the membership the Report of Inspectors of Election containing the results of the voting on the proposal to amend the Bylaws of the Cooperative with respect to the authorization of electronic voting at meetings of members and the counting of such votes in the determination of a quorum for the meeting.

That Report showed that 729 votes were cast "FOR" the proposal, 135 votes were cast "AGAINST" the proposal and 183 members voted to "ABSTAIN". Therefore, Mr. Hoberock declared that the proposal was approved and that Article III, Sections 4-7 of the Cooperative's Bylaws had been amended.

Mr. Hoberock then announced that the floor was open for any unfinished business which might properly come before the membership. After a reasonable pause, it was determined that no member requested recognition to bring up any matter of unfinished business.

Mr. Hoberock announced that the floor was open for any new business that might come before the membership. After a reasonable pause, it was determined that no member requested recognition to bring up any matter of new business.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon a motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENSES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Statement of Revenue & Expenses
For the Year Ending December 31, 2024

Revenues:	
Operating Capital & Other Revenues	\$28,817,171
Expenses & Other Deductions	
Cost of Power	\$11,210,397
Operating & Maintenance Expenses	\$4,538,599
Customer Accounts Expense	\$857,677
Administrative & General	\$1,759,825
Depreciation & Amortization	\$2,707,502
Taxes & Provision for Taxes	\$6,096
Interest Expense	\$3,102,172
Other Deductions	
Total Expenses & Other	\$24,182,268
Net Margin	\$4,634,903

BALANCE SHEET 2024

Balance Sheet 2024
December 31, 2024

Assets:		Liabilities and Capital	
Utility Plant	\$101,822,594	Capital Equities	\$32,704,510
Other Assets & Investments	\$13,737,968	Total LT liabilities & Obligations	\$84,871,768
Current Assets	\$7,599,783	Current & Noncurrent Liabilities	\$3,963,782
Deferred Debits	\$188,934	Deferred Credits	\$1,809,219
Total Assets	\$123,349,279	Total Liabilities & Capital	\$123,349,279

2024 Annual Meeting Treasurer's Report

It has been my privilege to serve you for the last 7 years as Sac Osage Electric Cooperative's Secretary-Treasurer. As a member of the Board, one of my primary duties is to represent you in the Cooperative's annual budgeting-making process.

The annual budget is affected by sales revenue more than any other single factor, with residential and residential seasonal sales currently representing 93% of all revenue. Depending on the weather, residential sales can fluctuate significantly from year to year. Projected sales from 2024 were in line with what was projected by AECI's Clearspring Energy Forecast. The 2025 budget assumes that sales will approximate the previous 5-year average. After the rate increase of 2024, revenues were expected to cover expenses in 2025.

Purchased power is our largest single expense. Purchased power now represents 46% of the total cost of electric service. In 2024, KAMO Power's billing was higher, with an overall increase in power costs of \$1,039,552 compared to the 2023 power costs.

The 2025 Construction Work Plan calls for total spending of \$4,260,900

for: new extensions and line conversions; replacement of bad poles, transformers, and regulators, and; AMR improvements and miscellaneous distribution upgrades and replacements. Our investment in new and improved infrastructure is 11.8% above the 2024 Construction Work Plan level.

The Board has approved \$1,600,000 for contract mechanical tree-trimming in 2025 to clear trees, branches, and foliage away from our power lines. \$100,000 has been budgeted for herbicide treatment of rights-of-way. This ongoing effort will continue to lessen tree-related outages and the amount of damage caused by storms.

Total margins for 2025 amounted to \$4,634,903. These margins will eventually be returned to the membership based upon the amount of revenue each member contributed in 2024. During the year ending December 31, 2024, total refunds authorized to patrons amounted to \$1,169,999.93.

Sac Osage Electric's rate increase which took place in April of 2024 offset the power cost increase and negated the need for an increase in 2025, though power costs to Sac Osage from

our power supplier again increased.

Each year Sac Osage undergoes an independent audit. The report of auditor, Kevin Kelso CPA will be available at the Annual Meeting. I am pleased to report that the Cooperative concluded 2024 in an acceptable financial position. Information regarding the balance sheet and statement of revenue and expenses may be found in the current issue of the Rural Missouri. An official copy of the audit may be obtained by calling the office during normal business hours. These audited financial reports show that Sac Osage Electric Cooperative continues to be in a solid financial position. The fiber build-out program continued in 2024. Every member of Sac Osage Electric Cooperative now has access to the fiber to the home Internet connection. The fiber project added \$4,544,193.97 to revenue with payments from our contracts with Conexon Connect.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Minehardt, Secretary-Treasurer

