



From the desk of Travis Mathes, Manager of Member Services

What a whirlwind year 2021 has been.
And the holiday season is upon us again.

2022 we all pray will come in smooth as planned.
For years like the past two, no one could more stand.

In 2021 COVID continued to rear its nasty head.
Regarding it, I think more than enough has been said.

Mother-Nature in February threw us all a major curve ball.
Some feared it would cause the power grid to fall.

Temperatures plummeted from North to South, and East to West.
But Lewis County REC still did what we do best.

Thanks to a diversified generation portfolio offered by AECI.
We were able to keep the power flowing on which you have come to rely.

You answered our call when we asked you to conserve.
Which kept the power flowing with still a reserve.

We passed through that storm and into the spring.
The praise of our power supplier still today we do sing.

Electric Buses were delivered this year to 2 of our schools.
Boy we have come a long way from kids riding mules.

The learning curve with these vehicles is beyond compare.
Electric vehicles in North Missouri are still kind of rare.

I have traveled several miles this year driving one.
The future of electric vehicles has only just begun.

You can teach an old dog new tricks this year I have proved.
And the pro's and con's to driving one I have viewed.

Through cold, hot, snow, rain, wind and hail.
The little EV has carried me without prevail.

In May a new General Manager, Shawn Walling, came to the helm of the REC.
We have the best members in the country he can already see.

June brought rising numbers of COVID back to the top.
So an in-person Annual Meeting we just had to stop.

We rolled with the punches and changed all our plans.
You were able to take part and vote from the seat of your vans.

The drive-thru meeting was once again a huge success.
Because we have members like you, we are truly blessed.

Our lineman this year, once again, responded to the mutual aid call.



They traveled south after the hurricane to help get power back to all.

Their families they left behind to pick up the slack.
We were happy when they all made it back.

All of the Lewis County REC employees are a true cut above.
So the next time you see one, show them some love.

From Hurricanes to pandemics one thing is guaranteed.
We will all do what we can to make the REC's nationwide succeed.

We made it through a warm fall, but now the cold winds are starting to blow.
And the Holiday Season may even bring us some snow.

As Christmas is upon us and 2021 is drawing to an end.
Warm wish for a healthy, happy Holiday Season I send.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! May 2022 be a healthy, prosperous year for you all!!!



Please follow us on Facebook to keep up to date on what is going on at Lewis County REC, as well as, learn about safety, and energy efficiency.



***Our office will be closed on December 23rd & 24th
in observance of Christmas.***

***Our office will be closed December 31st
in observance of New Year's Day.***

***Happy Holidays from the Board of Directors,
Management, & Employees of Lewis County REC!!***

Net Metering

The following is an explanation of the Missouri statute that sets out the guidelines for net metering and interconnection with the utility grid. Any Lewis County REC member/owner who is interested in applying for interconnection should first contact our office for specific information.

On January 1, 2008, a law took effect in Missouri mandating that all electric utilities offer net metering and interconnection to consumers generating 100 kilowatts (kW) or less of electricity from renewable resources.

Net metering enables the consumer-generator to “export” power to the utility’s grid that is in excess of immediate on-site needs to offset an equal amount of power supplied by the utility at a different time in the billing period. When this situation occurs, the consumer-generator is billed by the utility for the “net” amount of power used in excess of the power the consumer generates on-site.

During the billing period, if the consumer generates more power than the total amount of kilowatt-hours (kWh) used (a combination of the amount generated on-site and the amount supplied by the utility), the utility provides the consumer a “credit” for the surplus power. The credit is based on the cost the utility would have incurred to purchase an equal number of kilowatt-hours – this is called avoided cost. The consumer is still responsible to pay the monthly fixed charges for service.

The law applies to only generating systems which are powered by renewable resources. These resources may include, wind, solar or any other sources of energy certified as renewable by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Consumer-generators with qualifying generating systems are required to complete an application. The application must be accompanied by a plan that includes a wiring diagram and specifications for the generating system, and must be approved by the utility. The consumer-generator must also submit certification from a licensed electrician or



engineer indicating that the installation meets the interconnection requirements of the various safety codes, and other requirements.

The consumer-generator is responsible for all costs and expenses to install, operate, maintain, repair, and periodically test the generating system. The cost of special metering equipment is also the responsibility of the consumer-generator. For safety purposes, the generating system is required to have a lockable, visible disconnect, accessible to utility personnel. The system must also have controls that prevent it from supplying power to the utility’s grid when the generating system is not energized or operating normally.

The Application and Agreement for Interconnection and Net Metering contains other important terms and requirements. For more information or to request an application, please contact Travis at Lewis County REC 573-215-4000.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Here’s some holiday energy saving tips:

- Ask Santa to upgrade your thermostat
- Deck your halls with LED lights
- Use timers on your holiday lighting displays
- Don’t peek in the oven when baking
- Pull the plug when you leave home to visit family
- Give gifts that will replace inefficient devices

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(LOCAL) 215-4000**

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