



**SEMO Electric's 2026 Annual Meeting**  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Thursday, May 14, 2026  
Sikeston Jaycee Bootheel Rodeo Grounds  
1220 N. Ingram Road, Sikeston, MO 63801

**\$15 Bill Credit Drive-thru Event**  
(For Electric Members Only)

Registration and voting will take place from your vehicle's window during the event. All participating members (one per household) will be entered into a Grand Prize drawing for one of five \$250 bill credits. The drawing will be held live on SEMO Electric Cooperative's Facebook page at 9 a.m. on May 15. Winners will be contacted directly.

**88<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
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*Participation matters. Members take part in SEMO Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting drive-thru event. The 2026 Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, May 14, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Sikeston Jaycee Bootheel Rodeo Grounds, continuing the cooperative tradition of member involvement and local decision-making. All participating electric members (one per household) will receive a \$15 bill credit and a participation gift.*

# Board Sets Stage for Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors of SEMO Electric Cooperative met February 16, 2026, at the Cooperative's office in Sikeston. Directors present were Richard Faulkner, John Bledsoe, James Deneke, Carl Eftink, Myron Hawes, Carla Moore, Dicky Hanor, Keith Haynes, Dennis Fowler, Field LaPlant, Von Priggel, and Tim Coppage. Also present were CEO/General Manager Sean Vanslyke, Attorney Megan McCord, Jared Kelley, Debbie Vanslyke, and guests Ken and Malia Macken.

The agenda and consent agenda, including approval of the January minutes, membership changes, and initial review of Policies 229 and 230, were approved. Jared Kelley presented the monthly safety report, which was accepted. Ken Macken, NRECA Director of Safety, presented Kelley with his Certified Loss Control Professional (CLCP) certificate and provided a safety presentation highlighting resources available through NRECA.

Under old business, the Board confirmed upcoming meeting registrations, reaffirmed Policies 227 and 228, reviewed plans for the annual meeting set for May 14 in Sikeston, appointed members to the nominating committee, and approved increasing Rate 12 from 50 kW to 75 kW, due to new, larger motors.

Under new business, the Board reviewed district updates, appointed Attorney McCord as parliamentarian for the 2026 annual meeting, which is set for May 14 at Sikeston, and discussed the AMECPAC individual contribution letter.

CEO Vanslyke presented the January 2026 financial report, including revenue, expenses, budget comparisons, and updates on two obligated FEMA claims. Year-to-date, revenue is down 9.10%, operating expenses are down 13.82%, and cost of power is up 3.29%. The financial report was accepted. Directors reported on recent M&A and AMEC meetings, written staff reports were reviewed, and the Board entered Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters before adjourning.

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*Members will be asked to approve the minutes from the 2025 annual meeting, approve the 2025 financial statements, and elect four directors — one each from Bollinger/Stoddard Counties, Mississippi County, New Madrid County, and Cape Girardeau County — to SEMO Electric's Board of Directors. All electric members (one per household) who participate will receive a \$15 bill credit and a participation gift.*

*Director candidates may be nominated by the Nominating Committee. SEMO Electric's 2026 Nominating Committee will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, April 10, at SEMO Electric in Sikeston.*

*Director candidates may also file by petition by 4 p.m. April 14. Forms and guidelines are available at SEMO Electric's offices in Bloomfield and Sikeston. Fifty member signatures (one per household) are required. Petitions must be delivered in person to SEMO Electric's offices in Bloomfield or Sikeston. For qualifications, visit [gosemo.com/bylaws](http://gosemo.com/bylaws).*