

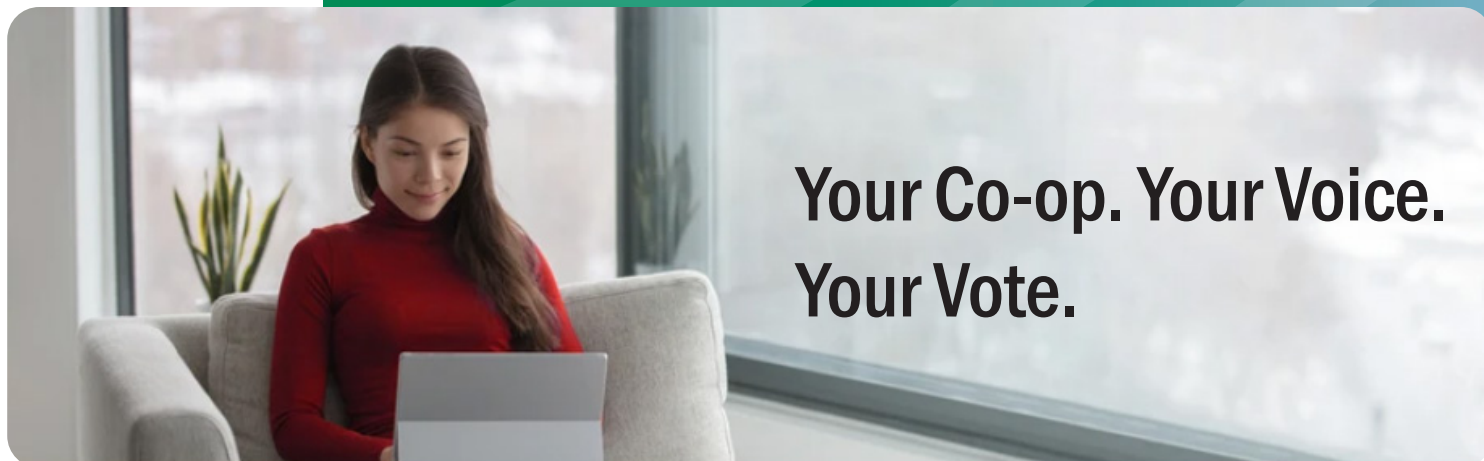


**Corridor Energy
Cooperative**

AUGUST 2026

Corridor Connections

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR OUR MEMBERS



**Your Co-op. Your Voice.
Your Vote.**

Mark your calendar and join us online for Corridor Energy Cooperative's Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 24, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. Participation details will be included in next month's newsletter and at www.corridorenergy.coop.

As a member-owner of your electric cooperative, you have a voice in shaping its future. One of the most important benefits of co-op membership is the opportunity to elect the board members who help guide decisions on behalf of the membership. This year, members will elect three directors to serve on the Board.

Before you vote, learn more about the candidates. Candidate biographies are included in this newsletter and available anytime at www.corridorenergy.coop. You'll also find the annual report and meeting agenda included with your September bill.

Voting is quick, secure, and convenient. Survey and Ballot Systems (SBS) will administer this year's election and ballot validation process. Members can vote online, through the SmartHub app, or by mail. **Voting opens August 24 at 8:00 a.m. and closes September 21 at midnight.**

Remember, every member gets one vote, regardless of the district in which you live. **As an added bonus, members who vote online or by mail will be entered into a drawing for a bill credit.**

Your vote helps shape the future of your cooperative. Cast your ballot, tune in to the Annual Meeting, and make your voice count!



CAST YOUR VOTE

Members can vote three convenient ways:



Vote via the official election website at
www.directvote.net/CORRIDOREC



Vote through our **SmartHub** app. It's quick, easy, and convenient!



Your vote is secure, private, and accessible 24/7.



Online voting is available **August 24th - September 21st.**

You can also vote by mail. Ballots will be mailed out to members on August 24.

Meet Your CANDIDATES

Get to know the members running
for your board of directors.

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AT A GLANCE

Member Since: 1976

Occupation: Retired Commercial Real Estate Broker/ Appraiser. Former Adjunct Instructor, U of I Tippie College of Business.

Leadership/Volunteer: Former President, CR Area Association of REALTORS, Central Iowa Power Cooperative Board member

Kirk Hiland *(runs unopposed)*



As a current director, what accomplishments or experiences from your current term would you like members to know about?

"Although still evolving, the restart and power purchase agreement(s) with the Duane Arnold Energy Center which involve both Corridor Energy and CIPCO. This will provide affordable base load power to Corridor Energy for years to come. Also, the wind and solar power purchase agreements that provide Corridor Energy with a high percentage of non-fossil energy."



What do you believe is the biggest issue or opportunity facing Corridor Energy Cooperative over the next several years, and how should the board address it?

"Corridor Energy is experiencing unprecedented growth. With that comes tremendous opportunities. Managing this to keep steady rates, while supplying safe, affordable and ample power to our member owners is not only challenging but imperative. As new loads come to Corridor's territory they must pay their way and not in anyway place undue risk or cost on the Corridor Energy system."



I am seeking re-election to continue the ongoing work of providing safe, reliable, and affordable electricity to our member/owners.



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AT A GLANCE

Member Since: 2023

Occupation: President, Eichelberger Farms Inc.

Leadership/Volunteer: Over 20 years managing large production operations. Former church council member, current board member of co-op packing facility, board leadership role with my employer.

Jason Christensen



What experiences and skills have prepared you to serve on the board?

"My current board involvement with the packing co-op and company I work for will help me support Corridor Energy Cooperative to provide reliable, cost-effective service to its owner/customers. I have proactive mindset and a focus to work with the other board members to support Corridor Energy Cooperative to be effective."



What do you believe is the biggest issue or opportunity facing Corridor Energy Cooperative over the next several years, and how should the board address it?

"Maintaining reasonable electrical rates in todays inflationary cost environment."



I am seeking election to get involved in the local community and am focused on helping maintain a reliable service, with a focus to keep costs as low as possible.



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AT A GLANCE

Member Since: 2009

Occupation: Retired. Previously worked at Iowa Electric Light & Power, IES Utilities, Interstate Power, Alliant Energy, American Transmission Company and International Transmission Co. – ITC Holdings. Job positions included System & Senior Dispatcher and Job Cost Estimator

Leadership/Volunteer: Member of numerous working groups related to above utility operations, utility mergers and re-organizations. Member of American Power Dispatchers Association, NERC Certified Power System Operator, Member and volunteer for St. Ludmilas Church

Donald Malecek



What experiences and skills have prepared you to serve on the board?

“I feel my career experience on changes in electric utility regulations and organization affecting the mid-west electric utility grid operations are of value for consideration to Corridor Energy Co-op Board of Directors. I can bring a perspective of regional electric utility grid operations to local operations in planning and to promote utility safety, service reliability with economic service to cooperative members.”



What do you believe is the biggest issue or opportunity facing Corridor Energy Cooperative over the next several years, and how should the board address it?

“To keep abreast of on-going challenges and changes in the electric utility industry. Including changes in utility regulation, managing system capacity for load growth, advances in utility equipment and design as well as technology changes in generation and renewable energy. All to help manage to keep electric rates affordable to members.”



I feel I can provide value to Corridor Energy Board of Directors from my career work experience in real time operations in the electric utility industry. As I am now retired, I have time to research issues affecting the cooperative and would enjoy sharing my knowledge for the decisions needed going forward.



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AT A GLANCE

Member Since: 2006

Occupation: Retired, HVAC contractor and former owner/operator of Heating Service Company.

Leadership/Volunteer: My commitment to our community extends beyond my professional life; I have served as the deacon of facilities for Stonebridge Church, worked with an at-risk youth guidance program, and coaching youth baseball.

Gary Schlotterbeck



As a current director, what accomplishments or experiences from your current term would you like members to know about?

“As I seek the opportunity to serve Corridor Energy Cooperative members for a second term, I am proud of the extensive training I completed during my first term. I have earned my Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certification, the Board Leadership Certificate (BLC), and Director Gold status. This continuing education equips me with the advanced knowledge necessary to effectively lead our cooperative now and into the future.”



What do you believe is the biggest issue or opportunity facing Corridor Energy Cooperative over the next several years, and how should the board address it?

“I believe the greatest challenge facing Corridor Energy Cooperative is the rapidly increasing demand being placed on the electrical grid. However, this challenge also brings incredible opportunities. We are seeing significant residential, commercial, and industrial growth, including interest from large-load customers.

To address this, the board must provide rigorous oversight and proactive strategic planning. Our focus should be on guiding the cooperative as a stable, reliable resource for the future while always keeping the needs of our members first.”



Serving as a director allows me to look out for our members best interest's. It's about more than just oversight. It's about guiding the cooperative to be a stable resource now and in the future.





AT A GLANCE

Member Since: 1976

Occupation: Retired, General Manager - VJ Engineering

Leadership/Volunteer: Member of the Johnson County I-Club Board for several terms, serving as president a few years ago. Cedar Township Trustee for 20 years and Solon School Board many years ago. I have been associated with several boards and commissions, both as a member and as support staff. I represent Corridor Energy as a member of the state-wide Health Care Board.

Ron O'Neil *(runs unopposed)*



As a current director, what accomplishments or experiences from your current term would you like members to know about?

"Corridor Energy is one of the fastest growing electrical co-ops in the State of Iowa. This dictates that all the Board members be continually educated on current issues. Several of our Board members are at the Director Gold education level, which requires ongoing training on issues that affect our co-op. All of our Board members attend numerous educational training sessions throughout the year."



What do you believe is the biggest issue or opportunity facing Corridor Energy Cooperative over the next several years, and how should the board address it?

"Because our co-op is expanding quickly, we must make sure our staff have the tools and equipment needed to continue to provide our members with the reliable service they have come to expect. Cyber security and the influx of data centers are issues we discuss on a regular basis. The protection of our 35,000+ members is always a priority. I believe my education and experience would continue to serve to make me a productive Board member."



I am seeking re-election to continue to assist in bringing safe, reliable, and affordable energy services to all members of Corridor Energy Cooperative.



Strawberry Crackle Salad

2 cups pretzels, crushed	3/4 cup chopped pecans
1/4 cup packed brown sugar	1/2 cup butter, melted
1 (8 oz) cream cheese, softened	1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract	1 tub (8 oz) thawed whipped topping
4 cups chopped fresh strawberries	

Preheat the oven to 400°. Line a 15x10x1-in. rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat. In a large bowl, stir together crushed pretzels, chopped pecans and brown sugar. Add melted butter; stir to coat. Spread the pretzel mixture in an even layer on the prepared baking sheet. Bake 5-8 minutes or until bubbly. Let cool completely on the baking sheet; break the crackle apart into pieces. In a large bowl, beat together cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Gently fold in whipped topping; fold in chopped strawberries. Refrigerate until ready to serve, at least 1 hour. Just before serving, stir in half the pretzel crunch. Top with the remaining pretzel crunch.

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Our office will be closed on **Monday, September 7** in observance of Labor Day.



Bill payment kiosks are available 24 hours a day at our Marion office and North Liberty operations center.



Calls are answered and crews are available 24/7.





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