



Erin Baker

Prairie Energy welcomes new employee

Erin Baker took on the role of operations administrative assistant on March 24. Erin is originally from Eagle Grove and previously worked at Corteva/Pioneer Hi-Bred International. “I look forward to helping define what my day-to-day will look like moving forward and learning more about RECs along the way,” said Baker.

Erin enjoys spending as much time outdoors as possible, especially in the summer. She enjoys kayaking, fishing, camping, cooking, watching movies, and playing board games.

Thank you to our crew

Our linemen are the first responders of our electric distribution system, working around the clock on high-voltage lines, often through dangerous conditions, to ensure reliable service for our members. They work all hours of the day, spend time away from their families and go above and beyond to restore power to our communities.

While we appreciate our linemen every day, we commemorate the second Monday of every April each year to give our electric linemen the recognition they deserve. Prairie Energy invites our members to take a moment to thank our linemen and operations crew for the work they do. If you use electricity, then a lineman has had an impact on your life.

We encourage you to #ThankALineman!



Jesse Brown

Scholarship awarded

Jesse Brown, son of Donna and Perry Brown of Belmond, was chosen as Prairie Energy's winner of the \$1,000 Basin Electric Power Cooperative scholarship.

Jesse is a senior at Belmont-Klemme High School and is involved in golf, speech, theater, National Honor Society, Boy Scouts of America, as well as several community service projects.

He plans on attending Iowa State University in the fall to approach a degree in architecture. Congratulations, Jesse!

Autopay winner

Congratulations to Bob Olson of Clarion! Bob signed up for autopay during our winter promotion and was randomly selected as the winner of a \$50 bill credit.

If you would like more information on how to sign up for autopay to make paying your monthly bill seamless, stop into the office or give us a call at 515-532-2805.

Grain bin requirements

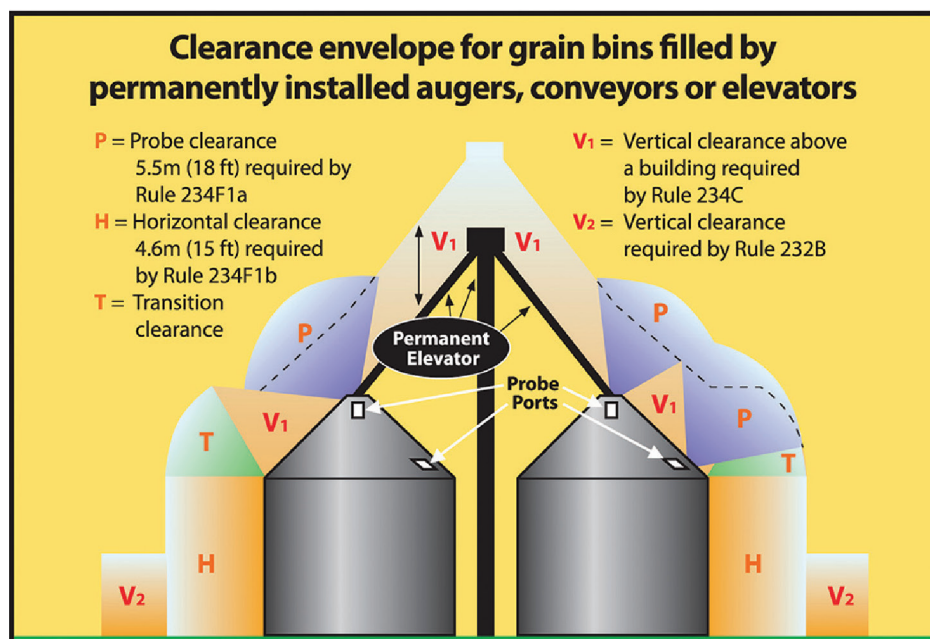
When you start to plan for a new grain bin, please contact your electric cooperative. We will provide assistance in planning for a safe environment for everyone working and living around grain bins. The State of Iowa requires specific clearances for electric lines around grain bins, with different standards for those filled by portable and permanent augers, conveyors and elevators.

The drawings at the right show the specific clearances required for both scenarios. If you have any questions concerning the drawings, please contact your cooperative listed here.

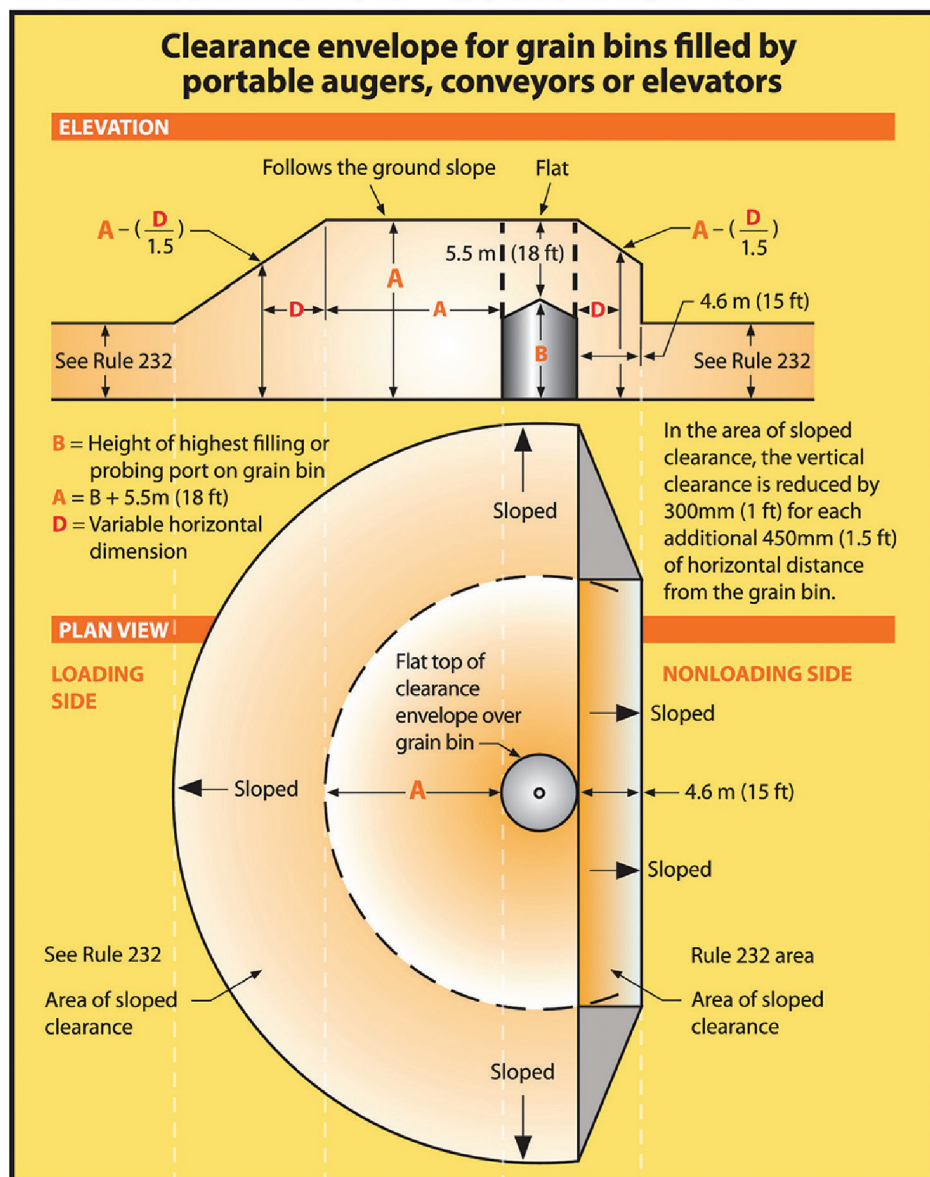
Butler County REC.....319-267-2726
 Corn Belt Power.....515-332-2571
 Franklin REC.....641-456-2557
 Grundy County REC.....319-824-5251
 Prairie Energy Cooperative.....515-532-2805

According to the Iowa Electric Safety Code found in Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 199 -- 25.2(3) b. *An electric utility may refuse to provide electric service to any grain bin built near an existing electric line which does not provide the clearances required by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) C2-2017 "National Electrical Safety Code," Rule 234F. This paragraph "b" shall apply only to grain bins loaded by portable augers, conveyors or elevators and built after September 9, 1992, or to grain bins loaded by permanently installed augers, conveyors, or elevator systems installed after December 24, 1997. (The Iowa Utilities Board has adopted this language.)*

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Plant safely

Planting season is a draining time for farmers, and in the rush, your focus on safety can fade to the background.

Before beginning work in a field, take time to note the location of power lines and equipment. Remember to lower extensions to the lowest setting when moving loads.

Stay focused on the location of the tractor and its equipment while in the field. Consider using a spotter to alert you if you come close to making contact.

Your machinery does not have to touch electrical lines for electrocution to occur, so keep at least 10 feet of space between machinery and overhead lines. Assume that all lines are energized, and if you come across a downed pole or wire, never attempt to move it yourself.

If your equipment does make contact with a power line, do not leave the cab. Immediately call 911. Warn others to stay away, and wait for the utility crew to cut the power. Never try to disentangle equipment.

The only reason to exit equipment that has come into contact with overhead lines is if the equipment is on fire. If this happens, jump off the equipment with your feet together and without touching the ground and vehicle at the same time. Then, still keeping your feet together, hop to safety as you leave the area.

LINEWORKERS KNOW HOW TO GET THE JOB DONE.

LET'S THANK THEM FOR POWERING OUR LIVES.



Lineworker Appreciation Day
April 13, 2020

Remember to #ThankALineworker on April 13

Lineworkers serve on the frontlines of our nation's energy needs, and on April 13, 2020, your electric cooperative, along with other electric cooperatives across the country, will honor the brave men and women who work hard to keep the lights on.

Line crews work around the clock, sometimes in difficult and dangerous conditions, to keep power flowing to our local communities. Whether they're restoring power after a major storm or maintaining critical infrastructure to our electric system, lineworkers are at the heart of our co-op.

RECare MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

Your rural electric co-op has always extended a helping hand to those needing it. In response to actions by the Iowa General Assembly, your REC has established RECare, a program of members helping members.

RECare will provide funds to be distributed by local community action agencies to help pay winter heating bills and to assist in weatherization of homes of low-income consumers. You may make a one-time contribution or a monthly pledge that will be automatically added onto your monthly electric bill. Even a dollar a month pledge will help others.

RECare Authorization Form

- I will contribute \$_____ per month. I understand this amount will be automatically added to my monthly electric bill.
- I will make a one-time contribution of \$_____ to RECare. My check is enclosed.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Account Number _____



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Join us for an *Open House*

at our new Garner service center
910 N State Street

June 26, 2020 • 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.



Let's make Iowa's roads safer

Iowa law states that motorists must move over or slow down when approaching any vehicle stopped on the side of the road with its flashing lights activated.

As the weather warms up and you're going more places, we encourage you to move over AND slow down, and to please give our employees the room they need to do their jobs safely.

Let's obey the law and keep everyone safe, so they can go home at night.



MOVE OVER
SLOW DOWN

Save the date!

Make plans to join the employees and directors of Prairie Energy on June 26 from 2:00-4:00pm for an Open House at our Garner service center. Tour our new facility while enjoying some light refreshments. Enter a drawing for a chance to win a bill credit and enjoy a free car wash! (weather permitting).

Summary of procedures for annual meeting

ARTICLE VII, Section 2 states . . .

Candidates for election to the Board of Directors shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee, which Committee shall be elected by the Board of Directors. Said Nominating Committee members so elected shall nominate candidates for election to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting of Members following the meeting at which said Nominating Committee members are elected.

Any twenty (20) or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting at which directors are to be elected, and the Secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of nominations by the Committee is posted; such nominations so made by such members to be subject to the same service requirements as nominations by the Nominating Committee heretofore prescribed.

Members voting at the annual meeting of members shall vote only for candidates from the district in which said member resides or receives service. The election of the directors shall be by ballot, and each voting member shall be entitled to cast one vote for each director to be elected from that member's district. Members may vote by mail-in ballot, to the extent that the same is consistent with the Bylaws of the Cooperative and if the Board of Directors has authorized such voting prior to the meeting at which the election is to occur. The election of directors shall be subject to ratification by a majority of all members present at the Annual Meeting of Members, and directors elected shall qualify and take office immediately following the Annual Meeting of Members.

Your annual meeting will be held Wednesday, June 3, at the Belmont-Klemme High School.

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