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# News



A newsletter for members of Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative

May 2009

# ANNUAL MEETING

# 2009

**GLAD TIDINGS CHURCH • MOREHEAD CITY, NC 28557**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009**

- 5:00 p.m. . . . . Registration Begins  
Energy Efficiency Displays • Student Energy Projects • Food Service • Health Screenings
- 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. . . . . Broad Creek Middle School Jazz Band
- 6:10 to 6:50 p.m. . . . . East Carteret High School Choirs
- 7:00 p.m. . . . . Business Session Opens
- Call To Order . . . . . Jerome Meadows, Board President
- Invocation . . . . . Pastor Kevin Clubb  
Cape Carteret Baptist Church
- Welcome . . . . . Craig Conrad, CEO & GM
- Approval of 2008 Minutes . . . . . Board President
- Scholarships . . . . . Sarah Grider, Foundation Liaison
- Registration Closed . . . . . C&E Committee Chair
- 'Energized about Energy' . . . . . Main Presentation  
Camp Glenn Elementary School Students & Co-op Staff
- Attorney Named Acting Chair . . . . . Board President
- Nominating Committee Report . . . . . Committee Chair
- Meeting Adjourned . . . . . Board President
- Awarding of Prizes . . . . . Employees

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## The realities of a renewable energy future

Ask anyone to describe renewable energy, and nine times out of 10 they will include either wind or solar power in their answer. The two have become iconic symbols of “green electricity,” and rightfully so.

Wind energy has been harnessed and used to improve the quality of life for thousands of years. Solar power is unique in that it taps the most basic yet fundamental generation source available: the sun.

A recent survey conducted by Bisconti Research, Inc., asked Americans where they think most of our nation’s electricity will come from in 15 years. The vast majority – 72 percent – answered solar as number one, followed by wind energy. In actuality, solar is expected to generate a mere 0.2 percent of our nation’s electricity by 2030; wind will generate just 2.4 percent.

We will continue to rely on nuclear power as well as fossil fuels such as coal and natural gas, and hydropower, to meet most of our electricity needs.

But this doesn’t mean we’ll be hearing less about renewable energy in coming years. In fact, the opposite is true. Twenty-eight states – including North Carolina – and the District of Columbia have already passed laws creating renewable portfolio standards, often called RPS for short, which require electric utilities and other retail suppliers of electricity to add a specific percentage of renewable energy to their power supply mix by a certain date. More states are expected to follow this trend, and a federal mandate could be passed by Congress this year.

Cooperatives are meeting these requirements and adding renewables as part of a diversified, cost-effective generation portfolio. Of course, in some locations, the wind may not always blow and the sun may not always shine. Where wind and solar power can be generated,

transmission lines to move the electricity where power is needed may not currently exist.

But methane rising from decomposing landfills can be captured and burned to produce electricity. Wood chips, switchgrass, and even peanut shells can all be burned to boil water, create steam, and turn an electric turbine, as well. Pipes can be sunk in the ground to capture the natural heat and steam created under the earth’s surface. A river’s

steady current can be diverted and used to produce power without the aid of a dam. Even the constant bobbing of offshore buoys from ocean waves or the movement of tides can

be harnessed to generate an electric current.

Electric cooperatives lead the utility industry in the amount of renewable power supplied to our consumers, and we’re ready to share our experience with policymakers as they consider ways to make more green power available. As a member of Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative, you have the power to actively engage members of Congress and focus their attention on the many ways electric co-ops are working to provide a safe, reliable, and affordable supply of power in an environmentally responsible manner.

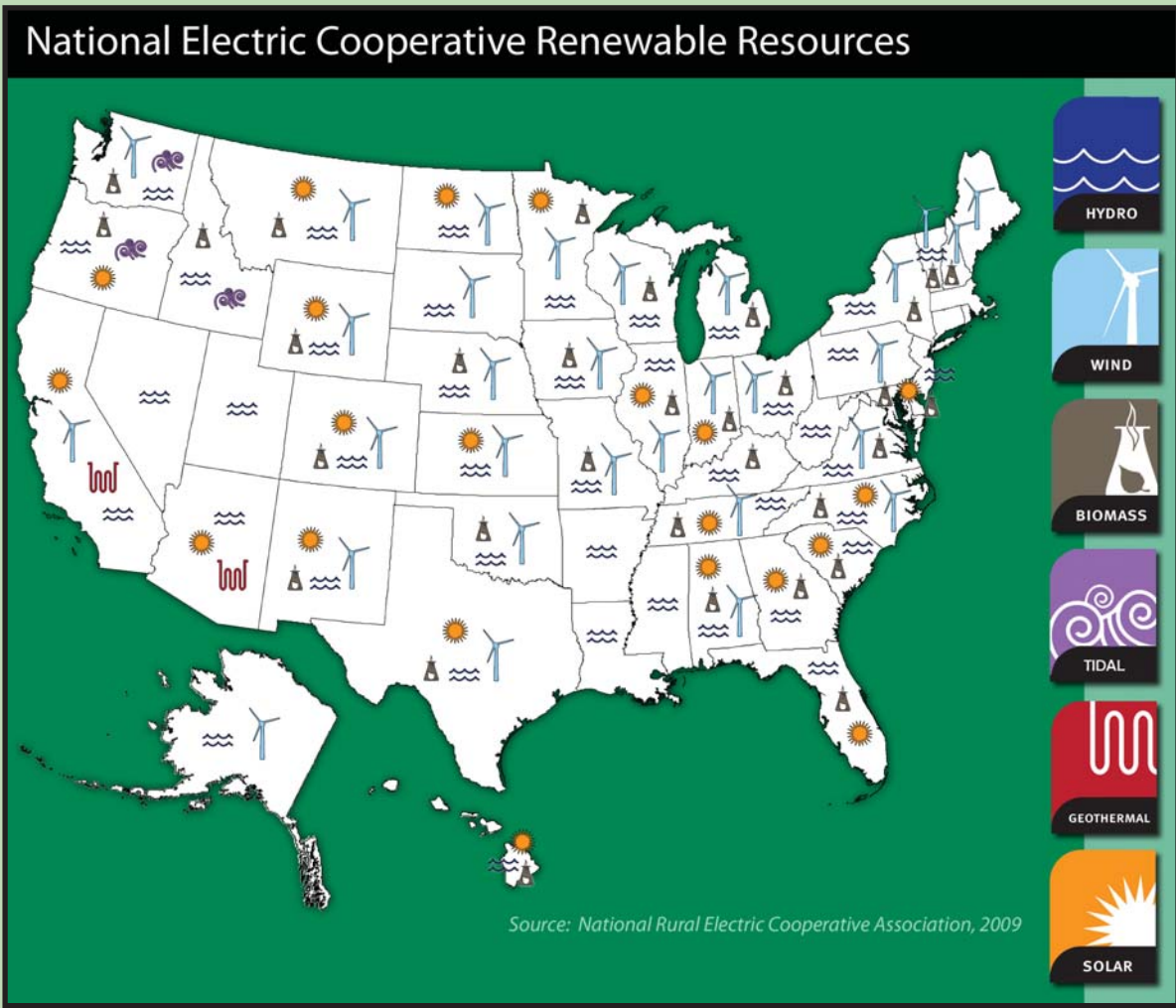
If you haven’t already done so, please get involved in North Carolina electric cooperative’s “Find a Balanced Solution” grassroots awareness campaign and ask your representatives on Capitol Hill this important question: Are you willing to work with electric cooperatives to ensure our nation has reliable power at a price consumers can afford?

Electric co-ops support a balanced solution in national energy and climate change legislation that can be sustained politically and economically over the decades necessary to make a difference. To help make this happen, we need your help. Please visit:

[www.findabalancedsolution.org](http://www.findabalancedsolution.org)



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Roughly 11 percent of power provided by electric cooperatives is generated with renewable resources, compared to 9 percent for the entire utility sector. This is a snapshot of the types of renewable energies supplied to co-op members.

## Paying your electric bill online just got easier

In response to requests from members, the cooperative has added a feature to allow you to save your credit or debit card information on its secure PowerPay 24 Website.



Rather than have to type in your card account number each time you go to the PowerPay site, you can key it in once and click the "retain or change existing credit

card" box. The information will be encrypted and stored safely away for the next time you visit the site to view your account or pay your bill.

With PowrePay 24, you can pay your bill from any computer anytime, even if you are away from home.

You get the added peace of mind knowing your account will be credited immediately and your personal information is secure. To sign in, go to [www.carteretcravenelectric.coop](http://www.carteretcravenelectric.coop).



Register to win prizes, including a **\$1,000 worth of free electricity** (on bills mailed July-December 2009), a **Ford F-150** pickup truck, and more at the Annual Meeting on May 7 at Glad Tiding Church in Morehead City.

# MINUTES: 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

The 68th Annual Meeting of the Members of Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corporation was held on Thursday, May 1, 2008, at Glad Tidings Church in Morehead City, N.C. Registration began at 5 p.m. Members participated in health screenings and enjoyed a meal served by employees and employee family members to benefit Relay for Life. Beginning at 5:30 p.m. members enjoyed performances of the Havelock High School Jazz Band and Croatan High School Chorus.

The business meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Jerome Meadows. He introduced the program participants and other directors. Retired Director Ralph Freeman, who passed away in late March, was honored with a moment of silence. The students providing the entertainment and their directors were recognized and applauded. The Invocation was given by Pastor Clinton Nelson of the Free Grace Wesleyan Church, Harkers Island. Special guests were introduced by CEO and General Manager Craig Conrad. Sen. Jean Preston and Rep. Pat McElraft each gave a few short remarks about this year's legislative session.

CEO Conrad provided a short review of 2007, which included the approval of the merger with Harkers Island Electric Membership Corporation and the approval of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard. Members from Harkers Island were welcomed.

Secretary Fulcher reported that a quorum of members was present and made a motion that the minutes (mailed to members in the May Member News) be approved as written. The motion was duly seconded and carried. A motion was made, seconded and carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting of the members to approve the merger (mailed to members in the May Member News). A motion was made, seconded and carried, to dispense with the reading of the Official Notice of the Meeting.

Al Behler, chair of the Credentials and Election (C&E) Committee, declared the registration closed at 7:25 p.m.

President Meadows briefly reviewed the financial statement printed in the program. CEO Conrad then introduced the PowerPoint presentation, which focused on today's energy climate and the Cooperative's responses to many of the issues.

Carteret-Craven Electric Foundation Board President Ben Ball presented plaques to the scholarship recipients: Nathan Sandlin, Katie McKnight, Missy Smith, Jensen Horne, and Hannah Mical.

The high school juniors who attended the Cooperative's fourth annual Youth Leadership Weekend were recognized, and Kirsti Ference was awarded a \$500 college scholarship for her essay on the Youth Leadership Weekend.

Cooperative Attorney Nelson W. Taylor III was made acting chair of the meeting. He briefly explained the nomination and election procedures. Nominating Committee Chair Michael Dillahunt presented the report of the committee and named the nominees for each district: District 5, Nellie Garner; District 7, David Chadwick; District 9, Jerome Meadows; and District 10, Clifford Rice. Two other Cooperative members filed petitions for seats on the Board: District 5, Douglas Fulcher, and District 7, Dewey Wayne Willis.

Attorney Taylor introduced the members of the C&E Committee and explained the committee's function. He explained the election process and recognized C&E Chair Al Behler, who announced the winners of the contested elections: Douglas Fulcher, District 5, and Dewey Wayne Willis, District 7.

President Meadows congratulated Mr. Willis and Mr. Fulcher. Retiring Directors Garner and Chadwick were given a standing round of applause in honor of their years of service. There being no further business, President Meadows adjourned the business meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Cooperative employee Sharon Smith announced the winners of the Relay for Life 50/50 Drawing, cash door prizes, six months of electricity, and truck.



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