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Jasper County REMC. We're a small co-op doing big things!

Jasper County Rural Electric Membership Corporation (REMC) was established by local farmers in 1938 although the planning and development started as early as 1936. Our archives and present-day achievements show that the few can be mighty. A small farming community decided it wanted electricity just like the cities so they could also grow and prosper.

Today, we are still a small cooperative who embraced a charitable program, called Operation Round Up, allowing \$500,000 to be filtered back to the communities from our membership. We still take great pride in helping our membership grow by supporting schools, youth programs, scholarships and involvement with the Chambers of Commerce and economic development organizations.

Our co-op follows seven basic cooperative principles to help guide us toward good business decisions and to always do what is best for the members. These principles are what we believe in as a corporation and as good neighbors; voluntary and open membership, democratic member control, members' economic participation, autonomy and independence, education, training, and information, cooperation among cooperatives, and concern for community.

We are proud to be owned and governed by the people we serve. A nine-member board of directors is elected by, and from, our membership to set the policies and guidelines by which we operate. As a consumer of Jasper County REMC, you are also a member/owner of our company, which entitles you to vote for the board of directors each year at the annual meeting.

Being an REMC member also means you have the cooperative benefit of receiving capital credits. If we have money left over after all of our bills are paid, our members receive the money back in proportion to their electric use in that year. Our directors review our financial position each year and determine if we are stable enough to return the funds. The good news is, we've been returning unused funds to the membership since 1938 and are currently returning funds through 1991.

Jasper County Rural Electric Membership Corporation is a not-for-profit electric distribution cooperative headquartered in Rensselaer, Indiana. We serve over 8,500 consumers across 1,078 miles of line in Jasper and parts of White, Starke, Pulaski, Porter and Newton counties, in northwest Indiana.