




229 Highway 51 ■ PO Box 715
Postville, IA 52162-0715

Phone: (563) 864-7611 ■ (888) 788-1551
Fax: (563) 864-7820
E-mail: acrec@acrec.coop

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

January 12, 2022

Publication: IMMEDIATE

Contact: Jenny McIntyre, Manager, Marketing and Communications (563) 864-1611

POSTVILLE, IA –

IOWA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES DISCUSS IMPORTANT ISSUES AT LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

More than 160 directors, managers, and employees from Iowa's electric cooperatives discussed priorities with nearly 90 state legislators on January 11 during the annual Welcome Back Legislative Reception in downtown Des Moines. The Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives hosted the annual reception in conjunction with the Iowa Biotechnology Association, the Iowa Communications Alliance, the Iowa Institute for Cooperatives, and FUEL Iowa.

The event provided a valuable opportunity to meet with state legislators at the beginning of the 2022 Legislative Session to discuss issues that impact rural electric cooperatives and the communities we serve. For example, as the Legislature and Governor prioritize tax cuts this session, we're asking for a correction to a 2018 legislative oversight that left electric cooperatives out of a tax exemption on digital goods and services. This unfair tax burden has resulted in hundreds of thousands of dollars in increased taxes for rural electric cooperatives.

At Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative, we think it's critical to develop and cultivate relationships with local legislators because they craft, introduce and vote on legislation that impacts the local business climate, the environment and quality of life for our community, said Brenda Hackman. "That's why we work closely with our local elected officials. After all, our purpose is to provide safe, reliable, affordable energy, but our mission is to help our community thrive." The Co-op expresses our appreciation and gratitude for the interest our area legislators demonstrate in energy policies that will maintain affordable, reliable, and safe electricity.

In the coming months, the Iowa General Assembly will address many issues, including energy-related matters that are central to Iowa's rural economy. Beginning with the Welcome Back Legislative Reception, electric co-op directors, managers, and staff will again be influential advocates for a balanced approach in addressing energy issues. Iowa's locally owned electric cooperatives collectively provide affordable, reliable, safe, and environmentally responsible power to more than 650,000 Iowans throughout 99 counties every day.

WelcomeBackGroup: Posing for a photo during the legislative Welcome Back reception at our Capital on Jan. 11 are (l-r): Jeff Bradley, ACEC board president, Janell Bradley, Fayette County Supervisor, Rep. Michael Bergan, Rep. Anne Osmundson, Sen. Mike Klimesh, Rep. Chad Ingels, and Brenda Hackman, economic development & community relations manager.

BrendaAndAnne: ACEC's Brenda Hackman (left) is pictured here talking with Rep. Anne Osmundson during the Welcome Back Reception in Des Moines Jan. 11.

###