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## *Corn Belt Energy hosts 78th Annual Meeting*

**BLOOMINGTON, IL — Monday, June 17, 2016**— Approximately 1,200 cooperative members and their families attended Corn Belt Energy Corporation's 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, which was held at Central Catholic High School in Bloomington on the afternoon of Friday, June 17. The theme for the meeting was "Always Cooperative". Attendees enjoyed a complimentary lunch, entertainment from the Live Line Demo, educational workshops, bucket truck rides, and several free activities for their children.

During the business meeting, Board Chairman Rae F. Payne remarked on the how the electric utility industry is facing unprecedented times and discussed the many ways the cooperative is looking out for members long-term. He stressed the importance of cooperatively working with others, such as Wabash Valley Power Association, to better serve our members. Guest speaker, Jay Bartlett, Chief Executive Officer of Wabash Valley Power Association, also provided an update to Corn Belt Energy members on the status of the generation and transmission (G&T) cooperative.

Corn Belt President/CEO Don Taylor, informed the group of work plan projects, area construction projects and information about cooperative programs and rebates.

Retiring director, Bob Whitwood from Hudson, IL, was recognized for his 12 years of dedicated service on the board. The following Directors were elected to serve three-year terms: Peter Borowski of Bloomington (District 1), Jesse Slager (District 2), Steve Schertz (District 3), Laverne Malone (District 5), and Rob Angus (District 9).

After the meeting, the Directors organized and re-elected Mr. Payne as Chairman, Charles Meisenheimer as Vice Chairman, Albert Hagenbuch as Secretary Treasurer, and Janice Reimer as Assistant Secretary Treasurer.

### **About Corn Belt Energy**

Started in 1938 to bring electricity to rural Central Illinois, Corn Belt Energy Corporation now distributes electricity to approximately 36,000 households and businesses throughout 18 counties. One of the largest cooperatives in Illinois, Corn Belt Energy employs 85 people, maintains over 5,000 miles of line, and distributes electricity from the Wabash Valley Power Association, a generation and transmission cooperative based in Indiana. As a not-for-profit energy cooperative, Corn Belt Energy is owned by the members it serves and is committed to providing reliable, affordable energy. Governed by 13 directors who are themselves residential members, Corn Belt also supports energy efficiency, education, and safety initiatives. Learn more at [www.cornbeltenergy.com](http://www.cornbeltenergy.com).



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