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FIRELANDS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TRUSTEE GREG HESS ACHIEVES CREDENTIAL

NEW LONDON, OH — Greg Hess, who represents district 7 on Firelands Electric Cooperative's board of trustees, recently received the Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

An ever-changing business environment has imposed new demands on electric cooperative representatives, requiring increased knowledge of changes in the electric utility business, new governance skills, and a solid knowledge of the cooperative principles and business model. Electric cooperatives in Ohio have a commitment to work through NRECA to sharpen this body of knowledge for the benefit of their electric cooperative member-consumers.

The national CCD program requires attendance and demonstrated understanding of the basic competencies contained in five core courses, which includes: director duties and liabilities; understanding the electric business; board operations and processes; strategic planning; and financial decision-making.

Hess has served on Firelands' board since April 2024 and represents co-op members in Mohican, Montgomery, Perry, and Vermilion townships located in Ashland County. He was presented with his certificate by Board President Dan Schloemer during the cooperative's April 28 board meeting.

NRECA represents our nation's nearly 900 member-owned electric cooperatives, which provide electric service to over 42 million people in 48 states that are represented by more than 7,200 board directors. Firelands is one of 25 member-owned not-for-profit electric cooperatives in Ohio, who collectively serve almost 400,000 homes and businesses in 77 of Ohio's 88 counties.

Firelands Electric Cooperative, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric utility serving more than 9,300 homes and businesses in rural areas of Ashland, Huron, Lorain, and Richland counties and ranks among the highest energy utilities in the country for customer satisfaction. Visit the cooperative's website at www.firelandsec.com, [Facebook page](#), or [Twitter feed](#) to learn more about reliable and affordable power.

ATTACHED PHOTO CAPTION:

Firelands Electric Board President Dan Schloemer (left) presents District 7 Trustee Greg Hess with his Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate at the April 28 board meeting.

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