


New England Clam Chowder

2 cans Campbell's potato soup
2 cans chopped clams
1 cup half and half
Medium onion, diced fine
2 cloves of garlic, diced fine

Drain 1 can of clams and save juice from remaining can. Mix all ingredients into a medium saucepan and bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly for 10 to 15 minutes, reducing heat to low and simmer for approximately 10 minutes. Serve with crackers.

Submit your favorite recipe to the cooperative's newsletter editor at 259 Western Blvd., Jacksonville, N.C. 28546. One recipe will be featured each month.



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FROM THE CEO'S DESK

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Meet Us In Onslow County

One of the many ways we stay in touch with our customers is through your cooperative's Annual Meeting of Members, which is held the last Friday in March each year. This year we're holding the annual meeting on March 30 at the American Legion Building at the Onslow County Fairgrounds in Jacksonville, and we hope you'll join us for what we believe is the most important meeting of the year.

One of the most significant opportunities you have as a customer comes during the annual meeting. Each year, you get to meet and talk with the cooperative employees and the board of directors (who serve as your voice to the cooperative and assist in meeting the needs of Jones-Onslow customers).

Another reason to attend the annual event is the update your chairman, Hugh Batts, and I will be providing you. We'll report on how Jones-Onslow performed in 2006 as well as ways the cooperative is preparing to continue serving the customers in a future that promises some form of deregulation in the electric utility industry.

In addition to the informational exhibits, food, and entertainment, we'll be giving away hundreds of dollars worth of prizes throughout the night.

Look for more information about the annual meeting in your Annual Meeting Notice (Annual Report), which will be mailed during the month of March. The report will give you details about the meeting as well as highlights of your cooperative's activities in 2006.


I hope you'll join us this year as we hold your Annual Meeting of Members at the American Legion Building at the Onslow County Fairgrounds. I always look forward to personally meeting customers before the business session and talking with you.

Did You Know?

The appliances in your home account for about 20 percent of your total energy consumption. Refrigerators and other kitchen appliances use most of that energy, so it's important to think of two costs as you shop for new appliances. The first cost is the purchasing price of the item, and the second cost is the price of appliance operation. You will pay the operating cost for the entire time you use the appliance, so take it into consideration more than the purchasing price of an item.



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Ways To Save On Your Winter Energy Bills

We use energy every day, whether we're at home, school, work, or play. Unfortunately, much of the energy we use is wasted due to inefficiency.

Using energy wisely means we conserve energy. There are a number of simple steps we can take to conserve energy and help reduce monthly power bills. Here are a few ways to use energy more wisely this winter:

\$ Turn down your thermostat to the lowest comfortable setting.

\$ Use electric blankets or quilts for sleeping comfort and to allow a lower nighttime thermostat setting.

\$ Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120° F). You'll not only save energy, you'll avoid scalding your hands. Be sure to turn off power to the unit before making adjustments.

\$ Only use dishwashers, washing machines and dryers when you have a full load. Use energy-savings settings on appliances where available.

\$ Open window shades to take advantage of the heat from natural sunlight. Prune trees or shrubs that block the sun from your home during the winter.

\$ Survey your incandescent lights for opportunities to replace them with compact fluorescents. These lamps can save three-quarters of the electricity used by incandescents. The best targets are 60- to 100-watt bulbs used several hours or more a day.

\$ Properly seal the largest air leaks in your house - the ones that whistle on windy days or feel drafty. The worst culprits are usually not windows and doors, but cut-throughs for pipes (plumbing penetrations), gaps around chimneys, unfinished spaces behind cupboard and closets, etc.

Visit www.joemc.com for more ways you can save.

Plans Now Underway For 2007 Annual Meeting of Members

Plans are now being made for the cooperative's 2007 Annual Meeting of Members.

This year, the event will be held on Friday, March 30, at the American Legion Building at the Onslow County Fairgrounds in Jacksonville. Registration will begin at 5:30pm and the business meeting will get started at 7:00pm.

The Annual Meeting is an event for the entire family. It provides the opportunity for customers to learn, firsthand, about the cooperative, the

various services offered, and Jones-Onslow's role in making our community a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Special entertainment will be provided throughout the evening and, as has become a tradition, drawings will be held during the event with hundreds of dollars worth of gifts to be given away.

So make plans for you and your family to attend this year's Annual Meeting of Members.



JONES-ONSLAW RECOGNIZED FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL SCHOOLS...

Jones-Onslow was recently recognized for its continued support for local schools.

Businesses Assisting Schools in Educating Students (BASES), a joint project of the Greater Jacksonville/Onslow Chamber of Commerce and Onslow County Schools, was started in 1991 to encourage area businesses to get involved with schools by sponsoring scholarships, offering class incentives, tutoring and/or speaking at schools.

Every year, the cooperative has achieved the highest status possible, "Hall of Fame", for its efforts.

At this year's ceremony, Jones-Onslow, once again, was awarded "Hall of Fame" status.

Contributions the cooperative made to local schools during the past year include providing facility tours for classes, donating computers and software, making educational visits, awarding academic scholarships to high school seniors, and participating in the JobReady Program.

In addition, Jones-Onslow funds mini-grants to educators through its Bright Ideas Grant Program and is the major corporate sponsor of the Chamber of Commerce's Educational Golf Tournament.



2007 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Nominating Committee has been selected for the purpose of nominating individuals for election to the position of Director in Districts One, Two and Three. This committee is scheduled to meet in February 2007. The committee's names and addresses are as follows:

District One	District Two	District Three
Mr. Robert (Bobby) Edens P.O. Box 155 Sneads Ferry, N.C. 28460-0155	Mr. W.C. Jarman 198 Thomas Loop Road Jacksonville, N.C. 28540-8518	Mr. William Haddock 2314 Wyse Fork Road Trenton, N.C. 28585
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Summary Of Bylaws Pertaining To The Annual Meeting...

Any natural person, firm, association, corporation, business trust, partnership or body politic shall be eligible to become a member of, and, at one or more premises owned or directly occupied or used by him, to receive service from Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corporation. No person shall hold more than one membership in the cooperative.

An Annual Meeting of the members, for the purpose of electing directors, hearing and passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting, shall be held on the last Friday of the month of March of each year. Provided, that for good cause, the Board of Directors may fix a different date for such Annual Meeting not more than thirty (30) days prior or subsequent to the date established for such meeting in this Section.

Attendance in person of at least two percent (2%) of the then total members of the cooperative shall be required for the transaction of business at any meeting of the members. If less than a quorum is present at a meeting, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting to another time and date.

The election of directors shall be completed at each legal meeting by the members. The business and affairs of the cooperative shall be managed by a Board of eleven (11) Directors, which shall exercise all the powers of the cooperative except such as are by law or by the cooperative's Articles of Incorporation, or Bylaws conferred upon or reserved to the members.

The cooperative's eleven (11) Directors shall be so nominated and elected that, at least three (3), but no more than four (4), shall be residents of each of the cooperative's three (3) Directorate Districts.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than fifty (50) nor more than one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting of Members, at which directors are to be elected, a Nominating Committee, consisting of three (3) members from each of the cooperative's

- three (3) Directorate Districts, and who are members of the cooperative, but are not incumbent directors or close relatives thereof. The Nominating Committee will nominate members for the Directorate District seats which are up for election each year. Voting by proxy will not be permitted.
- Any two percent (2%) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signature, listing their nominee(s) in like manner and filing the same with the Cooperative not less than thirty-five (35) days prior to the meeting of members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the cooperative, at least twenty (20) days before the meeting, a list of nominations for directors to be elected. Should there be two or more candidates for the same Directorate seat then elections will be held by mail ballot. The ballots will be mailed in the Official Notice.
- A Credentials and Election Committee of at least five (5), and no more than thirteen (13), shall be appointed by the Board at least ten (10) days before any meeting of members. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to pass upon all questions that may arise with respect to the registration of members in person, to count all ballots cast in any election, unless delegated by the Board to an independent auditor, or in any other ballot vote taken, and to rule upon the effect of any ballots irregularly marked. The Committee's decisions on all such matters shall be final.
- Each member who is not in a state of suspension, shall be entitled to one vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members. A member, which is an association, corporation, business trust or body politic may be present in person and vote at such meeting by and through a duly designated representative, qualified as such upon registering for the meeting. At all meetings of the members, at which a quorum is present, all questions shall be decided by a majority of the members voting thereon, in person, except as otherwise provided by law or by the cooperative's Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws.