


Crock Pot Clam Chowder



1 cup onions, chopped
1 cup celery, chopped
2 cups potatoes, chopped
2 cups clams, minced
1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
¾ cup butter or margarine
¾ cup flour
1 quart half and half
Salt and pepper

Pour clam juice and vinegar over vegetables, add water just to cover. Simmer 30 minutes. Melt butter, blend in flour, cook 1 minute, then add half and half. Cook until smooth and thick. Add salt and pepper to taste. Finally, add vegetables and clams and cook in crock pot at least 1 hour.



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FROM THE CEO'S DESK...

J. Ronald McElheney

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.

Co-op Power: Reliable, Affordable, And Environmentally Responsible...

At Jones-Onslow EMC, we have three top priorities: provide you safe, reliable access to electric power; offer that service as affordably as possible; and do both of those things in a fiscally and environmentally responsible fashion.

Because the cooperative is a not-for-profit enterprise—which means your money stays local; we don't have to worry about distant shareholders—we are well-positioned to make any necessary investments for ensuring safe, reliable, and affordable electricity. However, fulfilling our commitment to environmental stewardship in a fiscally responsible manner has become more challenging. Today, many environmental laws that were adopted by Congress decades ago are being used by federal agencies and the courts to address issues for which they were never intended.

For example, the federal Clean Air Act is now 40 years old and was last amended in 1990—more than two decades ago. Much has changed in the intervening years, including technology, our understanding of the environment, and the electric utility industry.

Today, officials with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency often under court order—are trying to modify the Clean Air Act to fit new circumstances. Without a doubt, new EPA rules being issued will wind up back in the courts and lengthy litigation will ensue.

Reasonable people can and will disagree over how to find a balance between protecting the environment, guaranteeing a reliable supply of power, and keeping electric bills affordable. Under the right circumstances, Congress eventually will have to revisit the Clean Air Act and update it to fit the needs of the 21st century. In the meantime, we will keep you updated on our efforts to encourage lawmakers and regulators to strike the proper balance on these concerns.



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Plans Now Underway For 2012 Annual Meeting...

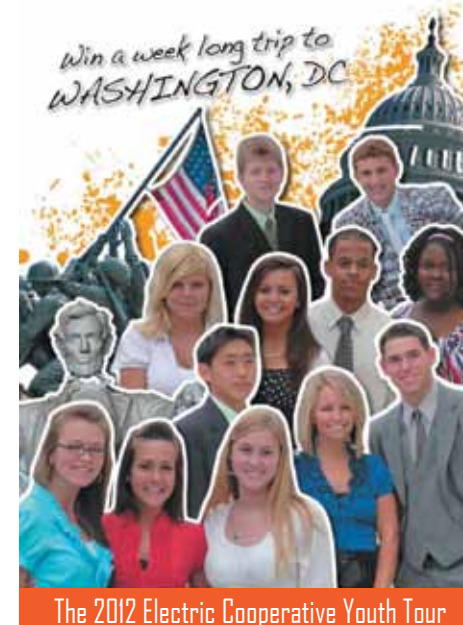
Plans are now being made for the cooperative's 2012 Annual Meeting of Members.

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 5:30 p.m. and the business meeting will get started at 7:00 p.m.

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.



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

Want To Visit Our Nation's Capital?

Ready to spend a week this June in the nation's capital with kids from across North Carolina and the United States?

Each year, Jones-Onslow sponsors four rising high school seniors on the Rural Electric Youth Tour. Why? Because the program helps young people learn about cooperatives and the cooperative way of doing business. It also allows the youth to grow in ways we hope will benefit our community. Many of our past youth tour participants have used their experiences to provide leadership when they returned to their schools and communities.

Jones-Onslow's Youth Tour representatives will be chosen through an essay contest with a pre-selected topic. A representative from Jones-Onslow will be visiting local high schools during the month of February to promote the contest. You can also call the cooperative office at (910) 353-1940 or (800) 682-1515 and speak with the cooperative's youth tour coordinator, Paula Redick.

Stop Air Flow And High Energy Bills

Do you know what causes your home to be too cold in the winter or oppressively hot in the summer? Your home is more than likely leaking air and at the same time you are wasting money.

One of the best things you can do if you have high electric bills is check the insulation. How much is in your attic, basement and crawl space? What kind is it? And is there an air barrier along with the insulation? The answers to these questions will determine how much energy and money you can save.

Air infiltration is one of the main problems for most homes. It's healthy to have some air flow in and out of your home but too much leads to discomfort and high electric bills. Properly installed insulation paired with an air barrier can do a lot to save.

If you have fiberglass insulation, whether blown or rolled batts, you'll need to create an air barrier by sealing all of the cracks and gaps between the living space and unfinished areas with caulk and expanding foam. Cellulose does a better job of blocking air but only foam insulation offers its own air barrier.

Check out the chart to the right and go to the web site EnergySavers.gov to learn more about insulation. You can also contact Jones-Onslow and talk to one of our energy advisers about whether your home needs more insulation. By doing so, you'll be well on your way to a more comfortable home and lower electric bills.

Comparing Insulation VALUE

Adding insulation? Check the material's R-value—the ability of insulation to resist the transfer of heat. R-value depends on material, thickness, and density. A higher R-value indicates more effective insulation, saving energy dollars.



Compare R-values and common uses for several types of insulation:

Type of Insulation	R-value per inch (range)	Common Uses	Installation Method
Batts, Rolls			
Fiberglass	3.17 (3.0-4.0)	Wall, floor, and ceiling cavities	Fitted between studs, joists, or rafters
Rock Wool	3.17 (3.0-3.7)	Wall, floor, and ceiling cavities	Fitted between studs, joists, or rafters
Cotton	3.2	Wall, floor, and ceiling cavities	Fitted between studs, joists, or rafters
Loose, Poured, or Blown			
Fiberglass	2.2 (2.2-4.0)	Ceiling cavities	Poured and fluffed, or blown by machine
Rock Wool	3.1 (2.8-3.7)	Ceiling cavities	Poured and fluffed, or blown by machine
Dry Cellulose	3.2 (2.8-3.7)	Ceiling cavities	Blown by machine
Wet-Spray Cellulose	3.5 (3.0-3.7)	Wall cavities	Sprayed into cavities
Perlite	2.7 (2.5-4.0)	Hollow concrete block	Poured
Polyurethane	6.2 (5.8-6.8)	Wall and ceiling cavities, roofs	Foamed into cavities
Open-cell Isocyanurate (Icynene™)	3.6	Wall and ceiling cavities	Foamed into open or closed cavities
Magnesium Silicate (Air Krete®)	3.9	Wall cavities	Foamed into open cavities

Sources: U.S. Department of Energy, E Source

2012 Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee has been selected for the purpose of nominating individuals for election to the position of Director in District One. This committee is scheduled to meet in February 2012. The committee's names and addresses are as follows:

District One

Mr. Steve Webb
129 Bell Pointe Road
Sneads Ferry, N.C. 28460

Mr. William Keller
459 Chadwick Shore Drive
Sneads Ferry, N.C. 28460

Mr. Bobby Provost
107 Red Barn Road
Hubert, N.C. 28539

District Two

Mr. W.C. Jarman
198 Thomas Loop Road
Jacksonville, N.C. 28540

Mrs. Pansy Horne
1810 Haw Branch Road
Beulaville, N.C. 28518

Mr. Ronald Pittman
1079 Gregory Fork Road
Richlands, N.C. 28574

District Three

Mr. William Haddock
2314 Wyse Fork Road
Trenton, N.C. 28585

Mrs. Judy Smith
3167 NC Highway 58 North
Trenton, N.C. 28585

Mr. Robert Daughety
4451 Middle Road
Kinston, N.C. 28501

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 ten (10) 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 Board of Directors shall consist of ten (10) Directors. One (1) of the cooperative's Directors shall be elected on an "At-Large" basis and may reside anywhere within the Cooperative service territory. The other nine (9) directors shall be nominated and elected so that at least three (3) but not more than four (4) shall be residents of each of the Cooperative's three (3) Directorate Districts, which are as follows: District Number One—those areas served by the Cooperative in Pender, Onslow, Jones, Carteret and Craven counties and which lie on the eastern side of U.S. Highway No. 17; District Number Two—those areas served by the Cooperative in Duplin County and in Pender and Onslow counties on the western side of U.S. Highway No. 17; and District Number Three—those areas served by the Cooperative in Lenoir County and in Jones and Craven counties on the western side of U.S. Highway No. 17. The one (1) "At-Large" Director shall be elected on an "At-Large" basis and may be a resident of any of the foregoing three geographic Directorate Districts, even if the result is to give one District more than four Directors.

It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, not less than fifty (50) nor more than one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the date of a meeting of the 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 (a) are not existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for directors; and (b) are not close relatives or members of the same household of any such person. The Nominating Committee shall serve three (3) year terms

and shall not be permitted to serve consecutive terms. Members may be reappointed to the Nominating Committee so long as they do not serve two (2) consecutive terms. This Committee shall be appointed so that three (3) members are appointed and consist of one (1) member from each of the Cooperative's three (3) directorate districts and the following year three (3) members are appointed consisting of one (1) member per directorate district and so on. In the event that a member of the Nominating Committee is unable or unwilling to serve a full three (3) year term then the Board shall appoint a replacement to fulfill the unexpired term created by the vacancy. In such cases the new appointee shall be eligible for re-election at the conclusion of the unexpired term. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal and all district offices of the Cooperative, at least twenty (20) days before the meeting, a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each directorate district from which a director must or may, pursuant to this article, be elected at the meeting. The committee may include more nominees than there are to be elected, but it shall show clearly which nominees are opposed with respect to the same directorate district, or as between two or more districts; provided, it shall not make a nomination until it shall have first determined that the nominee is qualified to serve in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.02 and, if elected, will serve.

Any one percent (1%) 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.

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