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Subject: Retiring NIPCO Director Honored

Gilbert “Gib” Phillips, a 19-year member director of Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative, was honored during the cooperative’s annual meeting April 3 in Sioux City as he announced his plans to retire from the position.

Phillips is a member of the Manning (Iowa) Municipal Light Plant board. He represents the Manning utility on the board of Western Iowa Municipal Electric Cooperative Association. Since 1988, Phillips has been a NIPCO director, representing WIMECA, which is a cooperative association made up of six municipal electric utilities in western Iowa.

During his nearly two decades on NIPCO’s board, Phillips served as secretary for 14 years.

“Gib has been a great friend and supporter of NIPCO,” said Kent Pauling, NIPCO’s CEO and general manager. “His background in the insurance industry brought a refreshing perspective to the NIPCO board. Gib and his wife Joan have worked tirelessly to promote economic development for their town of Manning and for the entire state of Iowa. NIPCO will miss Gib’s quick wit and stories at the board meetings.”

A native of Ida Grove, Phillips moved to Manning in 1954 to become an insurance agent. He retired from the insurance industry in 1998. He is a former member of Manning’s city council, and formerly served on both bank and hospital boards there. He and his wife Joan both were involved in economic development activities in the Manning area.

The Phillips now split their time between homes at Lake Panorama in Iowa, and Surprise, Ariz.

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