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Local RECs Donate to Northwest Iowa Community College Foundation

Jeff TenNapel of Osceola County REC, Ross Loomans of the Lyon County REC and Lyle Korver of North West REC met with representatives of Northwest Iowa Community College and their NCC Foundation Board to present a check for \$10,000 toward their *Everyone Knows Someone Who Chose NCC* campaign.

This donation reflects a combined total donation match from four northwest Iowa electric cooperative providers, provided through Basin Electric Power Cooperative's Matching Donation Fund. Headquartered in Bismarck, North Dakota, Basin Electric is the primary power supplier for Lyon County REC, Osceola County REC and North West REC. The Basin Electric Power Cooperative Matching Donations Fund exists to provide charitable matching gifts to a wide range of programs for the greatest social and economic benefit to its members, employees, and the communities they serve.

Northwest Iowa rural electric cooperatives who have participated in annual pledges in 2015 include Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative, Osceola Electric Cooperative, North West Rural Electric Cooperative and generation and transmission provider, L&O Power.

Since 2014, these and other regional electric providers in conjunction with Basin Electric Power Cooperative have pledged a total of over \$100,000 toward the *Everyone Knows Someone Who Chose NCC* campaign. The campaign's fundraising goals include building the NCC Foundation scholarship endowment, enhancing instructional equipment, advancing technology campus-wide and enhancing facilities, including the Powerline training area.

The local rural electric cooperatives have possessed a strong relationship with Northwest Iowa Community College as it has supported the operational needs of the cooperative for many years. A vast majority of powerline workers that are employed by these entities have graduated from NCC's Powerline program.

PHOTO: (L-R): Jeff TenNapel, Osceola County REC; Ross Loomans, Lyon County REC; Alethea Stubbe, NCC President; Lyle Korver, North West REC; Jan Snyder, NCC Vice President, Institutional Advancement & External Affairs