



All co-ops, including Butler County REC, are guided by these seven cooperative principles that are a framework to help all co-ops navigate challenges and opportunities while remaining true to our purpose:

Open and Voluntary Membership Co-op membership is open to anyone who can use the co-op's services.

Democratic Member Control Members make decisions that shape the cooperative. Why? Because co-ops are created by the members, for the members.

Members' Economic Participation Members contribute money to the co-op to make sure it runs smoothly now and in the future. At Butler County REC, this happens through paying your energy bills.

Autonomy and Independence Co-ops are independent and can operate on their own, which ultimately benefits the members.

Education, Training and Information Co-ops continuously focus on education to ensure employees have the training and information they need to make the co-op successful.

Cooperation Among Cooperatives Co-ops share with and learn from other cooperatives. We help each other out in times of need because we want other co-ops to thrive.

Concern for Community All cooperatives work for the greater good of the local communities they serve. Co-ops give back to their communities to help them thrive and grow.