

Taylor Report



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Lives on the line

April 10th is Lineman Appreciation Day

Every year, we take the time to thank our extraordinary lineworkers who dedicate their lives to keeping the lights on in our local communities. Seven lineworkers maintain 855 miles of line in Taylor Electric's service territory, and without them, our world would be dark.

We depend on our entire staff to keep the co-op running smoothly, but on April 10, 2017, we honor all lineworkers who often find themselves in dangerous and challenging situations, so our lives may be a little bit brighter and safer every day. These brave individuals repair damaged lines and maintain critical infrastructure for our communities. Without their hard work and commitment to the job, our co-op would not thrive. No matter the time—day or night, weekday or weekend—if the lights

go out, so do they.

Perhaps you have seen them raising their bucket trucks in howling winds and torrential rains, or in freezing, icy conditions. They work around the clock near high-voltage power lines until electricity is restored to every member in our co-op community.

In addition to aiding members in our local service territory, lineworkers are always willing and eager to volunteer when a neighboring community, county or state is in need after a major outage occurs.

We hope you will join us in thanking the many lineworkers—both locally and around the world—that light our lives. Remember, your power works because they do! Use #ThankALineman on social media to show your support.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

Call Before You Dig (811) is a free service that will have buried public utilities marked on your property so that you can safely dig around them. Just call 811, or submit an online request at call811.com at least a few business days before you plan to dig.

When calling, make sure that you have clearly identified your planned digging area and outline it in white paint if possible. The service uses ground-penetrating radar to search for and locate the buried public utility lines that are on your property. Lines will be marked with flags or paint. The color indicates the type of utility located. After the area has been marked, the CGA reports that you have less than 1 percent chance of causing damage if you respect the markings.

If you have any private utilities, you will need to hire a private utility locator. Some examples of private utilities include: underground sprinkler system, invisible fences, data communication systems, private water systems, or gas piping to a garage.

Even if you have had an area marked before, call to have the area checked again. Natural changes to the soil, such as erosion or root growth, can alter the depth and location of buried lines. Once all buried lines have been marked, respect the boundaries, and dig carefully.

SafeElectricity.org



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POWER
OUR
LIVES.**

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Board Report – February 2017

- Approved January disbursements totaling \$861,410.25, accepted 3 new member applications, reviewed credit card expenses, and December construction in the amount of \$40,743.34.
- Reviewed financial results through January 31, 2017 with a net margin of \$37,919.
- Reviewed 80 delinquent accounts that were processed for collection in February owing more than \$34,800.
- A report on the February safety meeting was given by Director Smith and included: safety harness suspension trauma; a close call for a lineman where he was struck in the face by a tree branch which broke his nose; and, truck and equipment inspections.
- The audit of the Co-op's 2016 financial records is taking place March 6-7, 2017. Director Engel will meet with the auditors to discuss any areas of concern.
- A review of the Co-op's Emergency Load Reduction Policy (ELRP) was completed, including an update of a drill coordinated by Dairyland Power Cooperative to test the ELRP preparedness.
- The Board discussed the 2017 annual meeting: agenda, speakers, meal, prizes, and Board elections.
- The Board approved discounted early retirement of capital credits to one estate with a net present value of \$117.12.
- 2017 billable labor rates were set at \$70 per hour during business hours (\$80 for non-members), and \$100 per hour for all overtime.
- No action was taken on a member issue related to a request for service from a neighboring utility.
- The Board approved a list of questions and other issues to be sent in response to Dairyland Power's request for comments on extension of the Wholesale Power Contract.
- The Board approved a bad debt write-off of \$116.80 on one account. The bad debt will be recovered from the NWPA refund in March.
- Dairyland Power Cooperative's January financial report was reviewed with \$4 Million of Operating Margins, 18.8% member equity, and kWh sales 1.3% less than January 2016.
- Items reviewed from a Legal Update attended by the CEO and directors included: membership agreements, easements, bylaws, policies, and employee handbook issues.

* The winter moratorium ends April 15th. All past due balances must be paid in full prior to this date to avoid disconnection of service.



* The office will be closed on Good Friday, April 14th. Have a safe and blessed Easter.

Can you help us find these people?

Aiardo, Debbie	Henline, Kurt and Gloria	Reed, Jeanette
Anderson, Richard	Herrell, Tim and Brenda	Rehbein Estate, Walter c/o Mayer, Eunice
Andreasen, Rodney and Toni	Holz Estate, Mary	Rothamer, Randall and Donna
Barber, Audy and Suzanne	Hursh, Terry and Debbie	Schafer Estate, Gary
Brede, Jeffrey and Miller, Sharon K	Kraegenbrink, Merlin c/o Welbes, Pam	Shotliff Jr, Richard and Melanie
Busch, Rick and Mary	Kraemer, Michael and Kim	Sloniker, Ed and Florence
Clarkson, Brent	Leleika, Joe and Pat	Staab, Roger and Christine
Decker Estate, Fred c/o Decker, Shaun	Mackie, Helen	Streb, Dave
Denzine, Wayne	McPeak, Rhonda	Streb, Roland
Dunn, Geri	Miller, Susan	Thums, Kathleen
Fleischmann Estate, Arlene c/o Tlusty, Maris	Millikin Estate, James Jr c/o Millikin, Shawn	Weigand, Daniel and Susan
Floyd Estate, Carol	Nelson, Craig	Weinke, Sheryl
Grining, Jane	Nowacki, Lester	Woellner, Theresa and Brian
Hanson, Bruce and Caroline	Pachal, Elaine	Zahnen, Carol
Hartmann, Sandra L	Palmer, Ray and Angie	
Henke, Kelly	Poli, Kim and Sara	