

Taylor Report



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Christmas Wish Program

Celebrating 22 years of granting wishes

During the holiday season, thoughts turn to those in need. Taylor Electric, WKEB 99.3 FM and other area cooperatives are once again sponsoring the Christmas Wish Program. Send your wish requests for someone who needs some holiday cheer to: WKEB radio, PO Box 59, Medford, WI 54451; phone 715-748-2566; fax 715-748-2752; or visit the radio station's website: www.K99WIGM.com.



Holiday LIGHTING Safety

Use only holiday lights that have been safety tested and have the **UL** label.



Before using, **check each strand** for broken sockets, frayed cords, or faulty plugs.



Don't string together more than **three** standard-sized incandescent sets of lights or you could **overload the circuit**.



Don't throw lights over tree branches that are **near power lines** and service connections.



Always unplug lights before leaving your home or going to bed; a timer can help with this.



Learn more at SafeElectricity.org

Don't Cook Up A Stormy Electric Bill For The Holiday

While you're busy in the kitchen preparing your family's holiday feast, Safe Electricity wants to help keep your energy bills low.



- Think small. Opt for a smaller appliance, such as a toaster oven or microwave, whenever possible. Efficient microwave ovens use around 50 percent less energy than conventional ovens.
- Turn the oven or stove burners off a few minutes before your food is ready—they will remain hot enough to finish cooking the food.
- Don't preheat the oven unless you are baking or a recipe requires it.
- Bake with ceramic or glass pots and pans—this will allow you to lower the oven temperature by about 25 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Self-cleaning ovens use less energy for normal cooking because of the higher insulation levels built into them. If you own one, plan to clean it right after you've finished baking something so it doesn't have to heat up a second time.
- Don't peek. Opening the oven door can lower the internal temperature as much as 25 percent.
- Don't cover oven racks with foil. This reduces heat flow and increases cooking time.
- Put a lid on it. Cover pans while cooking to prevent heat loss.
- Plan ahead. Defrosting food in the microwave may be convenient, but it costs nothing more to defrost in the refrigerator.

These steps are easy to follow and come at no extra cost. Making a habit out of them will save you both energy in the kitchen and money on your electric bill.

—Our office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd for Thanksgiving. Have a safe and happy holiday!

—The monthly rented yard light rates effective 11/1/18 will be:
\$10/mo.—40-watt LED lights (no change)
\$15.80/mo.—250 and \$20.50/mo.—400 watt lights (no change)
All other lights—\$13/mo.

Board Report – Sept. 2018

- Approved August disbursements totaling \$876,052.41, reviewed credit card charges, accepted 23 new member applications, and July construction in the amount of \$45,189.45.
- Reviewed financial results through August 31, 2018 with year-to-date showing a margin of \$452,604. There were 24 outages in August, with a total of 89 for the year totaling just over ½ hour per member of outage time (less than half the outage time experienced in 2017).
- The Board reviewed Dairyland Power Cooperative financial data: Margins for August 2018 were \$4.9 Million which was \$1.1 more than budget; year to date Margins are \$15.8 Million which is slightly ahead of budget. Director Zenner, who attended the Dairyland board meeting reported: suggestion to write-off Regulatory Assets and the projected impact on the wholesale rate; decommissioning of LACBWR is 84% complete with completion date in 2019; and, Directors Zenner, Waldhart, and Hallgren to attend “A Day With Your G&T” at Dairyland on October 17th. Information on the financial impact of losing the large load in the Jo-Carroll Electric Co-op service territory under customer choice, Taylor Electric’s share of the 2018 summer peak demand billing, and Stetsonville Substation upgrade were provided.
- Early retirement payment to three estates was approved with total capital credits of \$4,176.03 to be paid out at the net present value of \$1,733.14.
- The Board approved payment of the 2018-2019 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association dues in the amount of \$7,005.
- The Board approved the forfeiture of unclaimed funds in the amount of \$8,040.36 to the Federated Youth Foundation for future scholarships and charitable uses.
- Board Policy No. 2.27, Structure Moves was amended to increase the non-refundable deposit for work to be performed to evaluate house and other structure moves that may require modifications or assistance during a move through the Co-op’s territory.
- Directors Smith and Waldhart will attend the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association annual meeting as the Co-op’s delegates.
- The Board approved applying LED and other small dollar incentives on members’ electric bills instead of printing small checks.
- The member complaint log, delinquent accounts, upcoming labor negotiations with IBEW Local 953, the Meeting Expense Policy, and upcoming Member Appreciation event were reviewed
- A territorial dispute issue was discussed in a conference call with the Co-op’s attorney.
- Director Hallgren provided a written report on the September 12, 2018 safety meeting that included: inspection of ropes, slings, harnesses and lanyards; dielectric testing of basket trucks; hearing conservation and the applicable safety manual sections were reviewed; and, close calls at other utilities were discussed.
- CEO Schaefer and Director Zenner reviewed a summary of the Broadband Feasibility Study that was commissioned by the Taylor County Broadband Committee.
- Directors presented reports on attending the NRECA Region 5 meeting.
- CEO Schaefer reported on a recent presentation by MIT on their progress of producing electricity using a fusion generator.

Do you know where these people are?

Arthur, James & Rosalie
 Becker's Catering C/O Brian Becker
 Bergeson, Paul & Tammy
 Bosteder-Askin, Juleen
 Bourgerie, Jeff & Stephanie
 Catlin, Sandra
 Dassow, Larry & Ellie
 Edelburg, Clifford Estate
 Gipp, Keith
 GTE Telephone Operations
 Hardrath, Carl & Linda
 Halopka, Cindy, Mabel Zenner Estate
 Hessefort, Barbara
 Hoffman, Tammy
 Horst, Kevin & Jenifer
 Johnson William & Dian
 Krieski, Larry & Monica
 Lake, Nancy
 Lemke, Daniel
 Marcott, Gary

Nichols, Keith & Judy
 Nutting, Brian & Tina
 Paul, Lorraine
 Punke, Harold & Dorothy
 Raatz, Richard
 Rau, Christine
 Rothamer, Randall & Donna
 Rustic Enterprises C/O Clifford Meyer
 Smith Jeffrey & Barbara
 Smith, Colleen
 Sossong, James
 Sova, Michael
 Stahnke, Gerald & Zimmerman, Sharon
 Storey, Doug & Michelle
 Thomas, Terry & Jiskra, Kathy
 Weister, Thomas & Cecille
 Wirt, Allen
 Zimmerlee, David