

# Taylor Report

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## October is National Co-op Month.

Meet with Focus on Energy Reps

### Join us for breakfast on Thursday, October 3rd!!!

We're celebrating:

YOU, OUR MEMBERS &

OCTOBER CO-OP MONTH



Check out our displays!



Location: Stetsonville Centennial Center, Stetsonville, WI

Time: 6:30 AM—9:30 AM

Pick up your Green Bay Packer calendar while supplies last and visit with CEO Mike Schaefer as he celebrates his final open house before his retirement next year.



## focus on energy®

Partnering with Wisconsin utilities

### FOCUS ON ENERGY® will be visiting our open house!!!

Stop by and exchange up to 12 screw-in incandescent or halogen bulbs for FREE LEDs! You will also have the opportunity to purchase discounted energy-efficient products, including single and multi-pack LED lightbulbs, or an exciting \$10 LED Starter Kit with 10 LEDs, one three-way light bulb, and a desk lamp.

—One day only while supplies last—this is a FOE program and is not offered by the cooperative.

# Board Report – July 2019

- Approved June disbursements totaling \$374,992.28, accepted 9 new member applications, and May construction in the amount of \$32,910.78.
- Reviewed financial results through June 30, 2019 with \$229,258 Operating Margins and \$248,052 Total Margins year to date.
- There were 18 outages recorded during June, with 41 thus far in 2019 for a total outage time of 1.32 hours per member, which includes 0.77 hours of outage time due to the transmission outage at the end of February.
- One application for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estate was approved with total capital credits of \$1,238.62 to be paid out at the net present value of \$479.71.
- Breakfast will be served as part of the Member Appreciation on Thursday, October 3rd to be held at the Centennial Community Center in Stetsonville.
- A new policy, Body Camera Use Guidelines, was approved by the Board.
- The Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) report by Director Zenner included: a review of Dairyland finances with year-to-date Margins of \$2.6 Million; projected year-end margins of \$18.5 Million vs. \$16.5 Million budget; LACBWR nuclear plant decommissioning is basically complete with expected license transfer back to DPC by end of year; checking into opportunity to transfer spent nuclear fuel at LACBWR to another company; annual wholesale power credit from first round NWP settlement will end in 2021; the Wholesale Rate Study is complete, awaiting final DPC Board approval; the proposed wholesale rate will include a nighttime off-peak period from 10 PM to 5 AM; the G3 generating plant has not been running, mainly to conserve coal for winter operation and to buy lower priced market power; potential changes coming to DPC's annual meeting voting procedures; and, the DPC Board participated in 8 hours of parliamentary procedure training.
- 40 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the June 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$11,700.77. Twenty-six of these accounts have remote disconnect capability.
- CEO Schaefer gave an update on a new 3-phase service and possible economic development loan request; potential new solar installations by members; 4 linemen assisting in ROPE storm repairs at Polk-Burnett; an avoided union grievance; a lineman drove a ground rod through his hand ending the Co-op's No Lost Time Accident streak that had continued since 2011; updates on the Lineman/Assistant Meter Tech and Line Superintendent job positions that need to be filled; and, review of items discussed at the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Managers Association meeting.
- The Taylor County Broadband Committee report by Director Zenner and CEO Schaefer discussed a potential partnership with Norvado to provide the broadband service in Taylor County. Norvado, a cooperative organization, recently purchased Price County Telephone and will be expanding the fiber network in that county. The next County Broadband meeting will include a feasibility study and business plan, prepared by Vantage Point Solutions, for extending broadband to basically all of Taylor County.
- The Board completed the 2019 CEO Appraisal, providing feedback for goals moving forward.
- Directors reported on the WECA District 1 meeting which included: director election results; very healthy financial report for WECA; the statewide has rejoined Co-op Network and encourages member electric co-ops to do the same; review of strategic planning directives that the WECA Board needs to condense, and, "green" shirts to be produced and worn by WECA representatives at political events for recognition.
- The July safety meeting report included: proper maintenance of arc-rated clothing, ROPE (Restoration of Power in Emergency) manual review, evacuation and trenching safety with emphasis on responsibilities of a "competent person" at the dig site, and a review of accidents and close-calls reported by utilities.
- CEO Schaefer reported on the Federated Insurance Safety and Loss Prevention Assessment that was recently performed by Chad Knutson, Federated's Senior Safety & Loss Prevention Consultant. Chad reviewed the Co-op's claims history with Co-op management, completed a site and work zone inspection, and reported that the Co-op has established adequate programs for safety and loss prevention to address issues of concern to Federated.
- Board Policy No. 4.05, Internal Control, underwent its annual review by the Board.

Following adjournment of the above board meeting, members of the Board and



CEO Schaefer visited 2 members of the Co-op: Thiede Manufacturing, Medford, and Heartland Cooperative Grain Services, Dorchester, to view their operations and ask questions, as part of an annual member visit program.

Left: Chuck Thiede, Thiede Mfg. shows different projects in his shop.

Right: Zak Rau, Heartland Co-op, gave a tour of the co-op's grain bins.

