

Taylor Report



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Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 12th

While it takes each employee across all departments to keep operations running smoothly at Taylor Electric Cooperative, one of the more visible jobs is that of a lineworker. You may see one of ours working 35 feet (or more) overhead or maintaining lines at ground level.

We proudly recognize all electric lineworkers for the services they perform around the clock in dangerous conditions to keep the power flowing and protect the public's safety. If you see one of these guys on April 12th or anytime, thank them for their hard work in keeping your world bright!



TAYLOR ELECTRIC LINEMEN

Back row (l to r): Colten Cummings, Geoff Mueller, Ron Mayer

Front row (l to r): Jessie Knoll, Tim Habermeyer, Mike Eloranta, Justin Fuchs

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

This spring, consider using a rain barrel to save energy. Rain barrels capture rainwater from a roof that can be used later for watering your lawn, garden or indoor plants.



ELECTRICAL LINWORKERS

Lineworkers install and maintain overhead and underground electrical systems. We rely on their expertise to power our world.

They must commit to safety above all else for the benefit of those they serve (you!), fellow crew members and themselves.

WHAT THEY WEAR

Protective clothing is required to shield lineworkers since they work around high voltages. Gear can vary depending on pole structure (wood or steel) and weighs up to 45 pounds.





Youth Leadership Congress Goes Virtual— July 13-14, 2021

8:00 am—noon each day

The 2021 WECA Youth Leadership Congress is going virtual! This is a FREE, two half-day event for youth across Wisconsin to develop their leadership skills while learning about the purpose, operation, and scope of cooperative businesses.

WHO SHOULD APPLY:

High school students with family members who belong to a Wisconsin electric cooperative

HOW TO REGISTER:

Sign up at: <http://bit.ly/2021YLC>

Register by: June 1, 2021

All students should register by clicking on “Public Registration” (*instructions available at the office—please call if you would like a copy sent to you*)

PLEASE NOTE: You must have your own device: cell phone, laptop or iPad!!

2021 YLC Opportunities

Podcast Contest

1st place: \$250

2nd place: \$100

3rd place: \$50

Scholarship Essay Contest

1st place: \$1,000

2nd place: \$500

3rd place: \$250

serious consequences.

Hitting a line could result in serious injuries and disrupted service for you and your neighbors. It could also make a dent in your wallet for repair fees or other fines.

The 811 hotline points out that there is more than one football field’s length of buried utilities for every man, woman, and child in the U.S.

Before digging:

- Call 811 and request a locate 3 days before work begins.
- Wait the required amount of time for affected utility operators to respond to your request.
- Confirm that all affected utility operators have responded to your request and marked underground utilities.
- Dig carefully around the marks with care.

Remember that privately owned underground lines will NOT be marked by location flaggers. Examples of private lines/equipment include well and septic, underground sprinkler systems, invisible fencing, gas or electric lines that serve a detached building, as well as any lines (electric, water, sewer) from the meter to your home.

Board Report – February 2021

- Approved January disbursements totaling \$694,033. 7 new member applications, and December 2020 construction in the amount of \$35,344.
- Reviewed financial results for January, with \$48,764 Operating Margins and \$49,995 Total Margins year to date.
- There were 22 outages in January, with average YTD outage time per meter of .0608 hours.
- Five applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$3,572 to be paid out at the net present value of \$2,137.
- 21 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the February 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$15,139.
- Discussion was held on the 2021 scholarships.
- The discussion on Bylaw amendments for 2021 was continued. The topics were voting by other than in person means, nomination by petition timing, and majority vs. plurality to determine the winning candidate.
- CEO Ceaglske gave an update on the COVID 19 response, the NRECA annual meeting, generator issues, the recent activities in Texas, Taylor County Broadband, and member issues.

Call Before You Dig

April is National Safe Digging Month. It reminds us all that as we begin beautifying our yards, we shouldn’t just dig in. According to 811, the “Call Before You Dig” national hotline, an underground utility is damaged every nine minutes because someone didn’t call before digging.



Whether it is a do-it-yourself project or you are hiring a professional, call 811 three days

prior to starting any digging project to request that all underground utilities be marked. (Call-to-completion time varies from state to state.) The service is free.

You may think it won’t hurt anything to dig in an unmarked yard when landscaping, installing a fence, deck or mailbox, or even “just” planting a small flower bed or bush, but damaging an underground cable can have