

Taylor Report



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Mark the Date—Member Appreciation Day!

**Community born.
Community led.
Focused on YOU.**

October is
National Co-op Month

The date has been tentatively set so mark your calendars and join us for breakfast on Thursday, October 7th at the Centennial Community Center, Stetsonville, from 6:30 AM—9:30 AM. Help us kick off October Co-op Month and get your Green Bay Packer's calendar. Watch for additional information in your bill, on our Facebook page and website for updates and also special offers from Focus on Energy during our member appreciation. *(event subject to change due to Covid 19 restrictions)*



Seven Cooperative Principles

VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP

Cooperatives are voluntary organizations open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.

DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. The elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives, members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) and cooperatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.

MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital is usually the common property of the cooperative. Members usually receive limited compensation, if any, on capital subscribed as a condition of membership. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing the cooperative, possibly by setting up reserves, part of which at least would be indivisible; benefitting members in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative; and supporting other activities approved by the membership.

AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE

Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their cooperative autonomy.

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers, and employees so that they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation.

COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.

CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.

Board Report – July 2021

- Approved June disbursements totaling \$427,242. 26 new member applications, and May 2021 construction in the amount of \$66,236.
- Reviewed financial results for June, with \$269,138 Operating Margins and \$279,196 Total Margins year-to-date.
- There were 13 outages in June, with average YTD outage time per meter of .3361 hours.
- Eight applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$11,513 to be paid out at the net present value of \$6,209.
- 29 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the June 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$18,072.
- There was discussion on upcoming training opportunities and meetings.
- Zenner updated the board on DPC activities. CEO Ceaglske gave an update on the generator issues, and Taylor County Broadband.

Teaching Electrical Safety at Hughey's Hideaway Children's Museum

In celebration of Cooperative Week, Taylor Electric Cooperative visited Huey's Hideaway Children's Museum on Tuesday, July 20th to hold an electrical demonstration for the summer camp kids. Leadman Justin Fuchs and Lineman Mike Eloranta exhibited the dangers of electricity by using a hotline demonstration to show what happens when people/objects come in contact with a live electric line. The kids were given the opportunity to try on insulated gloves and sleeves worn by the linemen. They also experienced how difficult it is to perform otherwise simple tasks, like tightening a bolt, when wearing the oversized gloves. Fuchs and Eloranta also gave each child the opportunity to use an 8ft hotline stick to pick up protective equipment.



In this photo, Leadman Justin Fuchs shows how difficult lineman's gloves can be to use.



Above: Eloranta (right) and Fuchs demonstrate the danger of coming in contact with live electric lines.

Below: Taylor Electric's table-top hotline display is 7,200 volts which is the same output as our system voltage.

