

Taylor Report



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HOMETOWN CONNECTIONS: US Navy Commander Schaefer Visits Taylor Electric



On Tuesday, May 5, 2026, CEO Kenny Ceaglske and Vice-Chairman Chuck Zenner had the opportunity to meet with Medford native and U.S. Navy Commander Crystal Schaefer through the Navy's Executive Engagement Program. This program is designed to connect senior Navy leaders with communities across the country.

During the visit, Commander Schaefer shared information about her background in nuclear propulsion aboard several different ships. She is currently the 78th Commanding Officer of the USS Constitution since June of 2024 and more recently, was promoted to Captain. This ship is the oldest in the US Navy fleet and is wind powered. Schaefer also engaged in discussions on nuclear energy, safety, and its future role in utilities.

Additional conversation topics included her career journey, community outreach opportunities, and her memories of growing up around the Taylor

Electric office—where her dad, Mike Schaefer, previously served as CEO for almost 38 years prior to Ceaglske. Commander Schaefer has also been a member of Taylor Electric Cooperative since 2018.

We were honored to welcome her to our office especially as our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence!



Watch for the June WEC News Magazine

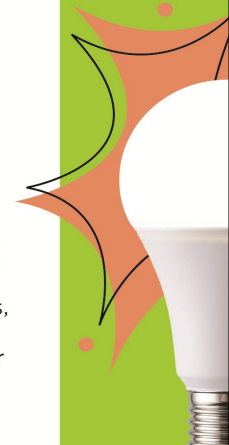
The annual report will be printed in the June edition of the WEC News. [This is important because your registration slip for the annual meeting will be in the magazine.](#) The annual meeting is set for Tuesday, June 23rd at the Centennial Community Center, Stetsonville, with registration and dinner beginning at 4:30 PM, and the meeting at 5:30 PM.

Summer Office Hours

- Through the week of August 31st office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 7:30 AM– 4:00 PM and Friday 7:30 AM-11:30 AM.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

During these warm summer months, a smart thermostat can help keep your home comfortable while reducing cooling costs. Smart thermostats learn your routine and automatically raise the temperature when you're away and cool things down before you return, avoiding unnecessary energy use. You can also adjust settings remotely from your phone, so you're never cooling an empty house. Setting your thermostat a few degrees higher while you're away or asleep can lead to significant savings. Many smart thermostats provide reports and tips, helping you fine-tune your energy use and stay cool while keeping your electric bill in check.



What's happening at your annual meeting

Taylor Electric's annual meeting is set for Tuesday, June 23rd at the Centennial Community Center, Stetsonville, WI.

Registration starts at 4:30 PM with dinner served during this time. The meeting will start at 5:30 PM. In the event you can't attend the annual meeting, we have the option of Absentee Ballots. Call to have your ballot mailed or stop by the office to pick one up. Account verification will be necessary with both methods. Simply submit the completed ballot back to the office by noon on Monday, June 22nd. As always, in-person voting will still be available at the annual meeting! There are no contested director seats against incumbents Donald Everhard, Paul Woods and Charles Zenner, therefore the absentee ballots will only contain the option to vote for the proposed bylaw changes. The full red-line version of the proposed bylaw changes are available on our website at www.taylorelectric.org and will also be printed in the annual report.

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT NO. 1

Summary: Current bylaw language regarding joint memberships is inconsistent in some respects regarding the treatment of joint memberships and membership interests when a joint member dies. The following amendment is proposed to clarify and confirm that all joint memberships will be treated as joint memberships with right of survivorship and not as joint memberships as tenants in common. This change will ensure that membership interests will remain with the surviving joint member(s) when a joint member dies. Relatedly, this change

will facilitate the cooperative's tracking of membership interests and capital credits. Additional related clean-up changes are also included in this proposal such as revisions recognizing that joint memberships may have more than two members.

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT NO. 2:

Summary: Current bylaw language suggests that a member is required to vote in director elections and required to vote for as many candidates as there are open seats. Such interpretation is inconsistent with a typical democratic cooperative election practice, past practice at the Cooperative and the likely intent of the bylaws. As such, the following amendment is proposed to confirm that members are not required to vote in director elections and, where members choose to vote, they may limit their vote to any number of candidates up to the number of open seats.

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT NO. 3:

Summary: Several provisions of the bylaws are obsolete due to changes in law or modern practice. This proposed amendment 1) removes references to membership certificates which have been replaced by modern record-keeping, 2) removes a requirement that the Cooperative produce service area maps which can now be readily determined from a variety of sources, and 3) removes language requiring surety bonds for officers, which is no longer required by the Cooperative's insurer or otherwise necessary.

Board Report – April 2026

- Approved March disbursements totaling \$450,530. 13 new member applications, and March 2026 construction in the amount of \$102,877.
- Reviewed financial results for March with \$91,005 Operating Margins and \$108,043 Total Margins YTD.
- There were 5 outages in March, with an average YTD outage time per meter of 0.0939 hours.
- One application for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates was approved with total capital credits of \$3,997 to be paid out at the net present value of \$1,594.
- 19 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the April 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$7,292.
- Other topics covered included the remodeling updates, policy revisions consolidating many fee related policies into one document, annual adjustment of the new service contribution pricing, solar interconnection policy updates, and annual meeting discussion.

June is Dairy Month

We salute our dairy farmers



Stop by the Taylor County Fairgrounds on Sunday, June 14th from 6:30 AM—12:00 pm for the 41st

Annual Town and Country Dairy Breakfast. The menu includes: choice of omelette (plain, ham & cheese or works), sausage, french toast & syrup, milk, cheese & ice cream. All for just \$8 per person, children 5 and under—free!



CONGRATULATIONS 2026 GRADUATES!

The following students received a \$500 scholarship from Taylor Electric: Athens High School-Eli Paul, Medford Area Senior High-Ashton Behling, Evan Czarnezki, Max Klussendorf, Laura Wegerer, Rib Lake High School-Talon Scheithauer. Dairyland Power Cooperative \$1,000 scholarship recipient: Owen High School-Madilyn Mueller