

# Taylor Report



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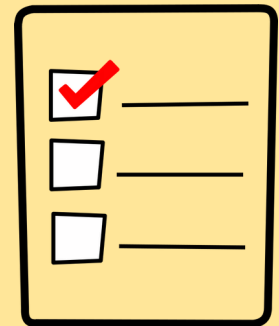
## Make Plans for YOUR Annual Meeting!



**Tuesday, June 27, 2023**  
**Centennial Community Center**  
**412 E. Centennial Ave, Stetsonville**

### **\*\*NEW THIS YEAR\*\*** **ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

Can't make it to the annual meeting? Just call or stop in to get an absentee ballot. All ballots are due back to the office by **Monday, June 26th at 4:00 PM.**



- **Registration begins at 4:30 p.m.**
- **Dinner served starting at 4:30 p.m.**
- **Business meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.**

At this year's meeting, four candidates are running for three open seats on the board. Incumbents Donald Everhard and Charles Zenner are both eligible for re-election. Sara Matyka and Paul Woods are also on the ballot. Patricia Waldhart has reached term limits and is not eligible for re-election.

The top three individuals who receive the most votes will be the newly elected board members. There will also be additional bylaw amendments that require voting this year. Come take part in your cooperative's meeting — see you there!



Taylor Electric Cooperative recently donated \$500 to the Rib Lake School District for new playground equipment. Pictured to the left are Rib Lake Elementary School Principal Jon Dallmann and Taylor Electric Staff Accountant Sadie Kapusta and her daughter, Elva.

Enjoy a yummy breakfast on Sunday, June 11th from 6:30 AM-12:00 PM at the 38th annual Town and Country Dairy Breakfast, Taylor County Fairgrounds, corner Highways 13 & 64, Medford.

We salute all area dairy farmers during June Dairy Month!!



# TOGETHER We Can Make a DIFFERENCE!



When members save energy, they tend to save money. However, there is always something in our homes using electricity – whether to cool the home, turn on the lights or run appliances. While using electricity is inevitable, HOW members choose to use it can be impactful.

The goal of the Summer Shift program is to shift nonessential electricity use to before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m., June through August. These are times when electricity use is not at its peak and, therefore, is not as expensive. So, how does Summer Shift work?

If a member shifts their electricity use, they may not necessarily save energy. They could use the same amount of electricity, but at a different time of the day. That is still beneficial because it means the cooperative's wholesale power provider – Dairyland Power Cooperative – did not have to purchase as much power when electricity costs were more expensive. When the cooperative saves, so do members.

The price of electricity purchased on the grid is always changing, based on the need for electricity balanced with available generation resources. As need – or demand – rises during the day, the price of electricity increases as more generation resources (power plants, solar arrays, etc.) are needed to power homes, businesses and other buildings or devices. When temperatures cool and things quiet down for the night, electricity demand drops as do prices for electricity.

Dairyland must ensure it has enough generation resources to cover all the electricity needs of its 24 member cooperatives – including Taylor Electric Cooperative - plus an additional reserve in case demand spikes above expectations. This means investments in additional resources to cover the needs of all members. If Taylor Electric members – along with members of Dairyland's 23 other cooperatives – shift their electricity use to different times of the day, the overall 'peak' is reduced.

When a member chooses to shift their electricity use, it helps spread out electricity use throughout the day. The less electricity cooperative members use when prices are at their highest, the more stable Taylor Electric can keep our retail rates. The more members who choose to participate, the more impactful these savings become.

## Board Report – April 2023

- Approved March disbursements totaling \$360,730. 11 new member applications, and March 2023 construction in the amount of \$35,561.
- Reviewed financial results for March with \$172,617 Operating Margins and \$180,584 Total Margins year to date.
- There was a presentation on how the automated metering system works and then processes the billing.
- There were 4 outages in March, with an average YTD outage time per meter of .0234 hours.
- Six applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$14,079 to be paid out at the net present value of \$5,421.
- 27 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the April 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$20,513.
- Possible changes to the Net Metering policy were discussed.
- Other topics covered included scholarships for 2023, DPC director and upcoming annual meeting, power cost adjustments, and DPC activities including generator performance, coal supply, and safety.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Looking for additional ways to save energy this summer? Your laundry room is a great place to start. Wash clothes with cold water, which can cut one load's energy use by more than half. Your washing machine will use the same amount of energy no matter the size of the clothes load, so fill it up when you can. When drying clothes, separate the heavier cottons. Loads will dry faster and more evenly if you separate heavier cottons like linens and towels from your lightweight clothing.

*Source: Dept. of  
Energy*

