

Taylor Report



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If you are interested in protecting our environment and getting more of your electricity from renewable resources your electric cooperative has the program for you. And now, we've made it even more affordable.

Evergreen is a voluntary renewable energy (green power) program available to your home, farm or business through your cooperative. *Evergreen* is for you if you are willing to pay a little bit more to get some or all of your electricity from renewable energy resources. In addition to your normal monthly electric bill, you pay a small, additional charge each month to offset the additional cost it takes to support renewable energy.

Evergreen comes from solar, wind and waste-to-energy renewable resources. Your participation in *Evergreen* enables your cooperative to secure additional renewable energy resources above and beyond government requirements.

And now, even better, we've reduced the price. For as little as an additional \$1.00 per month, you can help support the generation of renewable energy and a cleaner environment. *Evergreen* costs \$1.00 per 100 kilowatt hour (kWh) block. Cover a portion or all of your home's energy usage. For example, for an additional \$8.00 per month participation in *Evergreen*, assuming an average home using 800 kWh per month, you can cover all of your home's usage with green power. Contact us at 715-678-2411 if you are interested in signing up!



Evergreen
Your energy choice for the future

Your purchase of one block (100 kWh) of Evergreen for one year is the equivalent of:

- 2,449 lbs. of CO₂ avoided
- 2,400 miles not driven or
- 1/3 acre of trees planted

Lightning and Sporting Events

If you can see it, flee it;
if you can hear it, clear it



Summer activities can take us outdoors for things like organized athletic events. Maybe it's watching your favorite team, watching your child play, or taking the field yourself. If you are participating in an outdoor lightning sport, the game is at the mercy of Mother Nature. One of Mother Nature's most frequent weather hazards is lightning. Baseball, football, lacrosse, skiing, swimming, soccer, tennis, track and field events...all of these and other outdoor sports have been visited by lightning.

The National Lightning Safety Institute (NLSI) says education is the single most important means to achieve lightning safety. A lightning safety program should be implemented at every facility and the NLSI suggests the following steps:

- A responsible person should be designated to monitor weather conditions. Local weather forecasts— from The Weather Channel, NOAA Weather Radio, or local TV stations— should be observed 24 hours prior to athletic events. An inexpensive portable weather radio is recommended for obtaining timely storm data.
- A plan for the suspension and resumption of athletic activities should be in place before games begin. The availability of SAFE shelters is essential. SAFE evacuation sites include: fully enclosed metal vehicles with windows up, substantial buildings and areas of low ground.
- UNSAFE shelter areas include open pavilions, and all outdoor metal objects like flag poles, fences and gates, light

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Reports from your board of directors

April 2017

Approved March disbursements totaling \$372,571.39, accepted 11 new member applications, reviewed credit card expenses, and February construction in the amount of \$3,878.10.

Reviewed financial results through March 31, 2017 with a net margin of \$47,897.

Nathan Kalepp of Bauman Associates, Ltd., Eau Claire, Wisconsin, presented the 2016 audit report. There were no audit adjustments made. Nathan highlighted financial trends for the Co-op, comparisons with other Wisconsin electric co-ops, the documented review and oversight of financial operations by the Board, and noted the audit review of internal controls.

The allocation to the members of \$576,586.66 of 2016 margins was approved by the Board.

Reviewed 47 delinquent accounts that were processed for collection in April and 5 accounts that were disconnected at the end of the winter moratorium on April 17th.

A report on the February safety meeting was given by Director Henrichs and included: substation switch training by Dairyland Power Cooperative staff; bloodborne pathogen review; excavation and trenching safety review; hoist safety; and inspections of trucks, rubber goods, chain and strap hoists.

Approved modification of the 3-Phase Peak Alert Rate changing the on-peak hours to 2 to 6 p.m. for weekdays during the summer months of June through August to correspond to the wholesale power rate.

Director Dean Tesch was re-elected to represent the Cooperative on the Dairyland Power Cooperative Board of Directors. Director Chuck Zenner was elected as alternate.

Dairyland Power Cooperative's March financial report was reviewed with \$300,000 Operating Loss, 19.3% member equity, and kWh sales 7.7% more than March 2016. The Dairyland

board report also included: update on a natural gas-fired power plant project; 17% increase in Dairyland plant generation to reduce coal stockpiles; and, proposed changes to Dairyland Bylaws to eliminate the Class B board seat.

Recipients of the six \$500 Taylor Electric Cooperative Scholarships were announced. Then, board members each selected a recipient for their \$200 director scholarship, for which each director donates one per diem payment.

May 2017

Approved April disbursements totaling \$842,736, reviewed expenses paid by credit card, accepted 11 new member applications, and March construction in the amount of \$35,886.

Reviewed financial results through April 30, 2017 with year-to-date net margin of \$31,884. kWh sales were up 0.1% in April compared to April 2016, and are down 0.6% for the first 4 months of 2017 compared to one year ago. 9 outages occurred in April, with 32 total for the year, totaling 0.43 hours per member of outage time.

The 2016 IRS Tax Forms 990 and 990-T were reviewed.

The Dairyland Power report included: review of proposed amendments of Dairyland's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for their June 7th Annual Meeting; April financial results with a \$2.6 Million Operating Loss; and, Dairyland financial forecast showing 0.6% kWh annual sales increase and 1.1% average annual wholesale rate increase which is a reduction from the 1.5% in the last forecast.

Reviewed 47 delinquent accounts owing nearly \$16,400 with disconnect pending on June 7th; notice that TenK Solar is ceasing business operations (TenK manufactured the panels used in Taylor Electric's Bright Horizons community solar project); and, set the next Annual Meeting date for April 8, 2018.

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- poles, metal bleachers, golf carts, machinery, etc. You should also avoid trees, water, open fields and areas of high ground.
- Lightning's distance from you is easy to calculate: if you hear thunder, the associated lightning is within striking distance. The rule of thumb: when thunder roars, go indoors. Another good lightning safety motto is: "If you can see it (lightning) flee it; if you can hear it (thunder), clear it."
 - If you feel your hair standing on end, and/or hear "crackling noises," you are in lightning's electric field. Immediately drop to a crouching position. Remove metal objects (including baseball cap) and with feet together, duck your

head, and crouch down low in baseball catcher's stance with your hands on your knees.

- Wait a minimum of 30 minutes from the last observed lightning or thunder before resuming activities.
- If someone is struck by lightning, administer first aid immediately if you are qualified to do so and get emergency help promptly. People who have been struck by lightning do not carry an electrical charge and are safe to approach.
- Remember, "If you can see it, flee it; if you can hear it, clear it" and have a safe game!

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