

Taylor Report



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Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 11th



LINWORKER APPRECIATION DAY

We thank lineworkers for their courage and commitment to powering our community.

Despite the many challenges, Taylor Electric Cooperative's lineworkers are committed to powering our local community. During severe weather events that bring major power outages, lineworkers are among the first ones called. They must be ready to leave the comfort of their home and families unexpectedly, and they don't return until the job is done, often days later. That's why the lineworker's family is also dedicated to service. They understand the importance of the job to the community.

We have become dependent on electricity and rarely appreciate its value until there is a power outage. The following excerpts were taken from a "Vox Pop" in the *Star News* from March 17, 2022 and were written by Barb Olson, Chelsea, WI. Barb is referring to the December 2021 storm that left many without power for days.

"We had just gotten 14 inches of snow 5 days before on December 11. I had power restored by 6 pm, that same night text message said 7 pm. Others were a few days later. I

saw a lot of those people who work for the Power Companies. Every day they came in, and they were pleasant, humble, you could see they were tired and weary from being up all night..."

"On December 20, 2021, Taylor County Electric Cooperative lineman named Justin comes into our store. I waited on him, before he left, I said have a great day, see you next time and thank you for your service. He stopped dead in his tracks, turned around and smiled and said thank you and left with a smile. "

"These people put in long days, through rain, snow, tornadoes, damaging winds, ice, freezing temperatures, I just wanted them to know they don't go unnoticed and they are heroes among us."

While Barb is not a member of Taylor Electric, we sure appreciate her publicly thanking our linemen as well as other utility workers for their dedication. Being a lineworker may not seem like a glamorous job, but it is absolutely essential to the life of our community. Without our lineworkers, we simply would not have the reliable electricity that we need for everyday life.

*Taylor Electric Linemen front row (l to r): Tim Habermeyer, Jessie Knoll and Mike Eloranta
Back row (l to r): Justin Fuchs, Geoff Mueller and Colten Cummings*



NOTES FROM THE CEO

I am writing this as March is coming to a close, thoughts head towards summer and all of the outdoor work and fun. But before we do that, in April, we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day. Typically, summer is when the fruits of the labor of the lineman get tested with summer storms, and if Mother Nature proves stronger than man, the crew's ability to put things back together gets tested. We have a good group of employees here at TEC that is very focused on keeping the system in good condition and are quick to respond when things get damaged. If you see any of the crew out and about, be sure to thank them for their hard work.

The fruit of the labor of the nominating committee also gets completed by the end of March. We have 5 candidates to present to the membership for consideration to fill the two available seats. The candidates are Lisa Kohn, Catherine Lemke, Dave Makovsky, Sara Matyka and Paul Woods. If you have interest in running for the board, but did not make the cutoff for consideration by the committee, contact me at the office and I will forward you a Nomination by Petition form, you will need signatures from 25 members to get on the ballot that way.

The annual meeting is out on the horizon. Mark your calendar for June 28th, we are hoping to be back indoors at the Centennial Center. There will be voting for the candidates,

reports and updates on the cooperative, and we will have a few bylaw amendments to consider. Watch for additional information in the WECN Magazine on all of the topics listed.
—Kenny Ceaglske, President & CEO

BOARD REPORT-FEB. 2022

- Approved January disbursements totaling \$467,183. 10 new member applications, and January 2022 construction in the amount of \$24,419.
- Reviewed financial results for January with \$104,551 Operating Margins and \$105,805 Total Margins year to date.
- There were 2 outages in January, with average YTD outage time per meter of 0.0102 hours.
- Two applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$2,916 to be paid out at the net present value of \$2,436.
- 19 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the February 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$9,291.
- NRECA meeting attendance and associated voting delegates were determined.
- There was discussion on TEC rates in comparison to others, and possible rate structure changes.
- DPC distributed the payments to the coops for the NWPA lawsuit, TEC received approximately \$200,000.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When streaming content, use the smallest device that makes sense for the number of people watching. Avoid streaming on game consoles, which use 10 times more power than streaming through a tablet or laptop.

Streaming content with electronic equipment that has earned the ENERGY STAR® rating will use 25% to 30% less energy than standard equipment.

Source: Dept. of Energy



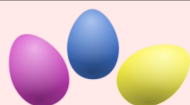
We Trees, Too.

We know everyone in our community enjoys the beauty and shade trees provide. But trees and power lines can be a dangerous mix without regular trimming during the growing season.

If you see us out in the community trimming, remember the many benefits it brings:

- Keeps power lines clear of tree limbs
- Helps us restore power outages more quickly
- Keeps crews and members of our community safe
- Reduces unexpected costs for repairs

Trimming improves service reliability for you, the members we serve.



The office will be closed on Friday, April 15th for Good Friday. Have a safe and blessed Easter!