

Taylor Report



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We salute all lineworkers on Monday, April 13th—Lineworker Appreciation Day. When the storms roll in, lineworkers roll out. Thanks for keeping the lights on!



Work With Caution

For your safety and our lineworkers



Whether you're running heavy equipment or using handheld tools, working outdoors can put you dangerously close to overhead and underground utility lines. A line strike can cause outages, fires, fines, serious injury or death.

Look up: and look around

- Survey the job site/area each day for overhead lines, poles, guy wires and pad-mounted equipment. Check carefully for lines hidden by trees or buildings.
- Assume all overhead lines are energized, including service drops from poles to buildings. Keep clear unless the utility confirms that a line is not energized.
- Set a clear boundary: Keep workers, tools, ladders and equipment at least 10 feet from power lines. When using cranes or derricks, keep at least 20 feet away. Follow OSHA guidelines for clearance at different voltages.
- Use a dedicated spotter to keep all workers as well as your equipment a safe distance from power lines.

Dig safely: Underground utility lines

- Pre-mark the excavation area with white paint (use black on snow), flags, chalk, lath or whisksers.
- Use 811 or 811beforeyoudig.com before you dig to have lines marked. Every job needs a locate request, even small ones.
- Wait for utilities to mark their lines before digging.
- Expose marked utilities carefully by hand or with soft excavation to verify location and depth.
- Report any utility strike or damage, never cover up damage.

BOARD REPORT—FEB. 2026

- Approved January disbursements totaling \$352,508. 8 new member applications, and January 2026 construction in the amount of \$85,689.
 - Reviewed financial results for January with \$145,106 Operating Margins and \$147,237 Total Margins year to date.
 - There were 4 outages in January, with an average YTD outage time per meter of 0.0029 hours.
 - Two applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$5,389 to be paid out at the net present value of \$2,124.
 - 22 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the February 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$11,212.
 - Other topics covered included updates from DPC power plants, plant outage and high power costs in January, donation requests, and annual meeting discussion.
- Results are in from the Nominating Committee! Three candidates have expressed interest in running for the three open seats on Taylor Electric's board. They include incumbents, Donald Everhard, Paul Woods and Chuck Zenner. If you have interest in running for the board and missed the deadline for the Nominating Committee process, you can still make it on the ballot by completing a petition signed by not less than 25 coop members delivered to the coop by April 23, 2026. Petition forms are available at the office.
 - Bylaw amendments will be posted in the May and June (annual report) WEC News as well as our website at www.taylorelectric.org.
 - The annual meeting is set for Tuesday, June 23rd at the Centennial Community Center so be sure to mark your calendar.

THERE'S STILL TIME.....



APRIL IS SAFE DIGGING MONTH

Starting a job — big or small — without first getting utilities marked could result in serious injury, service disruptions for you and your neighbors, and a hefty fine. Call 811 before you dig!

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

As we prepare for the seasonal shift, remember to set your ceiling fan rotation accordingly. In winter months (or whenever your home heating system is running), fan blades should rotate clockwise, which produces an updraft that pushes warm air down. In summer months (or whenever your home cooling system is running), blades should rotate counterclockwise, which produces a downdraft or windchill effect that makes you feel cooler. When used correctly, ceiling fans can boost comfort and allow you to adjust the thermostat a few degrees for energy savings.

Source: energy.gov

Calling All 3rd Graders:

You're invited to participate in the Wisconsin
Electric Cooperative Association's

ELECTRICAL SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

Submit an original poster supporting electrical safety to Taylor Electric Cooperative by April 30, 2026, for a chance to win a \$25 gift card! The top three posters will be entered into the statewide poster contest for a chance to win one of three great prizes:

- 1st place - Chromebook
- 2nd place - \$100 Gift Card
- 3rd place - \$75 Gift Card



Posters should be at least 8.5x11 inches but no larger than 11x14 inches.

Entries must include completed entry form and student's name on the back of the poster.

Contact Taylor Electric at 715-678-2411 or go to www.weca.coop for registration form.