

Taylor Report

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Call 811 before digging



National Safe Digging Day, or 811 Day, is upon us. Easy to remember because of its 8/11 date, the day is a good reminder to get underground utilities marked prior to breaking ground.

Having utilities marked is free and easy to do; simply call 811 two to three business days prior to starting your project. While state laws vary, utility companies generally have two to three days to respond to your request. Why is it necessary to get buried utilities marked? Underground lines are unyielding, and their path is unpredictable. Digging in an unmarked yard can mean striking an underground utility line, which can cause serious injury. Damaging a utility line can also cause unwanted service disruptions, including a power outage, as well as a hefty fine.

Before digging in, take these five steps to safer digging:

- Pre-mark the proposed dig area with white paint or white flags.
- Call 811 or go online to submit your locate request before you dig. There is no charge for the service.
- Wait the required amount of time (typically two to three business days).
- Respect the marks and do not move any flags.
- Dig with care. Avoid digging on top of or within 18–24 inches on all sides of utility marks, which may mean moving your digging project to another part of your yard.
- For more information about electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org. For more information about 811, visit call811.com.

Board Report – June 2023

- Approved May disbursements totaling \$590,264. 15 new member applications, and May 2023 construction in the amount of \$37,540.
- Reviewed financial results for May with \$173,917 Operating Margins and \$190,131 Total Margins year to date.
- There were 6 outages in May, with an average YTD outage time per meter of .0965 hours.
- Two applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$1,090 to be paid out at the net present value of \$466.
- 28 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the June 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$12,256.
- Other topics covered included the recap of the Annual Meeting, WECA district meetings, and DPC activities including generator performance, and safety.

YOUR Cooperative, 87 years and growing!

Taylor Electric Cooperative held its 87th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 27, at the Centennial Community Center in Stetsonville with 216 registered members in attendance.

In board elections, there were three open seats and four candidates running. Incumbents Donald Everhard and Charles Zenner were both re-elected, and newcomer Paul Woods won the final seat.

Members also voted to pass three bylaw amendments related to board director tenure, filling a vacant board seat, and the process of setting per diem. The approved changes include extending the consecutive number of three-year terms a board director may serve from five to six, and ensuring members have the opportunity to review and modify changes to per diems. The board thanked outgoing director Patricia Waldhart for her 16.5 years of service to the board. After serving five terms, Waldhart was not eligible to run again.

President/CEO Ken Ceaglske began his presentation by reporting sales increased 4% in 2022, compared to 2021, and more than 50% of the co-op budget went to pay for wholesale power. Due to an increased cost of wholesale power, the co-op had \$140,000 in power cost adjustments over the year. Members received capital credits totaling nearly \$350,000, bringing the total to-date to more than \$8.9 million.

Ceaglske said the cooperative is doing a cost-of-service study this summer that may lead to overall changes to the rate structure in 2024.

Ceaglske addressed the membership with the five main issues that members bring up, including how rates are determined and how they compare to the rates of nearby municipalities, what demand charges are and how they affect the cooperative, how the co-op prioritizes which outages to restore first, what capital credits are and how they get allocated and the viability of electric vehicles in Taylor's service territory.

In his report, Chairman Hallgren thanked directors, co-op employees, and members, saying, "Our members are the reason our cooperative exists. Thanks to each of you for your support. It is an honor and a privilege to serve you."



Chairman Hallgren (left), thanked Director Patricia Waldhart for her years of service and dedication to the cooperative.

Taylor Electric Cooperative has capital credits for the following people, who we are unable to locate. If you know someone listed here, please have them contact our office at 715-678-2411 or 800- 862-2407. In cases where the person is deceased, please have the family contact us with benefactor information. Any unclaimed checks will revert to the Wisconsin Federated Youth Foundation, Inc., a charitable tax exempt trust established by the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association for educational purposes. Claims may be made at the cooperative office by the rightful owners by Sept. 1, 2023.

AABEL, JUDITH	LYNCH, MICHAEL & BARBARA
ADAMS, DALE	MACKIE, HELEN
ALBERT DECEASED, ED	MALCHOW, ADAM
ALL SEASON STORAGE	MALDONIS, RYAN C & JULIE
ALLISON, RD	MARQUARDT, NANCY
ANDERSON, MICHAEL J	MARTIN, DAVID H
ANDERSON, RODNEY	MARX, JOSEPH P
ANGELICH DECEASED, LORNA	MDS ACRES PARTNERSHIP
ARTHUR, JAMES F	MEY-KOSBAB, CINDY
AT&T BUILDING OPERATIONS	MILBAUER, JIM
BARKER, LLOYD	MILES, TANA
BARNES, BRADLEY & CHERYL	MIMS, WILLIAM
BARNICKLE, EARL	MOEN, JAMES
BENSON, JOHN	MUELLER, GERALD
BERGESON, PAUL R	MYERS, DALE
BERGSTROM, TODD S	OLSON, ROSE
BERNITT DECEASED, WILLIAM JR	PAULSON, SARA
BLEGEN, MARJORIE	PAUTZ DECEASED, ARLYN
BOURGERIE, JEFF	PECHE DECEASED, RAY
BRIGGS, RICHARD	PENEAU, LEON
BUSCH, RICK	PETERSEN, CAROL
CARR, SHAWN	PETERSON, TALEE
CATLIN, SANDRA	PHILLIPS, JIM
CUSHING, DAVID E	POLSTER, JAMES
DEBIE, ROBERT	QUIRING, BRENT
DEVRIES, DAVID	RAASCH, DEAN & JANICE
EDELBURG DECEASED, CLIFFORD	RASNER, RICHARD A
EDMINSTER, PEGGY J	RICKER, HARVEY
EDMUNDS, JODI	RINEHART, GLEN
EMENS, DAVID	SCHEUNEMAN, JAMES
ERICKSON, PEGGY	SCHRAUFNAGEL, JOYCE
FORTNER DECEASED, GAYLE B	SCHUHMACHER, BILL
FOX, DANIEL & DAWN	SCHWENKE DECEASED, ARDRES
FURSETH, ANDREW	SEFFRON, TERRY
GALLAGHER, MIKE	SHERBURNE GINSENG
GANE, LEONARD & VICKY	SMITH, JEFFERY A
GREGG, JERRY	SMITH, PAT
GTE TELEPHONE OPERATIONS	SNELL, GREGORY A
GUSTUM, KIRK M	SOSSONG, JAMES
HANSON, NANCY	SPREEN, BRYAN W
HEIN, DAWN	STOLLFUS, GEORGE
HILDEBRANDT, CHARLES M	SWEETEN, JOHN
HOEFT, DOLORES	THIEDE, ERWIN A
HOOVER, WILLIAM C	THOMAS, EVERETT
JACKSON, GREG	THOMAS DECEASED, TERRY
JOHNSON, WILLIAM A	TREFFERT, KATHRYN
JONES, MICHAEL A	VERDONE, ROBERT
KAULFUSS, ARCH	VERDONE, TODD J
KREB, KEITH H	VOSS, ROBERT W
KRUEGER, LORI	WEISTER, THOMAS E
LANGIEWICZ, RICHARD A	WEYENBERG, GERALD
LARSON, CHARLES	WHITE, KATHY
LARSON, DOUG	WINDLE, GERALDINE
LUCEY, JAMES	WIRT, ALLEN J
LUKASZEWICZ, ANNA	

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Putting **\$\$ BACK** in your Pocket!

[Advance Auto Parts, Medford](#)

10% discount on purchases up to \$200.00

[Broadway Theater, Medford](#)

Purchase any size popcorn, get a matching size soda for free

[Glass Innovations, LLC](#)

5% off in-shop ONLY windshield replacement.

[Jack's Auto Repair LLC, Stetsonville](#)

10% off exhaust repairs over \$50.00, 10% off any brake related parts & labor.

[Life's High Points Photography, Medford](#)

10% discount

[Medford Health Mart Pharmacy, Medford](#)

20% off any Health Mart label

[Meyer Auto Body, Medford](#)

5% discount on any body repair over \$500.00. Up to a \$100 value.

[Meyer Lumber, Dorchester](#)

5% discount on discountable items, excluding all sale and clearance items (cash sales only). Cannot be used in conjunction with any other discounts/promotions. Card must be presented at each purchase.

[Meyer Tire and Service, Medford](#)

\$5.00 off any passenger or light truck tire- not good in conjunction with any other coupons or offers.

[Napa Auto Parts, Medford](#)

10% discount on cash & carry items (excludes engines, engine kits, transmissions, oil labor & sale items)

[Northwoods Embroidery, Medford](#)

Free digitizing on embroidery. Free set up on first color of screen printing.

[River Country Cooperative](#)

Athens, Greenwood, Owen

10% discount on all dog and cat food

[Ron's Auto Body Repair, Medford](#)

10% off for anyone over 55 or older on labor

[Schierl Tire & Service Center, Medford](#)

\$5.00 off an oil change. \$10.00 off parts for service repairs.

[Stetsonville Lumber, Stetsonville](#)

5% off single purchase over \$500.00-not good in conjunction with other coupons or offers.

[Strama's Self-Serve, Medford](#)

Buy one ice cream (cone or dish) and get the 2nd ½ price.

[Subway, Medford & Colby](#)

50¢ off any sub or salad

[Tallman Landscaping](#)

5% off labor on projects over \$1,000 – free estimates

[Taylor Credit Union, Medford and Abbotsford](#)

Free rental for one year on 3"x5"x22 1/2" safe deposit box – new rentals only. Requires existing savings account or initial savings account with \$5.00 balance. Limit one per family.

[Turtle Bay Gardens, LLC, Medford](#)

10% off purchase

[Wanke Builders, Medford](#)

Free foundation water proofing on your new home purchase

[Willow Cottage Pet Grooming, Medford](#)

\$5.00 off full groom service

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