

# Taylor Report

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## Seeking Members with Interest in Serving on the Nominating Committee and Board



We are looking for members willing to serve on the nominating committee to review board candidates. Time commitments for the committee members would be a few short meetings over the course of March. Committee members will review the qualifications of the candidates and forward the slate of eligible candidates for consideration at the June annual meeting. If you have interest in serving on the nominating committee, please contact me at 715-678-2411 or one of the directors to indicate your interest. Committee members will be chosen at the February 25th board meeting. Notice of who the committee members are will be included in next month's Taylor Report as well as being posted on Facebook and the website.

Members interested in serving on the board should also contact me, a board member, or one of the nominating committee members (once they are named) to express interest in running for the board of directors. Interested candidates will need to fill out an interest form and be willing to submit a brief questionnaire for publication in the annual report candidate section.

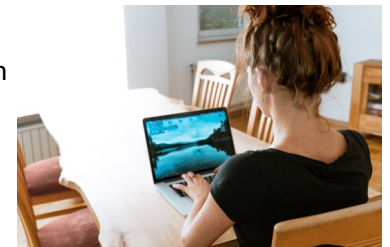
There are two seats up for election this year, JoAnn Smith is currently serving in one of the seats and will term out this year. Lisa Kohn is serving in the other seat and is eligible for reelection. — *Kenny Ceaglske, Pres. & CEO*

## 5 Ways to Save Energy While Working From Home

Today, more Americans are working from home than ever before. More time spent at home means more energy used throughout the day. If you're punching the clock from home, there are small steps you can take to reduce your energy use and save on electric bills. Here are five easy ways to save energy when working from home.

- Use a smart power strip. Plugging in your most-used devices, like computers, monitors and routers, to a smart power strip ensures these devices aren't drawing power when they're not in use. Smart power strips also give you the option to select which devices should stay in "always on" mode.
- Unplug your least-used equipment. If your home office includes equipment like printers and scanners, you're probably not using these electronics every day. In this case, go ahead and unplug your least-used electronics and devices, since many of these draw energy even when they're not being used.
- Choose ENERGY STAR®-certified office equipment. If you're looking to purchase new equipment for your workspace, look for the ENERGY STAR® label to ensure you're getting the most energy efficient features. Computers, monitors, imaging equipment and other office electronics that receive the ENERGY STAR® rating include power management features to make saving energy easy, and most are designed to run cooler and last longer.
- Flip the switch and use natural light instead. It's still chilly out there, so take advantage of natural light and additional warmth from the sun. When you're working during the day, open blinds, curtains and other window coverings to let natural light in—and don't forget to turn off the lights to reduce energy use!
- Lower the thermostat. Home heating makes up a significant portion of your energy bills. Turn the thermostat down a couple degrees during the day to reduce energy use and save money. The Department of Energy recommends setting the thermostat to 68 degrees or cooler during winter months. You're more likely to stay focused and alert when it's cooler in your home, so all the more reason to mind the thermostat.

Working from home doesn't have to take a toll on your energy bills, and whether you're working remotely or not, these practical tips can help everyone reduce their energy use. —*Straight Talk Alert, February 2022*



# DIYers:

## HOW SAFE IS YOUR WORKSHOP?

Make these tips standard practice in your workshop:



Inspect tools for damage before using them



Inspect cords and plugs for signs of wear



Use electrical outlets equipped with GFCIs (ground fault circuit interrupters)



Keep floors and areas as clean and dry as possible



Ensure cords are not a tripping hazard



Use a clamp or vise to secure whatever you are working on



Use the right tool for the job



Wear proper clothing for the task; avoid loose clothing or jewelry



Make sure your work area is well-lit



Use heavy-duty, properly rated extension cords

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following the December 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$5,853.

- The board reviewed policies on employee leave, travel, and bylaw adjustments.
- Our CFC representative presented on the 2020 key ratios and equity management.
- Discussion on upcoming lobby days and other future meetings.
- Zenner updated the board on DPC activities including revenue deferral, the purchase of the Rock Gen power plant, and upcoming district meetings.

## Mark your Calendars



The annual meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at the Centennial Community Center, Stetsonville.



Valentine's Day is Monday, February 14th. Did you know that about 8 billion candy conversation hearts are made each year? Don't forget your sweetheart!

The Medford Area Chamber of Commerce Home & Business Expo is set for March 25-27, 2022 at the Simek Center, Medford. Be sure to stop by the cooperative's booth.

## Board Report – Dec. 2021

- Approved November disbursements totaling \$435,076. 13 new member applications, and November 2021 construction in the amount of \$82,700.
- Reviewed financial results for November, with \$560,870 Operating Margins and \$659,486 Total Margins year to date.
- There were 5 outages in November, with average YTD outage time per meter of .7989 hours.
- Two applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$364 to be paid out at the net present value of \$226.
- 18 delinquent accounts were processed for collection

### Super Bowl Energy Savings

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Here are **3** easy ways to save if you're hosting a Super Bowl party.

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Before guests arrive, lower the thermostat.  
(extra people = additional warmth indoors)

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Cook with smaller countertop appliances to save energy.

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Taking the party outdoors? Use solar lights (free energy!) to enhance the ambiance.

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Have fun watching Super Bowl LVI. (and the commercials!)

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