

# Taylor Report



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## 2026 WASHINGTON DC YOUTH TOUR

Fourteen youth delegates from eleven WI electric cooperatives joined peers from across the country in Washington D.C. for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Youth Tour, June 15-19, 2026. Taylor Electric was represented by Max Klussendorf, son of Ryan and Cheri Klussendorf, Medford and Laura Wegerer, daughter of Jamie and Karen Wegerer, Medford. Max and Laura were part of this special trip through their participation in the Youth Leadership Congress (YLC), where they were elected by their peers to serve as board members. Over the past year, they have expanded their knowledge of cooperatives while helping plan the 2026 YLC, which will take place later this July. YLC is a cooperative-sponsored event for high school students who want to learn about cooperatives, develop leadership skills, and connect with peers from across the state.

Their days were jammed packed starting with Monday when they kicked things off with an educational tour of The People's House, where delegates got to use interactive displays and even sit in a mock-up of the Oval Office chair. They also explored the National Archives, visited the U.S. Navy Memorial Plaza, took a guided tour of the Pentagon, and reflected at the Pentagon Memorial. They made a stop at the Air Force Memorial before wrapping up the day with Co-ops 101, led by Trevor

Clark of Vernon Electric Cooperative.

On Tuesday, the group visited the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial, George Mason Memorial, and the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. They participated in the FBI Experience, where they explored topics such as counterterrorism, cybercrime, and organized crime. In the afternoon they headed to the National Mall, where they walked from the World War II Memorial all the way to the Lincoln Memorial. They also visited the National Cooperative Bank and learned about the power and impact of cooperatives. The day ended with the Marine Sunset Parade at the Iwo Jima Memorial.

On Wednesday, they headed to the White House Visitor Center and Capitol Hill where they sat in the gallery and witnessed the legislative process in action. They even saw Senator Ron Johnson (R-Wisconsin) cast a vote live. The group then met with Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisconsin) and staffers from Congressman Derek

Van Orden's (R- 3rd District) office. To end the day, they joined peers from Texas, Kentucky, Indiana, New Mexico, Alabama, Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware for a dinner dance cruise.

On Thursday they visited the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, the National Museum of American History, and Arlington National Cemetery where they participated in a wreath-laying ceremony. The evening ended with NRECA Youth Night, featuring an inspiring presentation from speaker Mike Schlappi, a four-time Paralympic medalist, as well as NRECA CEO Jim Matheson, NRECA President Mike Partin, and others.

On Friday, they wrapped up their time in Washington, DC and prepared to come back home.



WI ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE DELEGATES

# 2026 TEC Annual Meeting



Former Board Secretary Pat Waldhart and her husband, Harley.

Taylor Electric's annual meeting was held on Tuesday, June 23rd at the Centennial Community Center in Stetsonville. A packed house enjoyed a chicken dinner prior to the meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the 2025 election

after it was determined that ballots had been unintentionally omitted from the count due to being left in a ballot bag. The inclusion of those ballots altered the final results of the director election. Chairman Brian Hallgren and Taylor Electric Cooperative Legal Counsel, Jessica Shrestha, were present at the meeting to explain the process that was followed in addressing the discovery of the uncounted ballots and the subsequent recount.

Members voted to pass three bylaw amendments and Don Everhard, Paul Woods and Chuck Zenner were all re-elected to another 3-year term. Finance Manager Patricia Nelson gave the 2025 financial report and Line Superintendent Wade Matyka gave the operations report. CEO Ken Ceaglske gave a presentation on Winter Storm Fern and the effects it had on the grid and electric consumption. Each member received a \$10 electric bill credit and the door prize winner for the \$100 bill credit was Kathy Jochimsen, \$50 bill credits went to Pete Henrichs, Dave Manecke, Wendy Sackmann and Jack Strebig.



Vice-Chairman Chuck Zenner (right) with former Board Secretary Diane Albrecht and her husband, Bruce.



Members enjoy a chicken dinner before the start of the meeting.

## Board Report – May 2026

- Approved April disbursements totaling \$484,397. 14 new member applications, and April 2026 construction in the amount of \$112,934.
- Reviewed financial results for April with \$87,482 Operating Margins and \$108,361 Total Margins year to date.
- There were 11 outages in April, with an average YTD outage time per meter of 0.3992 hours.
- Five applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$5,676 to be paid out at the net present value of \$2,377.
- 25 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the May 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$11,053.
- Other topics covered included the remodeling updates, policy revisions consolidating NSF and interest charges, HVAC updates, DPC activities, and annual meeting discussion.



**HEAT UP THE GRILL**  
**TO SAVE ENERGY THIS SUMMER**

Nothing screams summer more than firing up the grill.

The good news is that using your grill in the great outdoors helps lower your energy bill. If you cook outside, less energy is needed to cool your kitchen.

- Nearly 70% of Americans own a grill.
- The Fourth of July is the most popular holiday for outdoor cooking.
- The hamburger is the favorite item to grill.
- The all-American hot dog gets the most votes from kids.
- More men grill than women.
- Grilling and barbecuing are not the same thing.
- Grilling means cooking over a fire, hot and fast.
- Barbecuing means cooking slowly over indirect heat.

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