

Taylor Report



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This November, we are thankful for a great crew!

On October 2, Taylor Electric was among 15 Wisconsin electric cooperatives that sent linemen to aid in storm recovery after Hurricane Helene left catastrophic damage in Aiken, South Carolina, leaving Aiken Electric Cooperative's service area in shambles.



Line Superintendent Wade Matyka (far right) along with TEC Linemen (l to r) Justin Fuchs, Tim Habermeyer, Mike Eloranta, and Colten Cummings, left early that day to meet up with the Wisconsin caravan leaving from Rock Energy Cooperative in Janesville. Upon their arrival in Aiken, the crew encountered widespread devastation—trees, branches, and debris were tangled in downed power lines, adding time and complicating an already challenging repair effort.

They worked long hours in high temperatures and had to remain cautious of various snakes and spiders, unlike any found in Wisconsin. Their temporary lodging nicknamed "Tent City," was shared with linemen from all over the country.

After nearly two weeks, they returned home the weekend of October 12. Despite the long days, the experience was rewarding. Members of Aiken Electric expressed gratitude whenever they spotted a utility truck coming down the road. As one woman noted in the Facebook post shown here on the right: "We begged God to send us a hero. He replied, 'I'll do better than that... I'll send you a lineman.'"

We take pride in the positive representation of Wisconsin electric cooperatives and commend Taylor Electric's crew, both away and home, for a job well done in this critical time of need.



I know you probably get hundreds of messages a day, but I really want to give a shoutout to Taylor Electric Co-op from Wisconsin. These guys are so amazing! They traveled over 18 hours to Edgefield, SC to assist with relief efforts here. I watched in awe as they made such a difficult job look so easy. When they finished and I flipped my main breaker on for the first time in 12 days, I can't even explain all the emotions I felt. Yes, there is still damage here. Yes, there is still so many other things to do. But the instant relief I felt from what has proved to be one of the greatest challenges here was an amazing feeling. I honestly didn't even realize how much I take it for granted until all of this. I am so grateful for each and every lineman and have the utmost respect for both them and their families for the sacrifices they make.

I've seen multiple companies from several different states working non-stop, rotating shifts, 24 hours a day. They are beyond exhausted and missing their families, but they continue pushing through because they know they are our only hope at finding a sense of normalcy in the midst of this chaos. Saying thank you just isn't enough.

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Thanks Samantha

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If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee for the process of electing board members, please contact CEO, Kenny Ceaglske at 715-678-2411 by November 22nd.

BOARD REPORT-SEPT. 2024

- Approved August disbursements totaling 388,500. 14 new member applications YTD. August 2024 construction in the amount of \$90,933.
- Reviewed financial results for August with 444,802 Operating Margins and \$519,109 Total Margins year to date.
- There were 13 outages in August, with an average YTD outage time per meter of 1.0926 hours.
- Five applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$19,692 to be paid out at the net present value of \$8,555.
- 17 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the September 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$8,062.
- Other topics covered included 6 policy updates, Cooperative Day of Service at Sackett's Lake, the fall member appreciation event, annual salary adjustments, donations, and activities at DPC.

LOAD MANAGEMENT TESTING

The winter test for Interruptible Heat (Dual Fuel) members is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20th. This test is designed to provide you with the opportunity to observe your control device, ensure that the indicator lights on your load-control receiver function properly, and check that your heating system and/or backup heating system is working properly before winter sets in.

Residential interruptible heat load classes will be controlled as follows:
Control Start — All Interruptible Heat load classes will begin at 7 a.m.
Restoral — All loads will be restored by noon.



If you notice any problems with the load-management receiver during this test, please contact the cooperative at 715-678-2411. If you find that your heating system does not work as it should, contact your electrician or heating service representative.




We are thankful for the opportunity to serve you!

Wishing you and yours a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday.

The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28-29, 2024.

Please Note

- Watch for details about the Christmas Wish program in the next *Taylor Report* and *WI WEC News*. This program is a great example of local cooperatives at work in our community! 
- Less daylight hours means the lights come on earlier in the evening. Replace older bulbs with efficient, brighter LED bulbs. You can also take advantage of incentives from Taylor Electric.
- November 11th is Veteran's Day, we honor and thank all those who have served. A special mention to TEC Lineman, Tim Habermeyer who served four years in the United States Air Force.



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