



2022

ANNUAL REPORT



**Dunn Energy
Cooperative**
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Annual Meeting Program

5:30 p.m. Registration of Members

6:30 p.m. **Welcome – Larry Amble**

Due Proof of Mailing

Report of Credentials Committee

President’s Report – Larry Amble

Manager’s Report – Jesse Singerhouse

Guest Speaker – Rob Richard, WECA Director of Government Affairs

Business Meeting

Adjournment

Rules for the Annual Meeting:

1. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order
2. Any speaker must be recognized by the chair before speaking
3. Only members will be recognized by the chair; each member must give his or her name
4. No resolution on policy affecting Dunn Energy Cooperative may be submitted by any member unless written copies have been submitted to the Board of Directors no later than the date listed on the Notice of Nominations
5. Members are to limit their questions and comments to three (3) minutes, with any rebuttal limited to two (2) minutes
6. Members will be limited to one question. If time allows, members may ask additional questions.
7. There will be a designated time for questions and answers during the business session.

Operation Round Up

In 2022, the Operation Round Up program funded nearly \$48,000 in grants for local not-for-profit organizations in the communities we serve.

Boyceville Fire Department	Equipment for support vehicle
Colfax Rescue Squad	EMS bags
Downsville Community Museum	Exit signs
Dunn County Crime Stoppers	Replacement signs
Dunn County Emergency Mgmt.	Uninterruptible Power Supply
Dunn County First Responders	Oxygen cascade system
Dunn County Friends of Potter's Field	Fencing
Dunn County Historical Society	Solar Victory Garden
Dunn County Humane Society	Washing machine
Durand Fire Department	Thermal imaging camera & AED
Elk Mound Community Library	Two computers
Elk Mound High School	Personal hygiene kits
Landmark Conservancy	Signage for Devil's Punchbowl
Menomonie Police Department	Less lethal launcher
Menomonie Rifle & Pistol Club	Residing the storage shed
Neighbors of Dunn County	New bus
Sofas for Service	Beds for veterans in need
The Giving Doll	Fabric for dolls for children experiencing hardship
Town of Colfax	Handicap accessible pier for Red Cedar Preserve
Wildlife Rehabilitation & Release Inc.	Avian flight cage

Scholarship Recipients

At Dunn Energy Cooperative we are excited to again award 15 - \$1,000 scholarships to local youth whose parents are members of our cooperative. The quality of all of the applicants was impressive. They each displayed the level of community involvement and achievement it takes to be a success.

Our mission at Dunn Energy is to make a difference one member at a time. We hope that our scholarships make a difference in the lives of the recipients and we challenge them to continue to make a difference throughout their lives.

On behalf of all of our members, we are honored to present \$1,000 scholarships to:

Catlynn Kissh (Andrew & Cassandra Kissh) from Menomonie High School is studying at UW-Stout

Alayna Brantner (Nic & Joslyn Brantner) from Durand High School is studying at UW-River Falls

Ella Peterson (Craig & Krissy Peterson) from Colfax High School is Undecided

Milo Gehring (Roger & Becky Gehring) from St. Croix Lutheran Academy is studying at SDSU

Addie Christopherson (Tim & Callie Christopherson) from Prairie Farm High School is studying at UW-Stout

Jaycie Luzinski (Loren & Pam Luzinski) from Menomonie High School is studying at CVTC

Quincy Cook (Carrie & Chad Cook) from Menomonie High School is studying at UW-Madison

Ryan Bartig (Steven & Sally Bartig) from Elk Mound High School is studying at UW-Madison

Lucas Hanson (Jay & Stephanie Hanson) from Elk Mound High School is studying at UW-Eau Claire

Caleb Zeilinger (Paul & Kelly Zeilinger) from Durand High School is studying at CVTC

Kaci Wittig (William & Melissa Wittig) from Durand High School is studying at CVTC

Kyle Irwin (Dave & Kris Irwin) from Colfax High School is studying at U of M - Twin Cities

Allison Schmitt (Ken & Laura Schmitt) from Colfax High School is studying at UW-River Falls

Abbygail Schlough (Douglas & Heidi Schlough) from Boyceville High School is studying at U of M - Twin Cities

Haylie Rasmussen (Brad & Laura Rasmussen) from Boyceville High School is studying at UW-River Falls

Non-traditional Student Scholarship Winner:

Shari Briggs from Ridgeland has returned to CVTC for Nursing

February 17, 2023

To the Members
Dunn Energy Cooperative
Menomonie, WI

Greetings,

Our firm was engaged by the board of directors to perform an independent audit of the financial statements of the Cooperative for the year ended December 31, 2022. Our firm is independent under generally accepted auditing standards as required by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) as well as the Government Accountability Office (GAO). Generally speaking this means we are not providing any services which are prohibited, which would consist of us making management decisions of having custody of assets, as well as having any other relationships with the Cooperative which would impair our independence either in fact or in appearance (family or personal relationships, etc.).

Our audit entails a variety of employee interviews, transaction walkthroughs, document reviews and analytical procedures to substantiate year end balances and activities of the Cooperative. As part of the audit, we are also required to obtain an understanding of internal controls (internal checks and balances) which is used to develop the timing and extent of our audit procedures and report to management and the board. Although we do not attest to it, we also review significant compliance requirements as it relates to lenders, the IRS and by-laws of the Cooperative. This includes looking at significant debt covenants as well as member capital credit allocations and retirements as it relates to IRS requirements and the by-laws. The Cooperative currently is maintaining its tax-exempt status and there is no income tax liability.

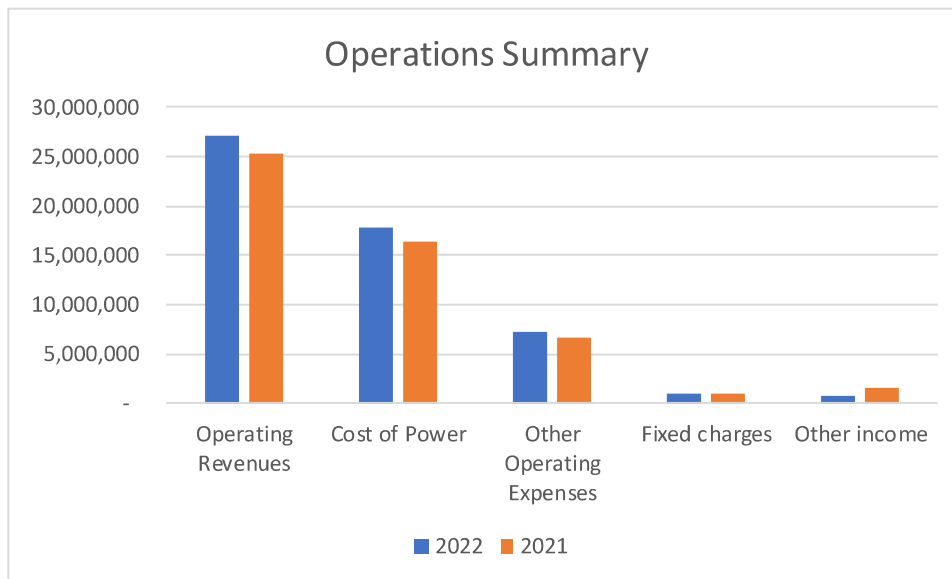
Audit opinion

Our audit opinion dated February 17, 2023 states that in our opinion, the financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, for the financial statement period as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022. This is an unmodified opinion which is the highest form of assurance we can offer under professional standards for a financial statement audit.

Financial highlights

See following summary of financial highlights:

Financial highlights (Continued)



In 2022 the Cooperative had net margins of approximately \$2.2 million compared to \$2.9 million in 2021. Operating revenues increased to \$27.2 million in 2022 compared to \$25.3 million in 2021. Cost of power increased from approximately \$16.3 million in 2021 to \$17.8 million in 2022. Expenses other than cost of power were approximately \$7.2 million in 2022 versus \$6.7 million in 2021.

In 2022 the Cooperative allocated all of its prior year margins of \$2.9 million to its members in accordance with applicable laws and governing documents to be paid back to members in future periods. Also, during 2022, the Cooperative paid back approximately \$1.45 million to its members (approximately \$620,000 received and passed through directly to members from government lawsuit settlement received from power provider and \$830,000 from previous years allocated margins).

Total assets on the balance sheet remain relatively consistent with fixed assets accounting for nearly 74% of total assets. The Cooperative currently has a 49.9% equity to asset ratio for 2022 compared to 48.4% in 2021.

The Cooperative has maintained healthy financial ratios and is meeting financial covenants as set forth by its lenders.

Sincerely,

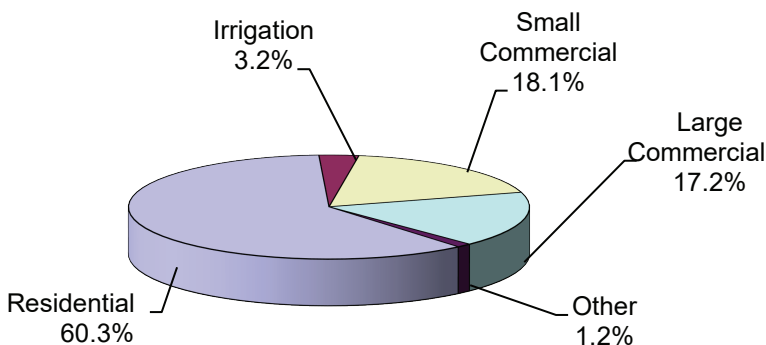
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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

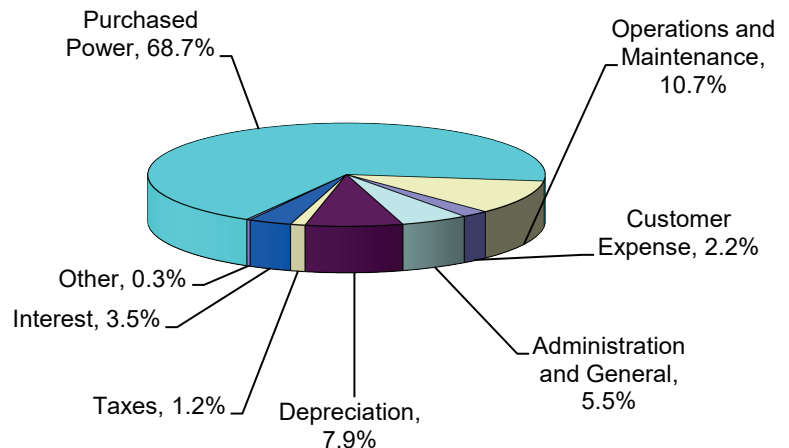
2022 Financial Highlights

	2022 (Audited)	2021 (Audited)
Connected as of Dec. 31	10,419	10,313
New Services	134	148
Miles of Line	2,041.24	2,030.42
Total kWhs Purchased	234,740,649	229,963,382
Total kWhs Sold	224,740,914	220,809,371
Total kWhs Unaccounted for	9,999,735	9,154,011
% of Line Loss	4.26%	3.98%
Average kWhs Sold Per Consumer Per Month		
Residential & Farm (excluding irrigation)	1,022	1,002
Small Commercial	5,206	5,107
Average Bill Per Consumer Per Month		
Residential & Farm (excluding irrigation)	\$147.58	\$138.84
Small Commercial	\$546.28	\$501.51
Electric Plant Investment Per Mile	\$33,433	\$32,506
Meters Per Mile	5.10	5.08
Capital Credits Retired	\$893,392	\$1,131,697
Capital Credits Retired to Date	\$23,009,831	\$22,116,439

Where Income Dollars Came From



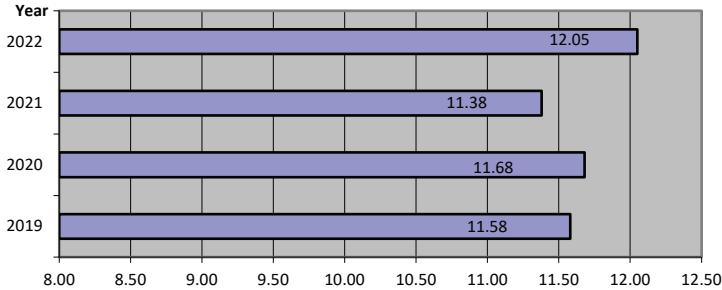
Where Income Dollars Went



2022 Financial Highlights

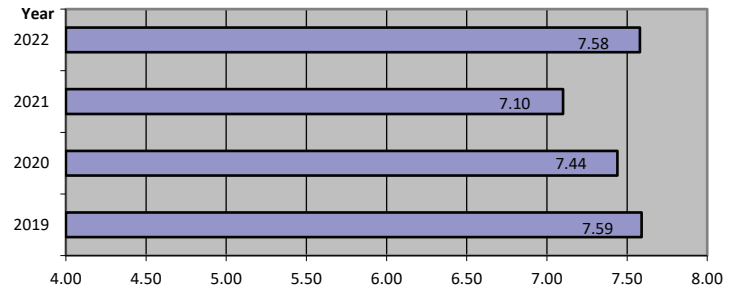
Graph 1

Revenue per kWh (cents)



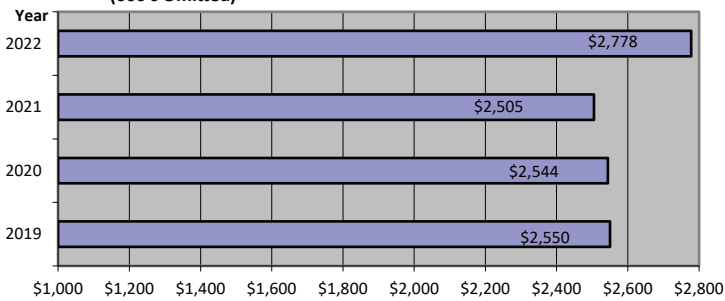
Graph 2

Power Cost per kWh (cents)



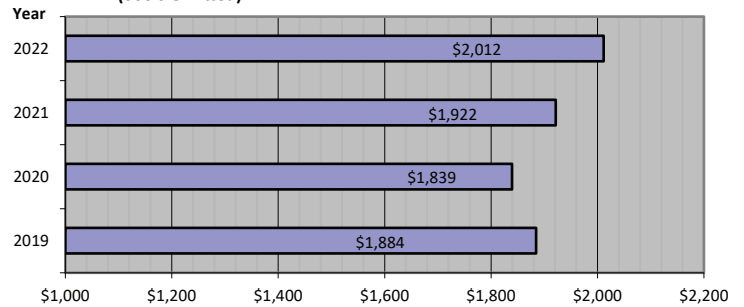
Graph 3

Electric Operations & Maintenance Expenses
(000's Omitted)



Graph 4

Accounting, Sales, & Admin. Expenses
(000's Omitted)



Statement of Dunn Energy Cooperative

	2022	2012	2002	1992
Total Assets	69,568,516	46,601,154	32,494,315	16,562,931
Total Other Liabilities	5,555,737	2,357,917	2,298,190	1,459,528
Total Long Term Debt	29,285,940	20,476,164	13,300,313	4,733,064
Total Equity	34,726,839	23,767,073	16,895,812	10,370,339
Total Electric Revenue	27,183,452	20,869,711	10,804,237	7,183,595
Total Electric Expenses	25,884,469	20,176,316	10,671,348	7,020,981
Other Margins	862,680	901,523	201,283	239,597
Net Margins	2,161,663	1,594,918	334,172	402,211
Active Members	8,953	8,328	7,347	6,396



THE DUAL MEANING OF “COMMUNITY SOLAR”

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS



Wisconsin’s electric cooperatives have a strong history of working with private solar vendors to build community solar facilities and provide clean power to their member-owners. They often do this with two facts in mind; 1) their members are increasingly asking for it and 2) cooperatives believe in a transition to

cleaner energy that will, and must, continue to remain safe, reliable, and affordable.

Your cooperatives do this under a regulatory model that ensures all member-owners can have access to electricity and where all member-owners are served equitably. Electric cooperatives are governed by boards that are made up of the membership. They are accountable to you. So when they decide to establish a “community solar” program for the cooperative, they do so with all members in mind on a utility-size scale, not just a subset of members.

Contrast this with “community solar” legislation that has been introduced in the Legislature authorizing the establishment of community solar programs through which retail electric customers may subscribe to an unregulated community solar facility and receive credits to their electric bills for electricity produced by the facility. Under Senate Bill 490, introduced by State Senator Duey Stroebel (R-Saukville) and State Representative Tim Ramthun (R-Campbellsport), entities called subscriber organizations may own or operate community solar facilities, which use solar energy to produce electricity for their subscribers and are connected to the electric distribution grid.

On its face, I’m sure most individuals will think this sounds like a reasonable idea. The caveat is that it will be disruptive to providing reliable and affordable clean energy in the most effective and efficient manner. This legislation requires the state to set the bill credit at an artificial level, provides no compensation for utilizing and maintaining an established grid system, and there’s no cost-sharing for the expense of having a

power plant as the provider when the community solar system isn’t producing. Put simply, it’s no risk with all the reward.

If a for-profit entity is allowed to come into a not-for-profit electric cooperative service territory and demand use of the grid without paying for its maintenance, members who aren’t subscribers to the community solar network will ultimately subsidize those who are.

Wisconsin has a well-regulated system in place that is capable of maximizing utility-scale cost benefits of community solar and other renewables to its members. As the entire country transitions to more renewables, allowing utilities to continue an aggressive, yet regulated, build-out of solar, wind, and other renewable sources of clean energy is the most cost-effective and cost-efficient means of meeting this demand. Transitioning to clean energy shouldn’t have to mean that we sacrifice reliability or participation in these beneficial programs.

Electric cooperatives have made considerable strides with the inclusion of community solar and renewable energy sources within their portfolios, accounting for about 24% of the energy they sell. As we head towards a carbon-neutral future and possibly one that is free of fossil fuels, that number will continue to jump significantly. That is happening, in part, because members are demanding it. Cooperatives will need to respond to their member-owners.

Electric cooperatives do much more with far less to keep electric rates affordable. Opening the door to community solar subscriber organizations is a serious threat that could certainly create inequities among ratepayers and increase costs for those who can least afford it. We believe in community solar but with a strong emphasis on “community.” Our definition of community includes ALL member-owners in the service territory, not simply a subset that will benefit at the expense of everyone else. We will be watching this issue as it navigates the legislative process and will follow up as necessary.—*Rob Richard is the director of government relations for the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association, representing Wisconsin’s 25 electric cooperatives in Madison and Washington, D.C.* 📍

THE RISING THREAT OF UNREGULATED THIRD-PARTY OWNERSHIP

This month's "Message from the CEO" is guest commentary from Rob Richard, WECA Director of Government Affairs. WECA President and CEO Steve Freese is currently on medical leave.



Rob Richard
WECA Director of
Government Affairs

In late May of this year, two non-profit entities, Vote Solar and Midwest Renewable Energy Association, filed individual petitions asking the Public Service Commission (PSC) of Wisconsin to make declaratory rulings that third-party financed distributed energy resources (i.e. solar, wind, geothermal, etc.) are not "public utilities" defined under state law and therefore not subject to PSC jurisdiction for regulatory purposes.

In essence, they are asking a non-elected, three-person, gubernatorial-appointed Commission to legalize the sale of electricity by a third-party entity within the regulated service territory of another electric provider—your local electric cooperative—without any regulatory oversight of that entity. This action could completely upend a regulatory model that our electric cooperatives have been governed by their entire existence.

In submitting public comments in Docket #9300-DR-105 (MREA) and Docket #9300-DR-106 (Vote Solar), WECA argued that these "petitions fail to provide a clear and convincing argument for the Commission to alter significant energy policy in the state" and that ultimately "it is incumbent that any changes of this magnitude to statutes and/or administrative code must be deliberated and implemented by the Legislature."

In a blistering dissent of her colleagues' decision to open the dockets, Commissioner Ellen Nowak echoed WECA's comments when she wrote that "the Commission ignored years of precedent, both from the Wisconsin Supreme Court and the Commissions' holding that deciding public utility status is a fact specific determination and the general questions posed by the petitioners raise a significant policy issue that is properly left for the Legislature to decide."

WECA has filed for intervenor status in the dockets. Once accepted, briefs will be filed, and testimony could be offered to oppose the position that the Commission should make a declaratory ruling in favor of third-party ownership's legality. The PSC is expected to make an expedited decision before the end of the year, a timeline that Commissioner Nowak labeled "a purely political decision." If the Commission decides in favor of Vote Solar and/or

MREA, the filing of an appeal in court may be a next step.

To be perfectly clear, WECA does not hold a position of opposing third-party ownership outright. In fact, we have a WECA resolution that states:

Third Party Ownership (TPO) refers to a business arrangement where renewable energy generating equipment and technology is financed, owned, or leased and maintained by an entity that uses it to produce energy which is then sold directly to the host property owner or occupant.

WECA supports necessary and equitable oversight of TPO arrangements, ensuring safe installation and proper interconnection of the generating equipment, as well as adequate liability insurance. Any TPO arrangement needs to prevent subsidization and rate increases on remaining utility customers and co-op members, include proper reimbursement for utility infrastructure and reliability, provide compensation for any energy added to the grid that is fair and reasonable to both the seller and buyer, and assure adequate consumer protections concerning safety, contractual and legal obligations.

It is the latter part of this resolution that our 25-member Legislative and Regulatory Committee intentionally and carefully deliberated on to protect the interests of ALL electric cooperative consumer-members. Adopted at a WECA Annual Meeting by the general membership in attendance, this grassroots, bottom-up resolutions process has all our consumer members—that's you—in mind.

How does this affect you? We have heard from electric co-ops that solar system vendors in their communities are using door-to-door, high-pressure sales tactics to sell their product. In some cases, these vendors claim they are working in a partnership with the electric cooperative or that their product is endorsed by their electric cooperative utility—which hasn't been the case. Reports like these raise an immediate red flag of whether co-op members' interests—your interest—will be justly protected under a solar vendor's leasing terms for the life of an installed solar system that may potentially be 20 years or more, assuming they are in business for that long. The intermittency of these energy resources will still require a connection to the co-op's electric wires and continued investments to ensure that when a third-party system isn't working that you still have electricity. Third-party system owners have every incentive to shift these costs to your co-op because it makes their product much more attractive when they have no accountability in providing you electricity 100% of the time.

There will be more to come in this column explaining how this decision could affect consumer members...so stay tuned.

THE THREAT JUST GOT A LITTLE MORE REAL

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Rob Richard
WECA Director of
Government Affairs

Last September I raised the impending issue of third-party ownership with you in a column titled "The Rising Threat of Unregulated Third-Party Ownership." A 2-1 decision last month by the Public Service Commission (PSC) of Wisconsin granting unregulated third-party entities the ability to sell power has gone against decades-long regulatory and judicial precedent and puts electric cooperatives on the defensive

as concerns about consumer protection, reliability, and cost-shifting to lower-income members become top priority.

To quickly recap, last May two non-profit entities, Vote Solar and Midwest Renewable Energy Association, filed individual petitions asking the PSC to make declaratory rulings that third-party financed distributed energy resources (i.e. solar, wind, geothermal, etc.) are not "public utilities" defined under state law and therefore not subject to PSC jurisdiction for regulatory purposes.

In an expedited decision that surprised no one, on December 1 the PSC made the declaratory ruling approving Vote Solar's petition in Docket 9300-DR-106. The specific case in this petition will now allow North Wind Renewable Energy Cooperative to serve their host customer, The Family Project, under a power purchase agreement to directly sell them electricity and not be regulated as a public utility. A decision on the MREA petition may come soon [no decision was reached at the time of publication].

As I wrote in September, the petition was "asking a non-elected, three-person, gubernatorial-appointed Commission to legalize the sale of electricity by a third-party entity within the regulated service territory of another electric provider—your local electric cooperative—without any regulatory oversight of that entity. This action could completely upend a regulatory model that our electric cooperatives have been governed by their entire existence." While a few may argue the PSC's "narrow action" is limited to the facts in this one case, this decision has clearly opened the barn door and will

impact all electricity customers in the state. In fact, Vote Solar and MREA openly testified that they don't intend to limit their expanse as they hope to actively seek customers throughout the state. We have known this all along. This is their endgame.

While troubling in and of itself, the lack of concern for consumer protection, reliability, and cross-subsidization by entities supporting third party is going to ultimately hurt cooperative consumer members. Even though expert testimony confirmed that the Wisconsin Consumer Act would not apply to third-party systems, when asked if consumer protection issues would be affected, the Citizens Utility Board testified, "Not really, no," and further testified that "ultimately, as with economic issues, these consumer protection issues are not germane..." Opening the door to unregulated third-party owners while putting consumer protections on the back burner is completely opposite of how this should be approached.

PSC Commissioner Ellen Nowak, the lone dissenting vote, railed on this point when she said, "Opponents to the petition [WECA, etc.] also raise valid points about the lack of consumer protections raised to third-party leasing agreements or arrangements. Petitioner and its allies, I thought, responded with a very laissez faire attitude contending that these protections can be addressed later. However, they don't say when, or

by whom, and if by this commission, and how we would even have jurisdiction since they don't want to be regulated by us in the first place." Nowak rightfully pointed out the obvious concluding, "If we disclaim jurisdiction over these entities, as Vote Solar request, how would we even have the authority to regulate?"

This decision will most certainly be appealed in court, but our work is cut out for us. One of the commissioners used an ineffectual analogy trying to argue that Generac has the same business model as third-party owners. To be clear, Generac sells and leases equipment. They do not sell electricity. Vote Solar and MREA wish to enter into power purchase agreements with customers and sell electricity. If the question were simply about equipment, the commissioner's own question, "Would we be having such a ferocious debate if the petitioner was Generac?" would be self-explanatory and this docket wouldn't even exist. Let's hope the court sees it that way.



CONTACT YOUR COOPERATIVE BEFORE MAKING THE CALL **ON SOLAR**



Steve Freese
President/CEO - WECA

I stopped at a Kwik Trip recently to fill up, and on their monitor popped up the “word of the day”—due diligence. I was thinking about the Public Service Commission’s recent action on third-party solar ownership at the time. This moment reinforced the importance of due diligence when considering a contract with a solar provider. The Cambridge dictionary defines due diligence as “the action

that is considered reasonable for people to take in order to keep themselves or others and their property safe” or “research and analysis of a company or organization done in preparation for a business transaction.” However you pursue due diligence in your daily life, it is crucial to practice it if you are a prospective buyer of solar power for your home or business.

Unfortunately, the importance of due diligence continues to be showcased in the news, with Wisconsin Public Radio reporting in February on dozens of Sun Badger Solar customers in Wisconsin, Illinois, and Minnesota being left hung out to dry on solar installations that were poorly installed or never happened at all, leaving many customers worried about their investments. In addition, Wisconsin’s Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) reports at least 50 complaints have been filed against Sun Badger Solar.

A similar situation happened last December when Cedar Rapids station KCRG-TV9 reported on the Iowa Attorney General’s Office investigating around 110 complaints against Moxie Solar after it abruptly closed its doors, leaving customers with unfulfilled contracts and substantial financial losses. Even cooperative consumer-members in Wisconsin got financially burned when Moxie defaulted on contracts.

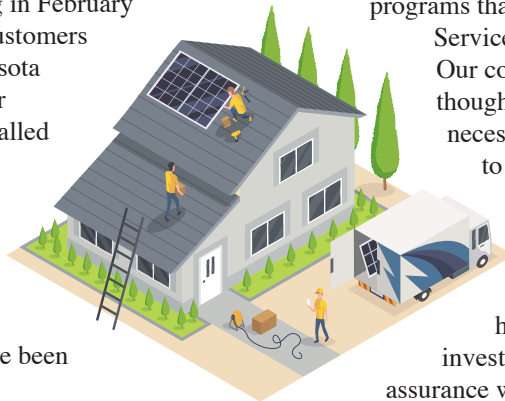
While there is an accelerating number of examples where unscrupulous and disreputable solar business entities are out to make a quick buck with very aggressive marketing tactics, there are also many reputable companies with established, ethical business practices. This is where doing your due diligence by

contacting your local electric cooperative before you sign any solar contract may benefit you. While your cooperative may not know all the solar companies operating in Wisconsin, practicing due diligence by contacting them first could save you time and money.

This might be best illustrated by an incident a cooperative manager recently told me about. A member contracted for a ground-mounted solar array and thought they were dealing with a reputable and professional company. After the array was installed, the cooperative’s master electrician did a visual inspection and found 11 National Electric Code (NEC) violations and multiple other issues with the general installation of the array and associated equipment. The company finally corrected all the NEC violations after two additional visits, but one of the violations would have likely resulted in a damaged inverter. Nevertheless, the member was very appreciative of the work that the cooperative did on his behalf.

In recent months we’ve used this column to warn you about third-party ownership and “community solar” programs that are being pushed both at the Public Service Commission and in the legislature. Our concern stems from the lack of thought and desire to have the proper and necessary consumer protections in place to protect our consumer members—you. All electric cooperatives have distributed energy programs in place to connect solar systems to the grid. These programs help protect your home and your investment. You deserve that same kind of assurance when you sign a long-term contract with a solar installer.

When it comes to solar planning and interconnecting, your local electric cooperative can be a responsible partner in helping to look out for your interest because you are a member and owner of the cooperative. Please consider discussing your installation plans with your electric co-op well before any work commences to understand what will be required before your solar array can be interconnected to its electric system. Solar could very well be the right thing for your home or business, but a little bit of due diligence on your part in the planning process and asking the right questions upfront could help make it a safer investment for many years to come. *For more info, search “DATCP, solar buying tips” online.*



**DUNN ENERGY COOPERATIVE
2022 ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**

The 85th Annual Meeting of Dunn Energy Cooperative was held at Dunn Energy Cooperative on Thursday, May 19th, 2022. Larry Amble, President of the Cooperative, acting as chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Brian Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer, was introduced and read the Notice of the Annual Meeting and Due Proof of Mailing. The President had the credentials committee give their report and Chairperson Tony Baier reported that 895 mail-in ballots were received, and there were 117 members attending, which means that a quorum is met.

The President then asked the ballot clerks to pick up any ballots that had not yet been turned in. President Amble gave his report. He spoke about the year being far from normal, but with the technology available the Cooperative was able to deliver reliable and safe electricity, the same as it has done for decades. He also mentioned the many wonderful things Operation Round Up had done in 2021. Mr. Amble introduced the members of the nominating committee as well.

President Amble called on General Manager/CEO Jesse Singerhouse to give a State of the Cooperative Report for 2021. Mr. Singerhouse thanked the members for attending today, as well as the linemen and office staff working on the storm-related outages that evening. Guests were introduced including Clint Moses, Assembly District 29 Representative from Wisconsin; Rob Summerfield, Assembly District 67 Representative from Wisconsin; and Dairyland Power CEO Brent Ridge. Mr. Singerhouse also introduced the candidates running for the Board of Directors.

He reported that in 2021 members had power 99.98% of the time, translating to about 2 outage hours per member per year. He noted that operationally, we completed five major projects on our system in the Downsville, Rock Falls, Colfax, and Wheeler areas. Singerhouse also reported that we installed 149 new services in 2021, which is the most we've done since 2007. We now have 2,030 miles of line to maintain.

Mr. Singerhouse pointed out that in the last 10 years the Cooperative's total assets and total equity have increased about 50% as we have invested in system improvements. Mr. Singerhouse noted a letter included in the annual meeting materials from Bauman and Associates audit firm, noting that the Cooperative had a clean audit and is in a strong financial position. Total patronage capital and operating margins totaled nearly \$2.9 million in 2021.

Mr. Singerhouse wrapped up his speech by officially announcing the approval of two large-scale solar projects to be built on our system in 2023. The first will be located near the ethanol plant in Boyceville, and the other will be just off County Road B between Menomonie and Colfax. The projects will each be 1.5 megawatts in size.

Mr. Singerhouse then introduced Dairyland Power Cooperative CEO Brent Ridge. Mr. Ridge spoke about planning for the future of energy, current transmission challenges, and their "all of the above" approach to providing power to member cooperatives.

President Amble then stated that we were now moving into the business portion of our meeting. He asked for a motion to accept the minutes as printed from the 84th Annual meeting. A motion was made and seconded by members present. Motion carried.

President Amble stated that there was no Old Business to come before the meeting and asked for any New Business. None was brought forth by the membership gathered.

President Amble and General Manager/CEO Singerhouse then asked for any questions from the membership. A member thanked the cooperative for their community outreach and support and requested more detailed updates regarding monthly board meetings.

President Larry Amble announced that the Nominating Committee had finished counting the ballots and then had credentials committee chairman Tony Baier read the results of the election. The official results are as follows:

For District 2 Director to succeed Brian Johnson:

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| 1. Bryan Andrews | 387 |
| 2. Brian Johnson | 465 |

Tony then declared that since Brian Johnson received the majority of votes, he was elected as director for a three-year term ending in 2025.

For District 3 Director to succeed Jeff Gasteyer:

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| 1. Jeff Gasteyer | 572 |
| 2. Andrew Zierl | 216 |

Tony then declared that since Jeff Gasteyer received the majority of votes, he was elected as director for a three-year term ending in 2025.

For District 5 Director to succeed Ed Hartung:

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| 1. Ed Hartung | 467 |
| 2. Justin Jensen | 381 |

Tony then declared that since Ed Hartung received the majority of votes, he was elected as director for a three-year term ending in 2025.

The drawing for bill credits was held and the following members each won bill credits:

\$25: James Syverson

\$50: Beverly Olson

\$100: William Schroeder

\$200: Howard Hintzman

\$300: Arlyn Solberg

\$400: Elaine Fransway

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

APPROVED:

Brian Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer

Larry Amble, President