

Spotlight

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Cooperative Principles and Educational Scholarships: A PERFECT MATCH

While today's world is radically different than it was when Dunn Energy was founded, our cooperative values have stood the test of time and remain just as relevant today.

Our top priority is providing safe, reliable and affordable energy, but we also want to be a catalyst for good in our community. Because we are your local electric cooperative, co-op revenues stay right here in our community. In turn, we invest in our diverse community base through scholarship programs, charitable giving, educational programs and more. We strive to make long-term decisions that improve and enrich the communities we serve.

Each year Dunn Energy provides educational scholarships to 15 high school students who are embarking on higher education, as well as one non-traditional scholarship for someone going back to school to further their education after being in the workforce a while or raising their family. We also provide a scholarship at CVTC in Memoriam of Todd Bauer, a lineman we lost too early to cancer.



His scholarship benefits a person going into the Electrical Power Distribution Program.

We believe in supporting the future generation of leaders in our communities. Scholarship applications for the youth and non-traditional scholarships are available on our website at dunnenergy.com or in the Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News this month. **Applications are due the first week of March.**

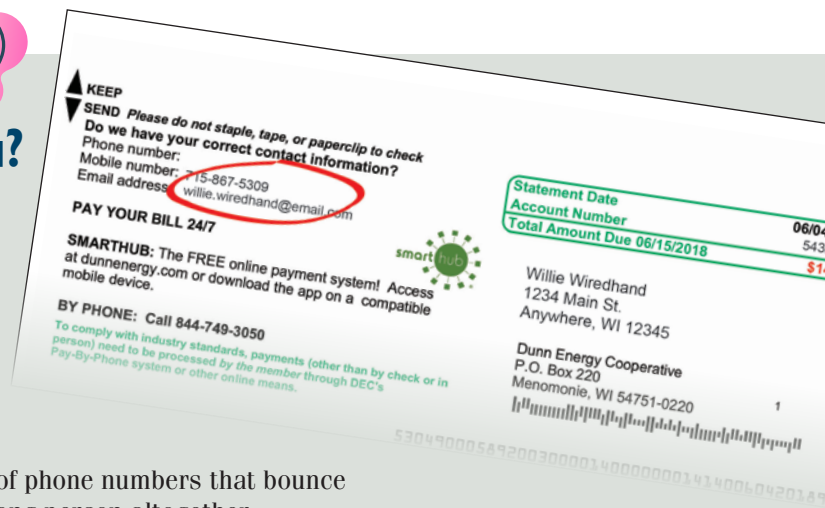


How Do We Contact You?

Every now and again we have to take some electrical services out of power to do maintenance or repairs on our system. When we do this, we send out an automated call informing members of the planned outage so they can plan accordingly. We don't want you to just get started on a birthday cake or loaf of bread and have the power go out!

Every time we do these calls, we have a handful of phone numbers that bounce back as disconnected, changed, or it's for the wrong person altogether.

We list your phone number(s) that we have on file on the bottom third of your electric bill. Please take a moment to verify that the number we have on file is the best number for you to get important notifications at. If it is not the correct number, you can make the correction on the stub and just mail it with your monthly statement. Otherwise, you can always call the office at 715-232-6240 to notify us of the change.



December 2021 Board Meeting Highlights



Monthly Reports:

Operations reported that 19 new services were installed since the last board meeting, bringing the total for the year to 148.

Operations sought the approval to amend the 2020-2023 work plan to include a project near Rock Falls to upgrade approximately five miles of 3-phase line, due to load growth in that area.

It was also noted that two linemen went on a ROPE (Restoration of Power in an Emergency) assignment. Alger Delta Electric Cooperative in the UP of Michigan experienced storm damage and needed help getting power back on in a timely manner. The two men were gone for 2 days.

The IT Department report contained an update on the latest cybersecurity threats and what the co-op is doing to stay safe. Budget items for 2022 were also discussed.

November financials showed that kWh sales were about 4% less than budget and revenues were down, but that was mainly due to the PCA/RVA credits the Cooperative passed back to members in November. The 2022 budget was discussed, initial projections show no base rate increase to be needed in the year ahead.

The CEO/General Manager gave an update on the front office remodel starting January 10, 2022.

The front lobby will be closed until sometime in May. The CEO discussed the transition from our tree clearing/vegetation management services from Badger Unified Cooperative Services (BUCS) to Zielies Tree Service. Dunn Energy was a part owner of BUCS, along with several other electric cooperatives.

The following items were approved:

- Minutes of the November 2021 Board meeting
- Minutes of the December 2021 Special Board meeting
- Capital credit estate payout for deceased members.
- Audit committee report of all checks, ACH payments, wire transfers, credit card statements, and investments accounts.
- 2022 Annual Budget
- Amendment to the 2020-2023 work plan
- NRECA Annual meeting delegate nomination
- Sale of Badger Unified Cooperative Services (BUCS) vegetation management assets

Other Business:

Director Zwiefelhofer reported on Dairyland Power activities for the month.

Reviewed the monthly report of new Cooperative members.

Reviewed the monthly governance video that discussed Risks of Micromanagement by the Board

Dates for 2022 board meetings

ENERGY SAVING TIP

Did you know that 25-40% of the energy used to heat your home is wasted to air leaks?

Seal exterior doors with weather stripping and lock windows to minimize loss.



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