

# Spotlight

December 2021



## End of Year Housekeeping

With the end of 2021 quickly approaching, it's time for end-of-year reminders.

### Rebates and Incentives

Have you purchased any new Energy Star rated appliances in 2021? If you have, you may qualify for an Energy Sense incentive through Dunn Energy. We have incentives on new Energy Star rated appliances and LED lighting. We also have rebates on many new, efficient HVAC systems. Did you install a geothermal heat pump or an air source heat pump? We have rebates on those! You can find a full listing of rebates on our website at [www.dunnenergy.com](http://www.dunnenergy.com) under Energy Sense>Rebates & Incentives.

### Operation Round Up®

Are you a not-for-profit group looking for help with a project you'd like to complete? Fourth quarter grant applications are due in our office no later than December 31, 2021. You can find a grant application on our website at [www.dunnenergy.com](http://www.dunnenergy.com). Maybe you're wondering if your group qualifies for a grant. Here are our Giving Guidelines:



### Our mission is:

Operation Round Up contributions will be used primarily in the local area for charitable, educational and community needs to help provide opportunities for long-range enhancement of the communities' quality of life.

### Evaluation factors are:

- Generally awarded to non-profit programs, projects and organizations that improve the quality of life in our local communities.

- Emphasize: public safety, health care, self-sufficiency, basic human needs, our cultural environment, community leadership and social issues for youth.
- Only one grant per year will be awarded to an organization.

### Funding restrictions are:

Contributions are generally not awarded to:

- lobbying
- political causes
- religious causes
- veteran organizations
- fraternal organizations
- fundraising dinners
- raffles or events
- individuals
- capital fund campaigns
- scholarship programs
- general operating funds
- national fund drives
- advertising

If your program requires overheads/administrative costs to be written into your grant, Dunn Energy Cooperative requires an itemized print out detailing these costs, so if the board chooses, they can omit funding for those costs.

*Have a safe and happy holiday season!*

# October 2021 Board Meeting Highlights



### Monthly Reports:

Operations reported that 103 new services have been installed this year. Brushing continues in the Lucas and Tainter areas. Two linemen attended a Line Clearance

workshop in October and crews continue to work on line upgrades and maintenance as well as new services and pole replacements. Due to nice weather and good contractors, almost all of our work plan projects are completed for the year.

The Member & Employee Engagement report contained an update on the pollinator habitat. It was also reported that the EV Experience event and EV charger ribbon cuttings were both well attended and had great traction on a few different social media platforms.

September financials showed that September kWh sales were about 1.85% greater than budget. Since the Cooperative is having a good year a credit totalling \$150,000 was issued on September energy bills. The Board also reviewed a 10-year financial forecast.

The CEO/General Manager shared that there is progress being made in creating a new EV program, including charger sales, rates, and possibly additional public chargers. He also discussed current legislation

in Wisconsin regarding third-party ownership of renewable energy systems and the challenges that would create.

### The following items were approved:

- Minutes of the September 2021 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.
- The selection of the cooperative auditing firm for 2022-2024
- A PCA credit for October bills due in November
- 10-year financial forecast
- To move forward with a cost-of-service study in 2021-2022
- To move forward with roof and block repairs

### 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 Governance & Board Peer Reviews

Reviewed the remodel plans for the front office area

## Important Information Regarding Outage Notifications

Dunn Energy Cooperative strives to provide reliable service. However, there are times that we need to take outages to repair equipment or install new services. Dunn Energy maintains a list of members requiring electrical power for life-sustaining medical equipment and farm and business-related necessity for planned outage notification purposes. To inform us of your critical need, please contact our office at 715-232-6240. Members who meet these criteria must provide us with current contact information.

Because of a wide variety of circumstances in which power outages occur, Dunn Energy Cooperative cannot guarantee restoration time. If you or your farm or business have critically important equipment that requires electrical power for operations, you should have a back-up power source available to you.



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