

# Spotlight

April 2021



## Thank a Lineworker on April 12

If you were asked to associate an image or a person with Dunn Energy Cooperative, I bet you would picture a lineworker. One of the most visible employees of the co-op, lineworkers work tirelessly to ensure our community receives uninterrupted power 24/7.

"Lineworker" is listed as one of the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S. This is understandable as they perform detailed tasks near high-voltage power lines. Regardless of the time of day, having to brave stormy weather and other challenging conditions, lineworkers must climb upwards of 40-feet in the air, often carrying heavy equipment to get the job done.

Being a lineworker is not a glamorous or easy profession. It takes years of specialized training, ongoing education, dedication, and equally important, a sense of service and commitment. How else can you explain the willingness to

leave the comfort of your home to tackle a challenging job in difficult conditions, when most are sheltering comfortably at home? This dedication and sense of service to the community is truly what sets them apart. That's why we set aside the second Monday in April to celebrate and recognize the men and women who work around the clock to keep the lights on.

Our dedicated and beloved lineworkers are proud to represent Dunn Energy Cooperative, and they deserve all the appreciation and accolades that come their way on Lineworker Appreciation Day.

On April 12, and any time you see a lineworker, I hope you'll join us in thanking them for their exceptional service. I also hope you'll remember that you have a dedicated team of professionals working behind the scenes at the co-op whose commitment to service runs just as deep.



LINEWORKERS  
BRING THE LIGHT.

**Lineworker Appreciation Day**

On April 12, remember to  
#ThankALineworker.

### February 2021 Board Meeting Highlights



#### Monthly Reports:

Operations reported that crews are patrolling the lines and performing preventative maintenance as they go. Pole change outs are taking place in the Downsville area and brushing of lines continues in that area as

well. We've had 18 requests for new service so far this year with 1 installed. Reviewed details of the large outage from February 4th when the driver of a truck/trailer hit a transmission line pole. The Downsville substation was out for 3 hours. Thankfully no one was injured.

Energy Management discussed the status of our meter system and reviewed the load management events so far this winter. The control of water heaters, electric heat, and large accounts with generators helps us reduce our electrical demand on peak days. They also updated the Board on our SunDEC Community Solar garden. Only 49 shares remain. Each share returned \$50.23 to members this year and close to \$180 since it began 4 years ago.

January financials showed operating revenue for the month as 1.6% under budget due to a warmer than expected January. Our expenses were 3.88% under budget for the month. This resulted in margins slightly better than budget.

The CEO/General Manager discussed a possible remodeling of our front lobby area, the safety accreditation program,

and a new statewide

outage map that is coming. The Board also discussed electric vehicles and what role the Cooperative can play in their development. Discussed the recent power supply issues in Texas and got an update about the strong grid performance in our area.

The Board recognized and thanked the employees who achieved years of service milestones this past year, 4 employees achieved 5 years of service, 1 achieved 15 years and 2 reached 20 years.

#### The following items were approved:

- Minutes of the January 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.
- Selection of 3 members to serve on the arbitration committee
- Addition of a vehicle replacement to the 2021 budget

#### Other Business:

Director Zwiefelhofer reported on Dairyland Power activities for the month.

Reviewed the monthly report of new Cooperative members.



## Operation Round Up®

Dunn Energy Cooperative, on behalf of our members who participate in Operation Round Up, was proud to award a grant to the Dunn County Humane Society (DCHS) to purchase new intake cages. The new cages are safer and more easily movable than the old cages. If you are in the market for a new, furry family friend, call DCHS to set up an appointment to meet some of their residents, including the pretty rescue cat pictured here.



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