

# Spotlight

July 2021

## Please Don't Post on Power Poles

Attaching signs or any other object to utility poles without the electric utility's consent is against the law and can be very dangerous for our linemen. Signs and other illegal attachments to power poles make the poles extremely hazardous – and sometimes impossible – for line workers to climb and make repairs. It only takes a nail partially driven into a pole to cause serious injury to a line worker.

In addition to signs, we've seen dusk-to-dawn lights, bird feeders, bird houses, basketball hoops, flags, cameras, and deer stands to name a few. It is often impractical and costly to send a lineman to remove these attachments. If they are on the job and there is an attachment to the pole, they will remove the attachment before climbing the pole.

Dunn Energy Cooperative is asking you to please refrain from placing signs or other structures on power poles.

DEC line crews climb utility poles at all hours of the day and night, in the worst conditions. It's a difficult enough job, even under the best of circumstances. Signs, posters and other illegal attachments can make the job even harder for our linemen. Sharp objects like nails, tacks, staples or barbed wire can catch a boot, causing the climber to fall and become seriously injured.

Nails can also puncture rubber gloves and other safety equipment, making linemen vulnerable to electrocution. Even if you take the sign down, the nails often remain in the pole long after.

In addition, nail holes allow moisture to enter wooden poles, causing premature decay and the expense of early replacement.

Please be respectful of cooperative equipment and property and considerate of the linemen who have work on the poles. Dunn Energy encourages co-op members to contact local zoning officers to inquire about where signage can be posted legally.



Do The  
**SUMMER  
SHIFT**

MOVE UNNECESSARY ELECTRICAL LOAD TO BEFORE 2 P.M. OR AFTER 6 P.M. TO HELP REDUCE PEAK DEMAND ON HOT SUMMER DAYS!

**YOU'RE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER**

## May 2021 Board Meeting Highlights



### Monthly Reports:

Operations reported that we recently had to do some substation switching

to accommodate repairs/upgrades in the Wheeler and Tainter substations. Power quality remained strong during this switching. The new service truck will be delivered ahead of schedule. There were 15 new services have been installed so far this year. Pole testing is being done in the Rock Falls/Caryville area.

Energy Services reported about recent meter software updates, price increases coming to Marathon water heaters and summer full load control times being set for 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Also discussed electrical vehicle chargers that will be installed on the system and that there are only 32 shares of Sun DEC Community Solar left to sell. The Cooperative policy on renewable energy interconnection will be discussed in the months ahead.

April financials showed energy sales about 1.5% below budget for the month resulting in revenue 5% below budget. Expenses and purchased power totaled 7% below budget. Year-to-date revenue is 2.2% below budget but expenses are 4.1% below budget resulting in total margins above budget so far this year.

The CEO/General Manager discussed the payment of fire calls to townships, the upcoming DEC annual meeting scheduled for June 19th at 10:30 a.m. here at the Cooperative, and the strategic planning process. The Board also discussed a training video about the Board's role in cyber security.

### The following items were approved:

- Minutes of the April 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.
- Operating procedure for fire call bills
- A power cost adjustment credit (PGA) for May
- Resolution supporting the Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program

### Other Business:

Director Zwiefelhofer reported on Dairyland Power activities for the month. Reviewed the monthly report of new Cooperative members.

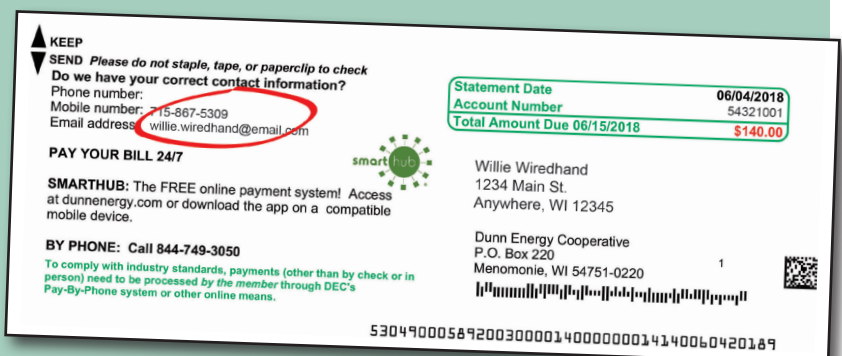


## How Do We Contact You?

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 payment. Otherwise, you can always call the office at 715-232-6240 to notify us of the change.



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