

Spotlight

June 2021

STORMS CAN BRING

HIDDEN ELECTRICAL DANGERS

Outside

Severe weather can sometimes cause damage to overhead power lines. That damage could be noticeable — a downed line across an open road, for instance. However, it may not be as obvious if it is camouflaged by storm damage.

In either case — whether you see a downed line or you suspect one could be hidden under debris or standing water — do not go near the area. Stay away and call 9-1-1, and a crew will be dispatched to deenergize the line. Warn others to stay away as well.

Power lines and other electrical equipment do not have to be sparking, arcing (giving off a flame), or on fire to be energized.

At Home

Never step into a flooded basement or other standing water. The water could be covering electrical outlets, appliances, or cords.

If your home's electrical system has been damaged, water-logged or otherwise compromised, have it thoroughly inspected by a professional electrician before using any electricity (inside or out).

Learn more at:

**Safe
Electricity.org®**

**Always assume a
downed power line is
energized, dangerous
and deadly.**



April 2021 Board Meeting Highlights



Monthly Reports:

Operations reported that crews have begun installing new services and that our contractors are on the

system starting our line upgrade projects. The brushing of lines continues in the Downsview area. Safety testing of trucks was recently completed.

Member and Employee Engagement discussed the recent social media activity, Operation Round Up donations, and communications plans for the next quarter. The notice of nominations for board of director elections will go out in mid-May, with ballots to follow.

March financials showed operating revenue for the month about 6% below budget based on weaker sales due to the warmer weather. Year-to-date revenue is about 1.4% lower than budget while expenses year to date are 3.2% below budget. This results in margins above budget year-to-date.

The CEO/General Manager discussed the recent lease of a Chevy Bolt electric vehicle along with the plans for installing EV chargers around the service territory. The annual meeting of members was discussed. It will be June 19th at the Cooperative with COVID safety measures in place. A new generator will be installed at the Cooperative in May.

The following items were approved:

- Minutes of the March 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.
- A power cost adjustment credit (PCA) for April.
- Submittal of an SBA COVID relief PPP application.
- Selection of the Dairyland Power Cooperative annual meeting delegates
- Allocation of 2020 operating and non-operating margins totaling \$1.6 million dollars.
- Retirement of 4% of each member's capital credit balance plus any retirement from Dairyland Power Cooperative. Retirement will occur in October 2021.
- 2020 Audit presented by Baumann & Associates.
- Changes to the rates charged for new service line extension.

Other Business:

Director Zwiefelhofer reported on Dairyland Power activities for the month.

Directors Amble and Hartung reported on the recent virtual NRECA legislative conference.

Director Stokke reported on the recent safety meeting.

Reviewed the monthly report of new Cooperative members.

Reviewed a governance training video on the Board's Fiduciary responsibility.

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.

Operation Round Up®

Operation Round Up® uses the power of cooperation to provide much needed grant dollars for community projects, 501©3 organizations and non-profit groups within the Dunn Energy Cooperative service territory.



If you, or a group you are a part of, are interested in applying for an Operation Round Up grant, you can find the application and our Giving Guidelines on our website at www.dunnenergy.com or by emailing Jolene for an application at jolene@dunnenergy.com. Grant applications are due March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 and reviewed shortly thereafter.

Thank you for your interest. Let's show the community the Power of Change!



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