

# Spotlight

March 2021

## Electric Cooperatives Create CHARGE EV

**Regional electric vehicle charging network will alleviate range anxiety, encourage EV adoption**

**D**ec. 16, 2020 – A group of 29 electric co-ops has created a regional electric vehicle (EV) charging network across Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota named CHARGE EV, LLC. The network includes over 30 Level 2 and Level 3 charging stations.

"Being a smaller cooperative, Dunn Energy jumped at the chance to collaborate with other Electric Cooperatives to form Charge EV. We look forward to working with them and ZEF Energy to develop a larger regional charging network and to promote electric vehicles to our members," said Jesse Singerhouse, Dunn Energy Cooperative CEO. "A project like this would be difficult for a smaller cooperative to do on their own, by working together we can help our members and non-members alike feel more comfortable purchasing an electric vehicle in our region."

The group of co-ops is planning for future growth in EVs, and wants to alleviate "range anxiety," which is the concern some people have about traveling in an EV without a place to charge their vehicle.

"Our goal is to provide EV owners peace of mind driving from Iowa to northern Wisconsin, or from Minnesota to Illinois, knowing there are co-op powered chargers along their route. That will give people confidence to consider an EV and encourage growth in the EV market," said Jeff Springer, Manager of Innovation and Efficient Electrification at Dairyland Power Cooperative (La Crosse, Wis.).



**29** Electric cooperatives (and counting) building a network of public EV chargers

**4** States where you can find a CHARGE EV charger (IA, IL, MN, WI)

**10-200**  
Miles per hour of charging on a Level 2 or Level 3 charger

**PRICELESS**  
Peace of mind for EV owners knowing they have a place to charge

**CHARGE**  
POWERED BY CO-OPS  
[www.charge.coop](http://www.charge.coop)

The CHARGE EV infrastructure is just the start as the group plans for additional investments in the EV market including member education on installing home chargers and encouraging members to test drive EVs.

Charger locations and other information can be found at [www.charge.coop](http://www.charge.coop).



## January 2021 Board Meeting Highlights



### Monthly Reports:

Operations reported year-end work is in progress including retirements of old lines, inventory, and planning for 2021.

There were 134 new services installed this year including 71 homes. Our brushing and pole change out crews will be working in the Downsview area in 2021.

The Member and Employee Engagement report discussed our recent social media posts and the positive comments that were received from the December power cost adjustment credit members received. Interviews will be conducted soon for the open office position. A new employee handbook and training guide is being developed.

December year end financials showed strong local and total margins for 2020. Power sales were down, but purchase power costs were lower than expected and the employees and board did a great job of holding costs down.

The CEO/General Manager discussed issues related to mailing bills. Mail deliveries have been delayed and with the way the holiday fell caused a delay. Staff will be looking for ways to improve this.

### The following items were approved:

- Minutes of the December 2020 Board meeting and Budget meeting.
- Capital credit estate payout for deceased members.
- Audit committee report of all checks, ACH payments, wire transfers, credit card statements, and investments accounts.
- New agenda format for the Board meetings.
- Designation of the General Manager/CEO as the delegate for the 2021 NRECA virtual annual meeting.
- Selection of 2021-22 rate options from Dairyland Power.

### Other Business:

Director Zwiefelhofer reported on Dairyland Power activities for the month.

Director Gasteyer attained his Credentialed Cooperative Director certification.

Reviewed the monthly report of new Cooperative members.

Reviewed Board committees for 2021.

## 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](http://www.dunnenergy.com) or by emailing Jolene for an application at [jolene@dunnenergy.com](mailto: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!**

*Dunn Energy Cooperative was pleased to be able to help the Chippewa Off Road Bike Association (COBRA) with their end of season maintenance on their trail building equipment on behalf of our members through the Operation Round Up program. COBRA maintains ten trail systems across the Chippewa Valley, including several within the Dunn Energy service territory.*



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