



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Annual Meeting set for May 8



By Tim Stewart, CEO/Manager

Clark Electric Cooperative’s annual meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2024, at the Neillsville American Legion, 6 Boon Blvd., Neillsville, starting at 9:30 a.m.

The annual meeting is an important event for the cooperative. Members will hear reports about the cooperative and the electric industry, review financials, conduct business, and elect their representatives to serve on the board of directors.

The governance process is summarized below and is not intended to replace the details found in the bylaws.

Nominations by Petition

Candidates for director shall be nominated exclusively by petition. For a candidate to be validly nominated, the petition shall contain the signatures of no less than ten (10) members. The signature of either or both members holding a joint membership shall constitute the signature of one (1) member. To be valid, a petition must be received by the cooperative not less than 60 days prior to the annual meeting (In 2024 that date is March 8, 2024).

Voting in Person or by Absentee Ballot

If there is only one (1) nominee for a seat, election may be by unanimous consent or by voice vote or similar process at the annual meeting, without the need to cast written ballots. Where there is more than one (1) nominee, the election will be by ballot, members may vote in person or by absentee signed ballot. Absentee ballots shall be provided to all members. To be counted, absentee ballots must be received by the cooperative or designee no later than noon on the last business day preceding the day of the annual meeting..

Director Districts

Director district boundaries are intended to balance the number of members in the respective districts while endeavoring not to split towns, villages, or cities between districts. See map of director districts.

The cooperative has seven (7) directors, two of which serve from each district and one (1) serving in an at-large position.

This year members will be asked to elect three directors for a three-year term: one position from district one (1), one from district two (2), and one from the at-large district. These seats are currently held by Marvin Verkuilen, town of Worden (District 1); Herman Seebandt, town of Weston (District 2); and Thomas Odeen, town of Loyal (District – at-large). These directors are eligible for re-election.

Any advisory resolutions must be received by the cooperative at least 15 days prior to the annual meeting

The cooperative’s bylaws establish the minimum qualifications for being a director as well as broader detail on the election process. A copy of the bylaws is available on the cooperative’s website at www.cecoop.com, or by contacting the business office at 715-267-6188. If you have any additional questions about becoming a director, please contact Tim Stewart, CEO/GM, at the business office.

Directors are expected to attend monthly board meetings; represent the cooperative in state, regional, and national affairs; and take advantage of NRECA educational opportunities such as classes, seminars, and workshops. Directors need to read, study, and analyze a lot of information throughout the month to keep informed on the electric industry. Directors will spend approximately 20 to 35 days a year in the performance of their duties.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the annual meeting, enjoy a nice lunch, register for a \$25 door prize, and help conduct the business of your electric utility. Member involvement is critically important to the success of your cooperative.

Watch for more information regarding this important event.



Marvin Verkuilen



Tom Odeen (at large)



Herman Seebandt



Garrett Moen, left, and Oscar Poehler

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Clark Electric Cooperative welcomes new employees to our line department

Oscar Poehler, an apprentice lineman, is originally from the Medford area. He graduated from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay with a technical degree in Electrical Power Distribution in the spring of 2020. He is currently enrolled in the Merchant Powerline Job Training and Safety Program – International Correspondence Program.

He previously worked for Nobels Cooperative Electric in Worthington, MN, as an apprentice lineman.

Oscar enjoys upland bird hunting with his dog Trigger, a Griffon Wirehair Pointer, fishing, camping, golfing, and bowling in his spare time.

Garrett Moen, an apprentice lineman, is from Wausau, with plans to relocate to the Greenwood area soon.

Garret served in the United States Marine Corps as a bulk fuel specialist for four years. He graduated from the Electrical Power Distribution program at Northwest Lineman College in Meridian, ID, in 2023.

Following his service in the United States Marine Corps he worked at Intercon Construction in Weston as an electric utility laborer.

Garret and his wife, Sofia, are looking forward to raising a family in the Greenwood area.

In his spare time, Garret enjoys being outdoors, ice fishing, hiking, and camping. He and Sofia enjoy spending time with family and taking vacations to different areas of the country.

Please extend a warm welcome if you see them in your neighborhood working hard to ensure your power is on when you flip the switch.

REMINDER TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



Scholarship applications must be received in our office by **Monday, March 4, 2024**.

Applications are available at your school's guidance counselor's office or online at www.ceccoop.com.



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Monday–Friday 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.



A QUICK GUIDE TO GENERATORS

With proper use and maintenance, generators provide great convenience during a power outage. Before you purchase a generator, determine your backup power needs to select the right size. Make a list of essential appliances and devices you'll want to power during an outage, then total the required wattage.



RECOMMENDED IF YOU...

... **rarely** lose power.

Recreational Inverter

Up to 2,000 watts

Lightweight, about 60 pounds

Quiet, easy to store

Power: fridge and a few smaller items (i.e. lamp, phone charger and home security system)

Midsized Inverter

Up to 3,500 watts

Weighs up to 150 pounds

Power: fridge, laptop, five to 10 lights, phone charger, home security system and 10K BTU air conditioner

... **occasionally** lose power.
Transfer switch required.

Portable Generators and Large Inverters

Up to 7,500 watts

Weighs about 300 pounds

Power: fridge, gas furnace, 10K BTU air conditioner, dishwasher, multiple lights, TV, laptop and more

Ability to connect to home's breaker panel

... **frequently** lose power.
Transfer switch required.

Home Standby

Up to 20,000 watts

Must be permanently installed; starts automatically during outage

Power: nearly all home appliances and electronics (simultaneously)

Can run indefinitely on natural gas or propane

Recommended if you frequently lose power.

SAFETY FIRST!

- Let us know if you purchase a generator that you plan to connect to an electric panel.
- Improperly installed generators can create back feed, which is dangerous to our crews and the community. **Before using the generator, disconnect the normal source of power coming into your home/business.**
- Never operate a generator indoors or in an enclosed space.

Disclaimer: Please note safety requirements may differ based on the type of generator you purchase. Thoroughly read the operator's manual and know how to shut off the generator quickly.

Source: Consumer Reports



Daylight Savings Time will begin at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 10, 2024. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead!

ENERGY EFFICIENCY
TIP OF THE MONTH

Area rugs are an easy, cost-effective solution to cold floors. Adding area rugs to hard-surface flooring can add warmth to any room and keep your feet cozy on cold winter days.

Choose rugs made from wool or other natural fibers and plush or high-pile textures for the most insulation. Place rugs in areas where you need additional warmth, like the foot of a bed or under a coffee table. Area rugs can enhance the aesthetic of your home and keep you cozier.

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1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
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