



Tim Stewart,
CEO/Manager

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR MAY 21, 2025

KEY DATES PROVIDED

Clark Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2025 at the Neillsville American Legion, 6 Boon Blvd, Neillsville, WI, 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. The bylaws can be viewed in their entirety at www.cecoop.com.

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 2025 that date is March 21, 2025).

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 two directors for three-year term. One position from district two (2), and one from district three (3). These seats are currently held by Charles Lindner, town of Eaton (District 2) and Allen Jicinsky town of Spencer (District 3). These directors are eligible for

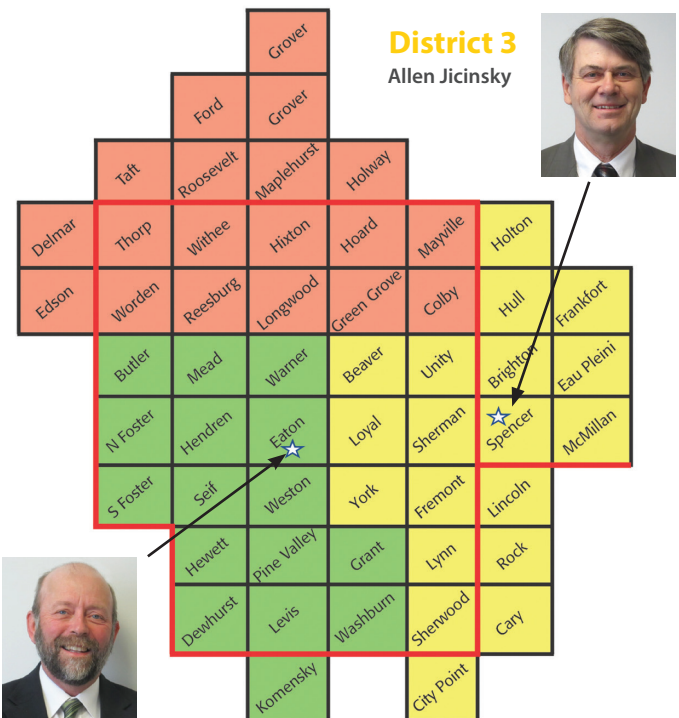
re-election. Any advisory resolutions must be received by the cooperative at least 15 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

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 25 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 \$25.00 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.



District 3
Allen Jicinsky



District 2
Charles Lindner

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE



Clark Electric Cooperative is once again offering a scholarship opportunity to graduating students from qualifying high schools in our service area. One \$2,000 scholarship will be available for a student from each school or group of schools in our service area.

To be considered for the scholarship, the student's parent or legal guardian must be a member of Clark Electric Cooperative and currently receive electric service from Clark Electric Cooperative.

The Clark Electric Cooperative scholarship program began in 1995, and since its inception we have provided more than \$290,000 in scholarships to area students. An independent scholarship committee judges the applicants based upon merit.

Giving back to the community is one of the cooperative principals; furthering the education of our area youth is another. Clark Electric is proud to help these fine young people meet their educational goals.

Applications are available from your high school counselor, on our website at www.cecoop.com, and at our office located at 1209 W Dall-Berg Rd., Greenwood.

All applications must be returned to the cooperative office by 5 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2025.

Schools Eligible for Scholarship Consideration:

Abbotsford High School, Colby High School, Granton High School, Greenwood High School, Loyal High School, Neillsville High School, Owen-Withee High School, Spencer High School, Thorp High School, Stanley High School.

One Scholarship Between These Grouped Schools:

Group 1: Stratford High School, Columbus High School, Osseo-Fairchild High School, Abbotsford Christian Academy.

Group 2: Marshfield Senior High School, Medford High School, Gilman High School, Pittsville High School, Home School Student

Group 3: Lineman Scholarship – A Scholarship may be awarded to a student attending an approved Line Distribution Program

If you have any questions, please contact the administrative assistant at 715-267-7958 or 1-800-272-6188.

These scholarships are financed through the Federated Youth Foundation Scholarship Program, which is funded from unclaimed capital credits. Federated Youth Foundation (FYF) is a non-profit charitable foundation serving cooperatives across Wisconsin.

Tips for a Safe and Efficient Holiday Season

This holiday season, keep energy savings and electrical safety in mind.

SAVE ENERGY

- Use smaller appliances like slow cookers instead of the oven.
- Lower the thermostat when hosting friends and family.
- Decorate with energy-saving LED lights.

PRIORITIZE SAFETY

- Never leave unattended candles burning.
- Ensure all smoke alarms are working.
- When decorating, inspect all light strands and cords for damage.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

If you're planning to purchase electronic gifts this holiday season, look for the ENERGY STAR® label, which indicates higher energy efficiency performance. Electronics that receive the ENERGY STAR® rating are up to 25% more efficient than standard products. This holiday season, give the gift of energy savings with ENERGY STAR®-rated electronics and equipment.

Source: energystar.gov

MAJORITY OF HOME HEATING FIRE DEATHS INVOLVE A SPACE HEATER OR OTHER HEATING EQUIPMENT

Heating equipment, such as space heaters, kerosene heaters, fireplaces, and wood-burning stoves, is a leading cause of fires in U.S. homes, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The term “homes” includes one-and two-family homes (including manufactured homes), apartments, townhouses, and other multi-family dwellings.



During a recent four-year period, local fire departments responded to an estimated average of 48,530 fires involving heating equipment each year. The fires resulted in 500 civilian (non-first-responder) deaths, 1,350 civilian injuries, and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage, according to NFPA’s Home Heating Fires report published in 2021. In addition:

- Heating equipment caused one in seven home fires and 19% of home fire deaths.
- Most home heating fire deaths (81%) included stationary or portable space heaters.
- More than half of home heating fire deaths were caused by placing heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as furniture, clothing, mattresses, or bedding.
- Nearly half (48%) of all home heating fires occurred in December, January, and February.
- Failure to clean equipment, such as chimney flues, accounted for a quarter of all heating equipment fires.

In addition, approximately two in five home heating

equipment fires involved items that ran on what is considered solid fuel, such as wood-burning or pellet stoves or wood-burning fireplaces. However, electric-powered heating devices were responsible for the largest share of losses, accounting for more than half of the fatalities, three in five injuries, and two-fifths of the property damage.

Follow these safety tips to use space heaters safely:

1. Read all instructions and use space heaters only as recommended.
2. Do not leave space heaters unattended.
3. Plug them directly into an outlet; most power strips and extension cords are not equipped to handle the energy spikes caused by space heaters cycling on and off.
4. Unplug any other items from the outlet you are using and try to use a dedicated circuit to avoid overload.
5. Keep children and pets away from space heaters.
6. Turn the heaters off before you leave the room or go to sleep.
7. Do not use heaters that are in disrepair or have frayed cords or damaged plugs.
8. Place them on flat, level surfaces and never on furniture, counters, or carpet, which can overheat.
9. Unplug and put space heaters away (out of the reach of children) when not in use.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU

If you find yourself in need of assistance in paying your winter heating and utility bills, certain government organizations can offer heating assistance or point you in the direction of where you can get help. You may be eligible for assistance from the various programs like the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Keep Wisconsin Warm/Cool Fund, or the Public Benefits Energy Assistance Program.

You can find more contact information and links to many of these programs at [cecoop.com/Billing & Rate information tab/energy Assistance](http://cecoop.com/Billing%20&%20Rate%20information%20tab/energy%20Assistance), or go to homeenergyplus.wi.gov. You can also call 1-866-HEATWIS or Keep Wisconsin Warm Fund-Bill Pay Assistance at 1-800-981-9276.

Income guidelines for the 2024-2025 Home Energy Plus Program are as follows:

WHEAP Income Guidelines for the 2024–2025 Heating Season

(10/01/2024 through 9/30/2025)

60 percent of state median income guidelines

Household Size	One Month Income	Annual Income
1	\$ 3,061.08	\$36,733
2	\$ 4,002.92	\$48,035
3	\$ 4,944.83	\$59,338
4	\$ 5,886.75	\$70,641
5	\$ 6,828.58	\$81,943
6	\$ 7,770.50	\$93,246
7	\$ 7,947.08	\$95,365
8	\$ 8,123.67	\$97,484

WINTER'S HERE:

Be alert for peak alerts

Winter is upon us, and with that comes the time for peak alerts for cooperative members. A peak alert is likely to occur on colder days during the winter months. On these days, the demand for electricity is highest, which also brings the need to conserve energy use whenever possible. The level of demand determines a large portion of the cooperative's energy costs during this time. Reducing or delaying your electrical usage during a peak alert helps lower this cost.

The key is to reduce your consumption between the hours of 8–10 a.m. and 5–8 p.m. on these coldest winter days. This helps Clark Electric save on our wholesale power bill, and this savings is passed along to the members. By turning off unneeded lighting and appliances, you can help us save a substantial amount.

On these days, the peak-alert messages will be broadcast on the local radio stations. You can also look up the status on our website at www.ccecoop.com. Go to the Operations Tab, Load Management Program and click on the load management status link.

Whether you hear the peak-alert message or not, please help us control our costs by reducing the amount of electricity you use on cold winter days between 8–10 a.m. and 5–8 p.m.



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

We ask you to please make sure your account contact information is up to date, especially phone numbers and email address. Sometimes we communicate with our members through texting and email. The main number we have on file for you can be found on the bottom of your monthly bill. If this needs to be updated, simply write a note on the stub and return it to us with your payment or give our office a quick call. If we have a planned power outage or are doing routine transformer or pole inspections in your area, you'll hear from us!



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Clark Electric Cooperative GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

Need ideas about what to get that special someone for the holidays?

We all have someone on our shopping list who seems to have everything. How about giving them the gift of energy with a gift certificate from Clark Electric Cooperative? If they receive electric service from Clark Electric Cooperative, you can contact our Billing Department at 715-267-6188 or 1-800-272-6188 to obtain a gift certificate.



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Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.