

Pine to Prairie News

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New Headquarters Building Approved

Construction on a new headquarters building for Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative is set to begin this spring.

At the March 26th Board Meeting, TWEC's Board of Directors unanimously approved the decision to move forward with the headquarters building project. The final bids selected came to a total price just over \$2.7M, which was below the cooperative's estimated \$3M project cost.

"While our current headquarters building has served us well for the last 71 years, the Board realized it is cost prohibitive to rely on the existing building to carry us for the next 71 years," explains TWEC Board Chair Miles Kuschel. "Throughout several years and many discussions, our Building Committee, staff, and others have vetted costs and contractors and recommended a very functional layout for our new headquarters. The new building takes into consideration the current and future needs of our members and staff."

The next steps for the cooperative include developing contractor contracts, hosting pre-construction meetings, and obtaining necessary permits. Construction on the new headquarters is scheduled to begin this spring, with a goal of finishing around the end of the year. The new construction will be done in one phase. Due to the placement of the building and the garage, TWEC staff can continue to operate out of the current office until construction is complete.

"During construction, the project will provide needed income for those working on the building and will help support businesses in the area," Kuschel notes. "This decision has been given a vast amount of thought and due process over the years. I want to thank the Building Committee and everyone involved for dedicating the time and effort to come up with a very functional design that will serve our membership well into the future."

April 13th, 2020 is National Lineworkers Appreciation Day.
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Updated: How to Vote

There will be no member gathering or meal on April 28th, 2020 (see back page for more information). However, we will be moving forward with the election of directors by mail, online, and via drop box per the instructions below.

1 Vote by Mail

Return your ballot in the provided envelopes. Your ballot must be received by mail at Survey & Ballot Systems by April 28th, 2020.

2 Vote Online

Use your *Member Number* and *Election Passcode* found on the back of return envelope. Then visit <https://toddwadena.smarthub.coop> and click "Vote Now". Online ballot must be completed by 9:00 a.m. on April 28th, 2020.

3 Vote via Drop Box

Return your ballot in the enclosed envelopes in the drop box located outside Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative's office by 9:00 a.m. on April 24th, 2020.



TWEC's Response to COVID-19

As cases of COVID-19 continue to rise in Minnesota, Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative (TWEC) is adjusting the way we do business to protect both our members and employees. We have implemented several new safety measures during this state of emergency.

As always, we remain committed to providing our members with reliable electricity. TWEC's lineworkers will continue to respond to outages, but we have implemented some new safety precautions. For example, if a home visit is required by a TWEC employee, additional questions may be asked prior to the visit to ensure both the member's and employee's safety. Employees will also be given additional personal protective equipment such as masks and gloves.

Although TWEC's office has been closed during this challenging time, we continue to maintain essential services for our membership. Many of our office staff members have been working remotely from their homes to practice social distancing. These employees are still able to work and be in contact with members by phone and email.

Members who typically make their payments in person may utilize the drop box located in front of TWEC's office. Payments may also be made over the phone through the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) line at (877) 999-3398. Additional payment options include by mail or online through SmartHub.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate through this challenging time. Todd-Wadena employees continue working diligently to provide safe, reliable, and affordable electric service to our members.

Stay safe and stay healthy!



Daniel Carlisle
President/CEO

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Board Minutes

Highlights from the February 26th, 2020, regular board meeting:

- CEO Dan Carlisle and Member Services Manager Allison Uselman met with West Central Telephone Association (WCTA) this month. WCTA provided an update on their collaboration with Consolidated Telecommunication Company (CTC) to bring broadband to the Cooperative's territory.
- The 2020 Legal Retainer with Pemberton Law Firm was approved. A different firm will be retained to act as Parliament at the 2020 Annual Meeting.
- The Building Committee gave an update on the status of the headquarters building project. Updated financing options were reviewed.
- Mitch Heltemes, an electric engineer with STAR Energy, LLC, was a guest speaker at the meeting. He presented on the Cooperative's line loss. Heltemes provided historical data showing that TWEC has decreased its line loss over the last 15 years, and has a below average line loss percentage.
- Lisa Graba-Meech, CFO, presented the January financials to the board. The kWh sales in January were 7.3 percent under budget. Monthly revenue was 9.3 percent under budget. The purchase power expense for the month was also under budget. Tier is 1.75 and Equity is 45.17.
- A brief update was provided on potential economic development opportunities.
- Uselman presented the Annual Local Democracy Filing, which included the following documents: DER report, 2020 DER Rate Schedule, and all the C-MIP documents. She also talked about the value of load management and how it is a tool that helps the Cooperative control costs.
- Board members reviewed a summary of the results from the NRECA survey that was conducted in the fall of 2019. TWEC's scores were above the nation's averages in almost all topics surveyed.
- Operations Manager Todd Miller shared photos and gave an update on the Twin Lakes Substation that has its new transformer in place and is up and running. Despite a few setbacks, the project is now complete.
- Board Member Mike Thorson presented the Great River Energy (GRE) report. January financials were not favorable.
- Board Chair Miles Kuschel brought up the continued Know-B4 cyber training. All board members continue to utilize Know-B4 and are finding it beneficial.
- TWEC's Operation Round Up Committee met and awarded \$6,836 to four area organizations.

Your Employees

Back Row (left pickup):

Jason Ohrmundt, Allison Uselman, Jon Grenier, Jason Orlando, Luke Wilhelmi

Back Row (right pickup):

David Snyder, Josh Byman, Abby Harrison, Lori Redetzke, Todd Miller

Front Row:

Jamie Line, Brady Erickson, Mary Williams, Kallie Van De Venter, Kristen Paurus, Lisa Graba-Meech, Al Malone, Trent Walter, Dan Carlisle, Scott Kangas, Tyler Fisher, Lisa Reed Krump, Heidi Smith, Melissa Evans, Greg Jacobson, Peggy Wilhelmi, Lori Tumberg



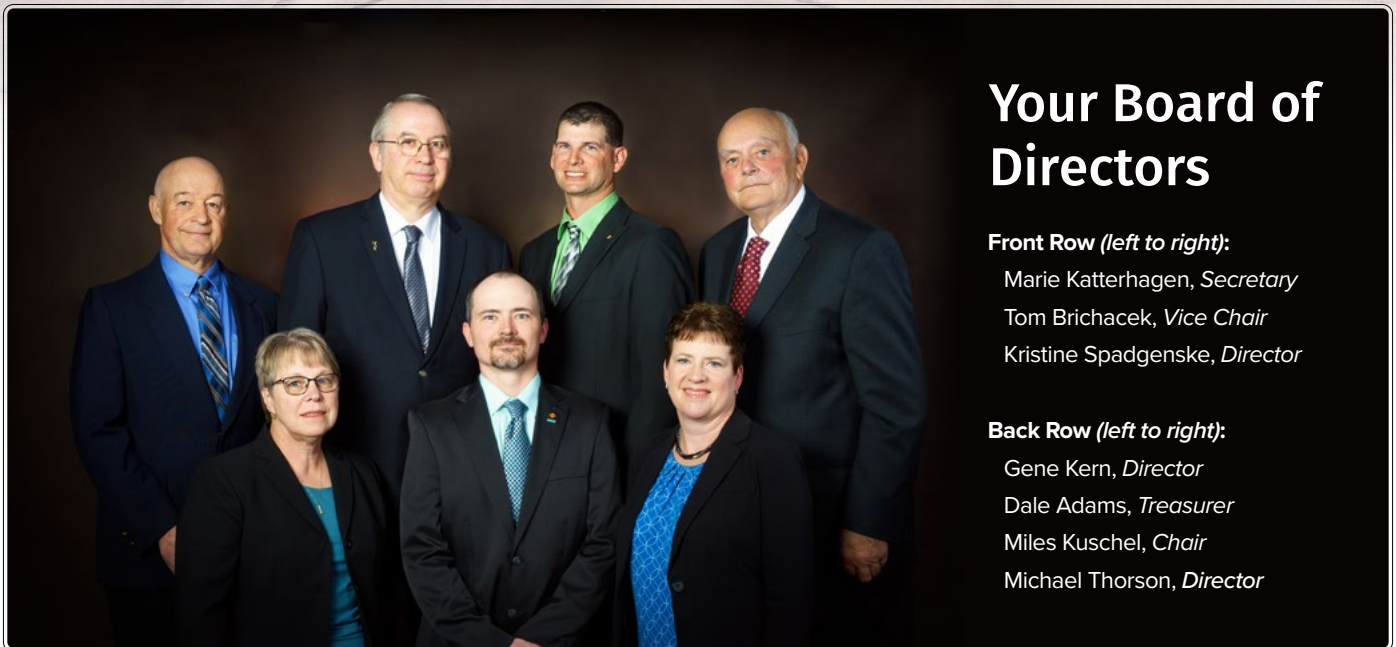
Your Board of Directors

Front Row (left to right):

Marie Katterhagen, *Secretary*
Tom Brichacek, *Vice Chair*
Kristine Spadgenske, *Director*

Back Row (left to right):

Gene Kern, *Director*
Dale Adams, *Treasurer*
Miles Kuschel, *Chair*
Michael Thorson, *Director*



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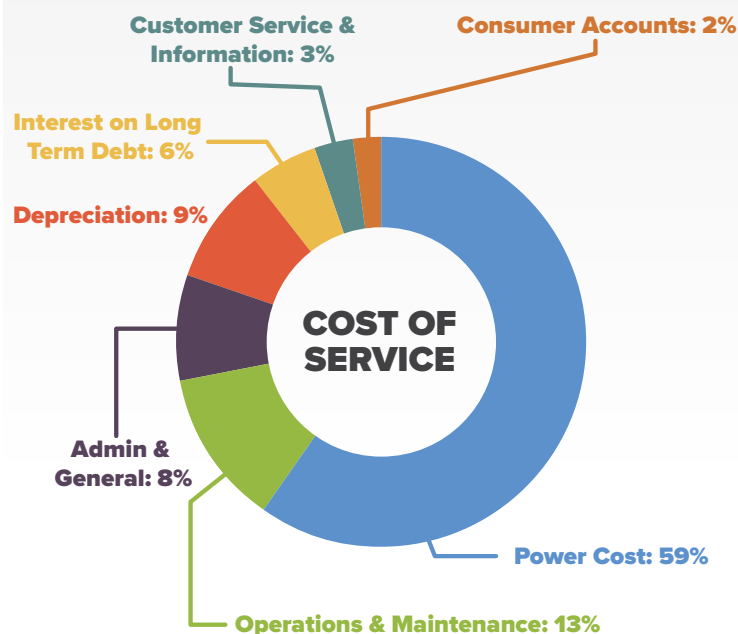
2019 Financial Reports

BALANCE SHEETS

	2019	2018
Utility Plant		
1. Utility Plant in Service	\$58,301,520	\$56,841,143
2. Construction Work in Progress	263,239	175,289
3. Total Utility Plant	58,564,759	57,016,432
4. Less Accumulated Depreciation	20,708,183	19,429,864
5. Net Utility Plant	37,856,576	37,586,568
Other Property and Investments		
6. Investments in Associate Orgs.	9,450,604	9,292,538
7. Other Investments	324,899	441,622
8. Total Other Property and Investments	9,775,503	9,734,160
Current Assets		
9. Cash	454,155	379,765
10. Short-Term Investments	2,386,546	1,784,720
11. Current Maturities of Notes Rec.	69,051	105,024
12. Accts. Receivable, less reserves	2,220,880	2,321,501
13. Materials & Supplies	606,061	647,876
14. Prepayments	20,652	19,425
15. Interest Receivable	6,400	5,931
16. Total Current Assets	5,763,745	5,264,242
Other Assets		
17. Deferred Debits	440,703	518,799
Total Assets	\$53,836,527	\$53,103,769
Current Liabilities		
18. Notes Payable	-	-
19. Current Maturities: Long-Term Debt	1,361,324	1,294,608
20. Current Maturities: Post-retirement Benefits	28,424	66,000
21. Accounts Payable	2,497,965	2,134,798
22. Consumer Deposits	204,417	183,300
23. Accrued Taxes	310,995	302,014
24. Accrued Interest	47,118	50,779
25. Other Accrued Liabilities	135,089	135,100
26. Total Current Liabilities	4,585,332	4,166,599
Long-Term Debt		
27. Net Current Maturities	23,266,522	23,843,408
Other Liabilities		
28. Deferred Credits	1,352,718	976,218
29. Other Non-Current Liabilities	349,752	375,770
30. Total Other Liabilities	1,702,470	1,351,988
Total Liabilities	29,554,324	29,361,995
Equities		
31. Patronage Capital	22,633,698	22,213,078
32. Other Equities	1,648,505	1,528,696
33. Total Equities	24,282,203	23,741,774
Total Liabilities and Equities	\$53,836,527	\$53,103,769

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

	2019	2018
Operating Revenue		
1. Electric Energy Revenue	\$19,967,479	\$19,624,225
2. Other Electric Revenue	69,594	70,277
3. Total Operating Revenue	20,037,073	19,694,502
Operating Expenses		
4. Purchased Power Cost	11,560,912	11,361,316
5. Operations Expense	1,085,011	1,051,753
6. Maintenance Expense	1,415,793	1,188,550
7. Consumer Accounts Expense	456,832	483,052
8. Customer Service & Information	592,415	485,826
9. Sales Expense	25,022	36,716
10. Administrative & General Expense	1,509,709	1,349,510
11. Depreciation	1,723,917	1,677,879
12. Interest on Long-Term Debt	1,070,405	1,047,851
13. Other Expenses	9,314	24,609
14. Total Cost of Electric Service	19,449,330	18,707,062
15. Operating Margin	587,743	987,440
Non-Operating Margins		
16. Interest Income	395,476	344,579
17. G & T Capital Credits	328,566	307,397
18. Other Capital Credits	92,455	107,863
19. Other Income Loss (-)	37,313	30,564
20. Total Non-Operating Margin	853,810	790,403
Total Net Margins	\$1,441,553	\$1,777,843



SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL CREDITS

Year	Todd-Wadena Capital Credits	G&T Capital Credits	Total
1980	\$-	\$56	\$56
1981	-	260	\$260
1982	-	-	\$-
1983	-	12	\$12
1984	-	511	\$511
1985	-	62,916	\$62,916
1986	-	31,038	\$31,038
1987	-	59,768	\$59,768
1988	-	61,531	\$61,531
1989	-	106,326	\$106,326
1990	-	93,367	\$93,367
1991	-	87,935	\$87,935
1992	-	75,184	\$75,184
1993	-	56,982	\$56,982
1994	-	80,667	\$80,667
1995	-	65,573	\$65,573
1996	-	86,443	\$86,443
1997	88	67,454	\$67,542
1998	84	1,231	\$1,315
1999	20	-	\$20
2000	194	5,830	\$6,024
2001	217	78,346	\$78,563
2002	275	118,153	\$118,428
2003	775	105,325	\$106,100
2004	882	155,005	\$155,887
2005	31,931	330,668	\$362,599
2006	1,091,495	577,229	\$1,668,724
2007	1,162,241	367,085	\$1,529,326
2008	697,219	320,783	\$1,018,002
2009	1,027,698	317,817	\$1,345,515
2010	795,590	245,724	\$1,041,314
2011	874,151	314,244	\$1,188,395
2012	1,205,550	448,946	\$1,654,496
2013	1,476,724	478,246	\$1,954,970
2014	1,144,438	620,803	\$1,765,241
2015	1,039,862	96,121	\$1,135,983
2016	1,080,147	403,572	\$1,483,719
2017	1,438,432	435,520	\$1,873,952
2018	1,461,719	305,742	\$1,767,461
2019	1,112,987	328,566	\$1,441,553
Total Patr. Capital	\$15,642,719	\$6,990,979	\$22,633,698

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

Economic Development & Community Service

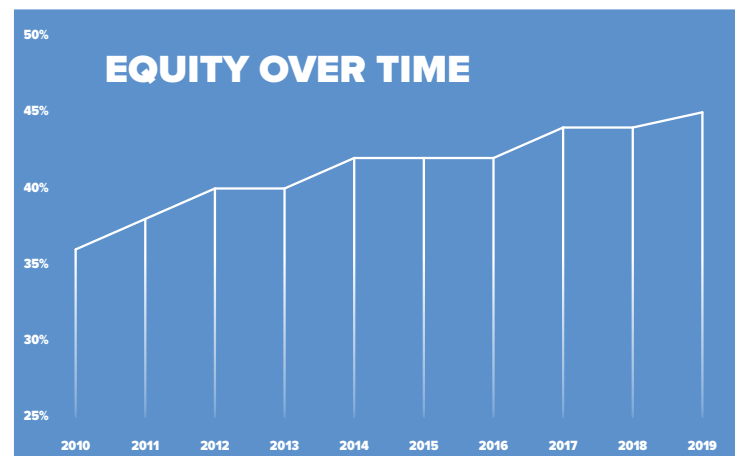
Revolving Loans Outstanding (7 loans)	\$376,075
Revolving Loan Fund Balance	\$714,998
Operation Round Up Grants in 2019 (20)	\$22,422
Operation Round Up Grants to date (698)	\$523,189
Improve-It loans to members in 2019 (3)	\$8,867
Improve-It loans to members to date (489)	\$1,286,995

Operational

New Services Connected	118
Services Retired	20
Total Services in Place	9,044
Miles Overhead Line	1,793
Miles Underground Line	472
Total Miles Energized Line	2,265

Energywise Program Accounts

ETS Storage Heating	194
Dual Fuel	2,694
Air Source Heat Pump	247
Ground Source Heat Pump	89
Cooling	762
PowerNap (Cycled Air)	94
Irrigation	464
Commercial/Industrial	24
Water Heating	3,488



Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative • 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes • April 16th, 2019

The 2019 annual meeting of the members of Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative was held at the Maslowski Wellness and Research Center at 17 5th Street SW, in the city of Wadena, Minnesota on Tuesday, April 16th, 2019. The meeting was held in accordance with the Official Notice "Exhibit B" which was mailed to all members in the March edition of the *Pine to Prairie* newsletter, which follows the Cooperative's bylaws.

Board Chair, Mike Thorson called the annual meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He invited Jerry Miller for an invocation. Mike asked for all the veterans to stand and be recognized. Members were then asked to join Mike in standing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike called upon the Board Secretary, Marie Katterhagen to establish a quorum; which was confirmed.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the meeting notice as printed in the March edition of the *Pine to Prairie* newsletter. **ACTION:** *the motion carried*

A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2018 Annual meeting minutes as printed in the April *Pine to Prairie* newsletter. **ACTION:** *the motion carried*

Mike introduced the Board of Directors, the CEO, Dan Carlisle, and the Cooperative's outside attorney, Matt Van Bruggen, as acting Parliamentarian. He then identified the 2019 nominating committee members before inviting Nominating Chair, Virginia Noska to the podium.

Virginia read the Certificate of Minutes "Exhibit A" of the nominating committee meeting held on January 15th, 2019. The certificate set forth the nominees for two director positions for a three-year term; the candidates are Mike Thorson (I), Marie Katterhagen (I), Brad Swenson, and Steve Meech. The certificate set forth the nominees for one director position for a one-year term; the candidates are Kristine Spadgenske (I) and Steve Riewer.

Matt Van Bruggen called the voting period to a close. The ballots for election are managed and tallied by Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS). He asked for any remaining ballots to be collected by the nominating committee members and be scanned and tallied for final results. Matt adjourned from the meeting to join the members of the nominating committee and SBS representatives to do so.

Mike introduced Kallie Van De Venter, the Cooperative's Communication Specialist, and Allison Uselman, Member Services Manager, to give away door prizes.

Mike introduced the special guests that were in attendance and recognized retired board members and employees. Kaija Weishalla, the Cooperative's 2018 Youth D.C. tour winner was unable to attend the meeting, but graciously recorded a message to share.

Mike gave the Chairman's report. He spoke about the change in management as Robin Doege submitted his resignation and how the Board came to offer the

position of CEO to Dan Carlisle. Mike then proceeded to share how the polar vortex that came through Minnesota in January 2019 affected not only the Cooperative, but how it affected Great River Energy (GRE) and the MISO market. Wind power was designed and expected to provide 10,600 megawatts of power. However, the turbines can only run to 22 below zero; if temperatures drop below that threshold, the turbines will shut down. During this time, wind power was only creating 75 megawatts of power. GRE, to keep up with demand, turned on their combustion turbines (CT) at maximum power. The CT's must have either natural gas or diesel fuel to run. Many employees were called in to get systems running, deliver additional fuel, un-freeze external equipment, and more. Mike's ending message was to ask members, in bad storms or cold weather, "to remember the dedicated employees that are taking care of the issues and making sure you have electricity. Next time you see a crew member, please stop and say thank you."

David Ranallo, Manager of Marketing and Member Services at Great River Energy, attended the meeting to share information about beneficial electrification. He started his presentation with a great example of how individuals utilize electricity in the first hour one is awake. He continued with his presentation on Cooperatives, including GRE being member owned. The Cooperative is choosing the right power sources, keeping electricity reliable, and continues to be financially strong. GRE's transmission lines are estimated to reach about 1.7 million people in Minnesota. GRE has a goal of producing 50% of power from renewable resources by 2030. Currently, the system has 5 Wind Farms, 200 megawatt Hydro plants, and 21 Solar Units. Consumers and members are making smart choices. They are learning how and when to use electricity efficiently. Industries are following similar behavior, creating electric equipment, electric machinery, and increasing the number of models of electric vehicles. David concluded his report by presenting a donation from GRE to the Community Trust Fund (Operation Round Up) for \$1000.

The Member Services Report was given by Allison Uselman. Allison shared the fact the Cooperative, via CIP funds reimbursed by GRE, was able to provide rebates of over \$150,000 to members in 2018. These rebates are still available in 2019. She also gave a recap of the top events which were held in 2018, putting an emphasis on how the department is building on that success for 2019. The Cooperative also released the new Electric Vehicle Charging Rate now available to members. She introduced the digital changes that are coming up and encouraged members to participate in social media to receive load control notifications, energy saving tips, give-a-ways, and so much more.

The 2018 Financial Report was presented by CFO, Lisa Graba-Meech. She highlighted the \$300,000 growth in electric revenue and the

\$300,000 growth in cost of service, resulting in stable financials. The majority of cost increases came from power costs, as other operational costs decreased. The net margins for 2018 were at \$1.8 million. The balance sheet reflected \$53.1 million dollars which was a \$2.6 million dollar increase over 2017. This increase came from building utility plant, and financial investments. The liabilities and equity grew by debt advancement and net margins with capital credits of \$556,000 being retired. Overall 2018 was a good financial year.

Dan Carlisle spoke about change. The Cooperative has had new staff members join, the state and federal legislature is looking at multiple topics that have the potential to effect electric cooperatives such as: carbon free by 2050, third party sales, CIP reform, and aggregated customer data. Dan shared the rate re-alignment efforts that are taking place, and how Staff members of the Cooperative are fighting for fairness. Dan also touched on the opportunity for creating 5% of our own renewable energy and conducting an analysis of headquarters. Dan will continue to manage change to continue to provide safe, reliable, and affordable electricity to the members.

Mike asked if there was any old or new business. As there was none, he opened the meeting up for questions.

What happens to the garbage that was being burned by the Elk River Station? Mike answered: he felt that the waste would now be put into a landfill. The station was losing approximately \$11 million per year and GRE felt it was not right to subsidize the Minneapolis area garbage.

What does the Solar units north of Hwy 71 produce? Mike answered: The unit produces about 8%, comparing to the system in Maple Grove which produces 12%, and Coal Creek Station, which produces 95%.

Mike again asked Virginia Noska to the front to read the results of the election. The following were the results: For the 3-year term, Maria Katterhagen (958) and Mike Thorson (938) were re-elected. Steve Meech (549) and Brad Swenson (400) were thanked for running for the board. For the 1-year term, Kristine Spadgenske (853) was elected, Steve Riewer (683) was thanked for running for the board. The Certification of Election, "Exhibit D" certifying said results is attached to these minutes.

Kallie and Allison gave away the remaining door prizes.

Mike closed the meeting by thanking the guest speaker, David Ranallo, the nominating committee, Maasconi's Char & Bar for dinner, the Women of St John's Church, the employees for their help and the members and guests for attending this year's annual meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

COVID-19 May Influence Your Home Energy Usage

The kids are home all day - doing school online and, once the virtual school bell rings, off to TV or video games. Adults are working from home due to business need changes or you may have a college student who is living at home again and has to conduct online learning, too.



The daily activity in your once-quiet home is now changing due to recent world events. There are more people in the house which can create increased:

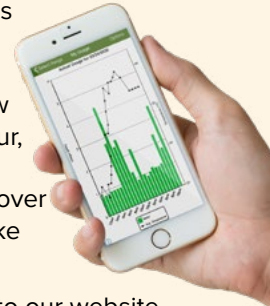
- Cooking
- Cleaning
- Laundry (approximately \$1.50 a load with hot water)
- Showers and water usage
- Gaming activities
- Plugged in electronics of all kinds (iPad, iPhone, laptops, monitors, etc.)
- Use of a space heater in a cooler part of the home (this can add \$4.14 for 24 hours a day, or an extra \$124.20 per month).

Keep in mind the electric bills you receive in March and April reflect usage during colder time periods. Your electric bill normally reflects usage from the past 30 days.

Tips to Help You Monitor Your Energy Usage

Monitor your usage with SmartHub, TWEC's free tool for account management. SmartHub can help you take control of your account and gives you the chance to focus on smart energy choices for your household.

You can schedule payments, set up alerts, recurring payments, and view billing history. Additionally, you can see your current bill, along with statements from the previous month or even the previous summer, if you want to compare costs. You can view your actual usage by the hour, day, month, or year and see how your usage is trending over time, which allows you to take steps to lower your bill.



Access SmartHub by going to our website, www.toddwadena.coop, or by downloading the app on your mobile device through the App Store or Google Play Marketplace. SmartHub can be easily accessed on your computer, phone, or tablet.

The 2020 Census is Here!



As a democratic organization, we encourage participation in the democratic process by providing valuable feedback to the Census Bureau. Participate in this year's Census and help influence our nation's policy making and planning for the next decade.

- **It's Easy**—Respond online, by phone or by mail
- **It's Safe**—Your responses are kept confidential
- **It's Important**—Results determine federal funding and Minnesota's proportional representation in Congress
- **It Benefits Your Community**—count every person staying in your household as of April 1st!

April Reader's Contest

1. Monitor your energy use with _____.
2. _____ is National Lineworkers Appreciation Day.
3. The deadline to submit an application for Operation _____ Up is May 15th, 2020.



Name: Your TWEC Service Address:

Congratulations to the March Reader's Contest Winner, James Noska, of Browerville.

For your chance to be entered in a drawing to win a \$10 credit on your bill, correctly answer the questions and include with your TWEC bill. Mail to TWEC, P.O. Box 431, Wadena, MN 56482. Or email the answers to kvandeventer@toddwadena.coop with the subject line "Reader's Contest". Be sure to include your name and TWEC service address. Entries must be received by April 25th, 2020.

Application Deadline for Operation Round Up



The deadline for organizations to submit an Operation Round Up grant application is **May 15th, 2020**.

The application form and guidelines are available at www.toddwadena.coop under "Our Community," or by calling the Todd-Wadena office at (218) 631-3120 or (800) 321-8932.

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If your electric power goes out:

First, make sure the problem is not on your side. (*Members may be billed for service calls if the problem is caused by their own equipment.*) Check fuses and circuit breakers in your home and by the meter pole. (*Call us for help, if necessary.*)

Second, check with your neighbors to see if they have power. Then call Todd-Wadena to report the problem. Give your name and account number. Then report any tree branches, twisted wires, broken poles, and whether or not your neighbors are also out of power.

Before digging call:

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NOTE: Due to COVID-19 and the safety of all, there will be no member gathering or meal on April 28th. TWEC will have a bifurcated Annual Meeting, meaning the Annual Meeting will occur in two parts. The first part of the bifurcated meeting will occur on April 28th with only Directors, Candidates, Survey & Ballot Systems, and the Nominating Committee Chair to elect directors. Pursuant to our Bylaws, the quorum will be determined by at least 50 ballots being submitted. The second part of the bifurcated meeting, to include all members, will occur at a future date where Officer and Management reports will be presented.

AMENDED NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

You will please take notice that the **first part of the bifurcated** regular meeting of the members of Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative will be held at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 28th, 2020 at the Cooperative's office at 550 Ash Ave. NE in the City of Wadena, Minnesota, at which time and place the following matters will come before the meeting for consideration:

1. Determination of a quorum pursuant to MN Statute 308A.631, Subd. 2.
2. Election of three directors to serve terms of three years. Mail ballots will be mailed to all members; alternative options will include electronic voting and on-site drop box voting. Mailed and electronic ballots will be counted as a vote if properly received by 9:00 a.m. CST on April 28th, 2020. On-site drop box ballots will be counted if received by the Cooperative by 9:00 a.m. on April 24th, 2020. The Nominating Committee selected the following nominees whose names will appear on the ballot for terms expiring in 2023: Dale Adams, Gene Kern, Kristine Spadgenske, Lee Paskewitz, and Steve Riewer.
3. Recess the meeting.

NOTE: Due to COVID-19 and the safety of our members and employees, there will be no member gathering or meal on April 28th. The Annual Meeting will be reconvened, to include all members, at a future date and the Officer and Management reports will be presented.

Daniel T. Carlisle, CEO