

Weekend storms leave members without power

As you know, winters can be harsh in our area. And as we discovered this past fall, autumns can be pretty harsh as well. One weekend storm in October left 2,000 members out of power. Wet, heavy snow and strong winds caused lines and trees to fall all around the northland. Bayfield Electric started to receive calls Friday morning and dispatched our crews to the areas hit the hardest. They worked continuously Friday and Saturday, when it was decided we needed more help.

We called in for help from four other cooperatives: Taylor Electric, Barron Electric, Polk Burnett Electric, and Jump River Electric. Together they provided an additional 10-person crew to help us restore the power. By Sunday evening, all members had power again.

Bonnie Pope of Marengo sent a thank you to all of the crew for their hard work!

MY CO-OP

Bayfield Electric Cooperative is pleased to announce that all 2,016 solar shares have been sold as of November 2017!



Photos from Clam Lake in 1936



Whose POLES are THOSE?



Request leads to search of Clam Lake's history

I recently received a call from Lynne Rice, a life-long Clam Lake resident and a local historian. Lynne had some old photos of Clam Lake from the 1930s that had some type of utility poles in the background that she wanted me to identify. Knowing Bayfield Electric Cooperative didn't energize its first line until January of 1945, and Clam Lake didn't receive phone service until the mid-1950s, I assumed it had to be telegraph lines serving the forest service guard station and fire tower.

Talking to Lynne and looking at the photos made me curious as to when Clam Lake received electricity. This is what I found out: In May of 1946 M. Gaare staked the line to serve Clam Lake. It was 15 miles of single-phase overhead with 270 poles and #6 amerductor conductor. It was inspected by J. Ertz and energized in October of 1948. In 1965 cross arms and two more conductors were added and the line was converted to a three-phase. The overhead line served the people of Clam Lake for nearly 70 years until 2015, when BEC converted to three-phase underground.—
Bill Johnson, operations manager



Bill Johnson, BEC's operations manager, poured through old co-op staking sheets to find out when Clam Lake was first energized.

Bayfield Electric Seeks Director Candidates

The following director districts are up for election in 2018:

District 1 – Orienta, Port Wing, Clover, Bell, Bayfield, Russell, Bayview

District 4 – Washburn, Barksdale, Pilsen, Keystone, Eileen

District – Cable, Namakagon, Spider Lake

Fact sheet for Bayfield Electric Cooperative board of director nominees:

Qualifications:

- You must be a member of the cooperative within the district you are seeking to represent, or the designated representative of an entity member such as a limited liability company or partnership. This means you must take electric service at either a permanent residence, a seasonal residence, or a commercial location within the district. (If you are running for the board as a representative of an entity member, please contact the CEO; additional conditions may apply.)
- You must be at least 18 years old.
- You must not be employed by, or have a financial interest in, a business that competes with the cooperative, or a business selling energy, supplies, services, or equipment to the cooperative.
- You must not have any outstanding debts to the cooperative, or brought a claim against the cooperative or its employees, officers, or directors in the previous five years.
- For more details, refer to the Article IV, Section 2 of the Bylaws or contact the CEO.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Board members are charged with the responsibility of overseeing the cooperative, including: strategic planning, fiduciary responsibility, setting policy and direction, corporate duties, governance, and other general duties relating to the business of the cooperative.
- Board members are provided with a preliminary agenda in advance of each board meeting. Directors may be expected to review additional materials in preparation for the meeting.
- Directors are expected to personally attend:
 - o **Board Meetings** – The cooperative board normally meets on the second Friday of each month at the Cooperative's office in Iron River, WI. Board meetings usually begin at 11 a.m. Board meetings may occasionally be scheduled for other days and/or to begin at other times.
 - o **Annual Meeting** – This is usually held on a weekday evening during the month of June.
 - o **District Meetings** – From time to time, directors may be asked to attend district meetings and report back to the full board.
 - o **Committee Meetings** – You may be asked to serve on the board's audit committee and provide a report to the full board as necessary.

- Directors are strongly encouraged to attend training and become a Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD). This is typically accomplished within the first term on the board (three years). Expenses associated with this training are paid by the cooperative.
- Directors are approved to participate in a variety of regional, state, and national events. Participation requires travel by car or plane. These events usually require advanced preparation such as reading the materials provided and familiarizing oneself with the issues involved. Events may be business or training related, or political in nature. Directors who attend regional, state, and national meetings may be expected to provide a report on their attendance to the rest of the board.
- Directors are required to review, acknowledge, and abide by the cooperative's Code of Ethics.
- Directors represent Bayfield Electric in the community and elsewhere, which may include making public presentations.
- Directors may be eligible to serve on boards of companies or organizations affiliated with Bayfield, such as the cooperative's power supplier, Dairyland Power Cooperative.

Nomination Process

- Nominations shall be made by petition.
- The petition must be signed by at least ten (10) members in good standing from the district you are seeking to represent.
 - o A member in good standing is defined as one who is receiving electric service from the cooperative, is current on their electric bill, and does not have any bad debts with the cooperative.
 - o Note: It is a violation of privacy laws for the cooperative to provide candidates with payment or debt information about members. Candidates will have to do their best to verify the standing of a member signing the petition. Candidates are encouraged to get more than the minimum number of signatures.
- Joint members (typically a husband and wife) shall count as one signature.
- The completed petition shall be submitted to the cooperative at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting at which the election is held.
- For complete details on director nomination and election procedures, see Article IV of the cooperative's Bylaws or contact the CEO.



WINTER SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Sharp winds, snow, and ice prompt important winter weather safety tips to drivers, students, and parents.



It is critical that drivers use extra caution when approaching school buses with the winter weather. Buses make frequent stops, so it's good to allow yourself plenty of time to slow down. All states require drivers to stop when buses are stopped with their lights on and the stop arm is extended. Some don't know that even if you're in the opposite lane of the bus, you are still required to stop if there is no physical barrier between the lanes.

School buses are designed to provide maximum safety, even in extreme weather conditions. According to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, school buses are the safest way to get to and from school—nearly 10 times safer than walking to school and up to 13 times safer than traveling in a car.

Some winter safety tips for students waiting for the bus include:

- Wear appropriate clothing. Proper outerwear includes hats, mittens, a heavy jacket, and warm, winter boots
- Stay alert! "Stop, look and listen" always applies. Things such as headphones can be a distraction to students and cause them to miss things with their surroundings and other traffic.
- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching. Use caution when stepping on and off the bus and wait for the driver's signal before you cross in front.

DID YOU GET A NEW CELL PHONE FOR CHRISTMAS?



More importantly, did your cell phone number change? Did you discontinue your landline phone? Remember to contact our office if any of your personal contact information has changed. Our records are only as good as the information you provide. To deliver the best customer service for our members, we encourage you to notify our billing department of any changes. To get in contact with our billing department, please call 715-372-4287. Thank you for your cooperation!

Month of January

Billing date: January 10, 2018
 December usage
 Bills due upon receipt
 Gross due after January 30, 2018
 Disconnect date: February 15, 2018

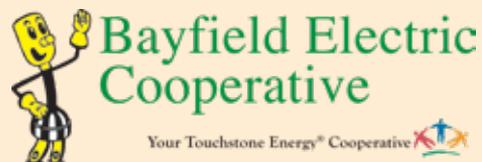
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