

DECEMBER 2022

Your Cooperative Powering Your Future



# NEWSLETTER

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative



Our office will be closed Friday, December 23; Monday, December 26; and Monday, January 2.

## WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU! You can serve your cooperative and community on the CVEC Board of Directors.

As a member of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative, you can serve on the Board of Directors as well as elect your board members. That's the cooperative difference!

Members who reside in Districts 3 and 5 need to apply by February 8, 2023 to be considered as candidates for the upcoming director election at the cooperative annual meeting in March.

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative (CVEC) members who reside in Districts 3 and 5 can serve on their co-op's board of directors. The director election will be held on March 25, 2023, during your co-op's 86th annual meeting at cooperative headquarters in Cornell. Two directors, one each from Districts 3 and 5, will be elected by members who reside in those districts during the annual meeting of CVEC.

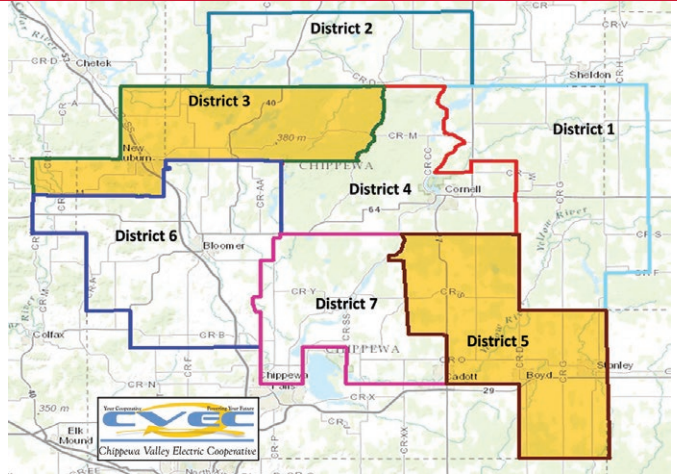
Please consider becoming a part of your electric cooperative's board of directors by contacting CVEC to learn more or to request a director candidate packet. If you are unsure of which district you live in, please refer to the upper right-hand corner of your bill or call the cooperative office for assistance.

### DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

The main qualifications to serve as a representative on the CVEC Board of Directors are as stated below:

1. Be a member and primary resident of the district from which elected.
2. Not be employed by or have a financial interest in a competing enterprise or business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative.
3. Not be employed by the cooperative.
4. Be in compliance with the cooperative's nepotism policy.

Please contact the cooperative for more detailed information about Director Qualifications.



The following board members are currently serving and have the option to campaign again for these positions:

**DISTRICT 3:** Frank Draxler

#### 3 Year Term

District 3 territory: The north half of the Towns of Sand Creek, Dunn County; the north half of the Town of Auburn and the entire Village of New Auburn; the Town of Sampson; the portion of the Town of Birch Creek located west of County Highway E, Chippewa County; the Town of Dovre, Barron County; and those members of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative whose service extensions lie within said towns or portions of towns.

**DISTRICT 5:** Deone Goettl

#### 3 Year Term

District 5 territory: The entire Towns of Arthur, Delmar, and Edson and the portion of the Town of Colburn located west of County Highway D; the portion of the Town of Goetz located east of State Highway 27, Chippewa County; and those members of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative whose service extensions lie within said towns or portions of towns.

It's important to remember that Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative (CVEC) is owned by its members and guided by directors elected from the membership. That's the cooperative difference!

To request a director candidate packet or find out more details about the board election, contact Nicole at [nwsime@cve.coop](mailto:nwsime@cve.coop) or call 715.239.6800. **The deadline for completed director candidate paperwork is February 8, 2023.**

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# BOARD OF DIRECTOR DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

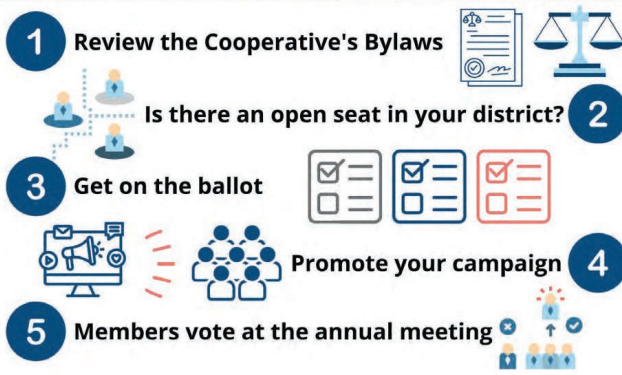
**Who is on the board?** The board of directors is comprised of seven cooperative members; one from each of the seven cooperative districts.

**What does a director do?** A director represents all member-consumers of CVEC and is responsible for annual budgets, rate schedules, approval of general policies, capital credit retirements, present bylaw amendment changes, delegating authority to the President/CEO to execute, carry out the daily activities of the cooperative and follow established policies. Directors' decisions are made in the best interest of the cooperative.

**What is the time commitment?** Each director serves a three-year term. Directors can expect to be available 20 - 40 days each year for attendance at monthly board meetings, CVEC's annual meeting, training sessions, member events, educational seminars, and travel.

**When does the board meet?** The board of directors typically meets the last Thursday of each month with

## HOW TO JOIN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



meetings beginning at 8:00 and varying in length from approximately four to six hours. Directors also attend occasional other meetings and events as previously stated.

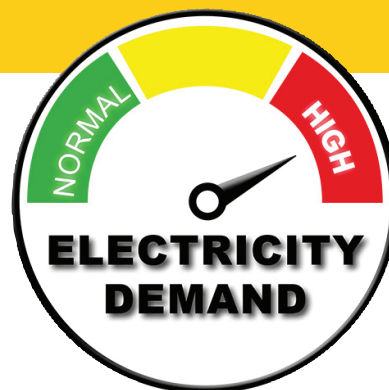
**Is there any compensation?** Directors are paid a per diem for each meeting attended as well as IRS-approved mileage.

## Commitment to Grid Reliability Fuels Changes to Winter Load Management

Grid reliability is at the forefront of strategic planning for utilities - from the regional Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) all the way down to Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative's system. To ensure generation resources are adequately available year-round, MISO recently changed their requirements for power providers, including our wholesale power provider Dairyland Power Cooperative. This has resulted in modifications to our load management program.

In the interest of grid reliability and cost savings, the load management program's full load control hours have shifted from the evening to the morning. In the past, full load control events began approximately at 5:00 p.m. and ended around 9:00 p.m. With the changes, the new Peak Alert/Full Load Control hours will be approximately 6:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative has successfully managed our load management program for over 75 years. Through member participation, we reduce our need for electricity during times of high demand and high electricity prices, which benefits the cooperative," Dean Ortmann, President/CEO said. "As we adapt to ensure safe, reliable



**A Peak Alert has been issued for 6:55 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. Due to high demand for electricity on the regional grid, please shift flexible electricity use until after 10 a.m.**

*This alert specifically affects enrolled interruptible heat accounts.*

electricity, these changes to our program will continue to serve the best interest of all members."

For more information or to enroll in CVEC's load management program for electric water heaters and/or electric heat contact Russ or Nicole at 715.239.6800.



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## Rebate Deadline Approaches

You may be eligible for a rebate on a recent purchase of energy efficient measures.

Check out all of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative's rebate offerings at [cvecoop.com](http://cvecoop.com) or call the office for more details. 715.239.6800

**The deadline is December 31, 2022. Don't miss out!**