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March 2022



Celebrating our 85th year!

85th Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 26

**Chippewa Valley Electric
Cooperative headquarters**

317 S. 8th St., Cornell

THIS IS YOUR PRIZE STUB!

Please detach this mailing label along the dotted line and bring it with you to the annual meeting.

This is your ticket to receive a FREE set of storage containers and for registration and door prize drawings!

**One storage container set per member household*



PLEASE REMEMBER: You MUST bring this prize stub to receive your free gift!

Please bring this magazine with you to the Annual Meeting.

2022 ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Celebrating our 85th year!

CVEC ANNUAL MEETING March 26, 2022

9:30 – Doors will open for registration, coffee, and doughnuts prior to the 85th Annual Meeting of members of the Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative.

10:00 – Business meeting begins

Prizes will be drawn throughout the meeting.

Lunch will be served.

Action will be taken on the following matters:

1. Reports of officers and managers
2. Election of four directors: One from District 2, 3, 4, and 7
3. Unfinished business
4. New business and other business to come before this meeting

In accordance with the bylaws, any member unable to attend the meeting may vote by mail. Only members who reside in a voting district will receive a director candidate ballot included with their bill. A return envelope will also be provided for your convenience. When mailing your ballot, please allow sufficient time to ensure your ballot reaches the CVEC office before the date of the annual meeting for your ballot to be counted.

Early Bird Prize:
HD LED Smart TV

End of Meeting Prize:
Apple iPad
Must be present to win.

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Saturday, March 26, 2022

9:30 a.m. Doors open for Registration
Coffee and Doughnuts Served

10:00 Meeting Called to Order ... John Petska, Chairman
National Anthem

Invocation Rev. Dr. James J. Brandli

Early Bird Prize Drawing John Petska, Chairman

Notice of Meeting Deone Goettl,
Asst. Secretary-Treasurer

Approval of 2021 Minutes Deone Goettl,
Asst. Secretary-Treasurer

Chairman's Report John Petska, Chairman

Ballot Box Closed John Petska, Chairman

Cooperative Updates Dean Ortmann,
President/CEO;

including Financial Report: June Bach, Office
Manager; Russ Falkenberg, Director of IT & Member
Services; Nic Alberson, Operations Manager

Open Forum. John Behling, Attorney

Report of Tellers Committee

Drawing for Apple iPad John Petska, Chairman

Adjournment John Petska, Chairman

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VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Only members who reside in a district whose director is up for election at this annual meeting will receive a ballot in the same envelope as the electric bill mailed to them in March. They will receive one Director Voting Ballot and one Ballot Reply envelope for return of the ballot. Please vote and return the completed ballot to CVEC to be received prior to March 26 or you may bring it to the annual meeting. Ballots received after March 26 will not be counted.

IMPORTANT
Only the members in
Districts 2, 3, 4, and 7
will receive a ballot to
vote for a director within
those districts.



Bring this registration stub with you to the annual meeting on Saturday, March 26, 2022. You must bring this stub to receive a FREE set of storage containers and to enter the prize drawings.

**One free container set per member household.*

Please come to CVEC's 85th Annual Meeting on March 26, 2022 at the cooperative headquarters located at 317 South 8th Street – Cornell, WI

Please look inside this magazine for additional annual meeting information.



Chairman John Petska

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

WARNING: Recent studies indicate the common bath towel is the leading cause of dry skin!

Is it me or does it seem like there are more and more things to worry about or take precautions against? Some are serious and some, like the example above, are not, but all can add to our daily load of concerns. That's why the board and staff are determined to deliver the power, products, and services you need from your cooperative in a stable, reliable, and trustworthy manner.

Safety

- We educate, train, and promote the safe use of electricity to our members through our national, state, and regional affiliations. The goal is to make safety second nature.
- We provide hands-on demonstrations to area schools, police, fire, and EMS departments, and county and township highway departments.



Reliability

- **2021 posted the lowest outage time per account in the co-op's history at 0.89 hrs./acct. An outage time of under one hour per account is difficult to accomplish, especially with the December 16 windstorm that knocked so many of you out of power. Crews were out all night and past 11 p.m. the next day in some pretty nasty weather.**
- This has been a long-term effort with aggressive tree trimming, line relocation, and system connectivity for back feeding lines.



- The new outage management system allows us to dispatch our crews and plan restoration procedures much quicker.

- Our well-trained and equipped staff is stationed in your community. This means local help for storms, trouble, and questions.

Value and Price Stability

- **No rate increase is planned for 2022. There was no rate increase in 2019 and 2021, and only a 1% increase in 2020. Electricity remains a stable value.**



- As in 2020, the board declared a rate reduction credit in August. This one was even larger at over \$35 per average account.
- The board continues to increase the retirement of Capital Credits—over \$780,000 in 2021.

Beyond Electrons

- Working hard to bridge the digital divide in our rural communities, CVEC partnered with Citizens Connected to form Ntera, a high-speed fiber internet company that now has almost 1,200 customers.
- We offer money-saving rebates and rate structures to our membership. We offer rebates on energy-efficient products, electric vehicle charging stations, and storage heat, to name a few.
- We give back to the community through support of area organizations, Operation Round-Up, and scholarships to area high school students.



This year Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative holds its 85th Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, March 26, and we would love to see you there!

As always, we are very thankful for the support our members have for their local cooperative. We look forward to providing dependable electricity for years to come and continuing to invest in the future and communities we serve.

Respectfully, John Petska

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

For Year Ending December 31, 2021

(Unaudited)

WHAT WE TOOK IN		2020	2021
1	OPERATING REVENUE	\$14,493,974	\$14,415,965
WHAT WE PAID OUT			
2	COST OF PURCHASED POWER	\$8,024,907	\$7,817,647
3	OPERATIONS EXPENSE	\$862,201	\$838,661
4	MAINTENANCE EXPENSE	\$850,290	\$975,782
5	CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS EXPENSE	\$401,016	\$437,705
6	CUSTOMER SRVC & INFORMATION EXP.	\$284,705	\$292,427
7	ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL EXP.	\$773,526	\$896,584
8	DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	\$1,558,222	\$1,624,352
9	TAXES	\$206,363	\$221,970
10	INTEREST ON LONG-TERM DEBT	\$827,331	\$709,906
11	OTHER DEDUCTIONS	\$5,200	\$2,020
12	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$13,793,761	\$13,817,054
WHAT WE HAVE LEFT			
13	NET OPERATING MARGINS	\$700,213	\$598,911
14	NON-OPERATING MARGINS-INTEREST/DIVIDENDS	\$253,419	\$177,706
15	INCOME (LOSS) FROM EQUITY INVESTMENTS	\$339,636	\$105,785
16	NON-OPERATING MARGINS-OTHER	\$23,554	-\$40,656
17	DAIRYLAND POWER CO-OP(G&T): CAPITAL CREDITS	\$292,722	\$355,159
18	ASSOCIATED CAPITAL CREDITS & DIVIDENDS	\$107,775	\$141,963
	EXTRAORDINARY INCOME		
19	TOTAL NON-OPERATING MARGINS	\$1,017,106	\$739,957
20	TOTAL MARGINS	\$1,717,319	\$1,338,868
PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS MADE DURING THE YEAR			
21	NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES CO-OP FINANCE CORP. (CFC)	\$168,651	\$178,031
22	R.U.S.	\$442,567	\$276,636
23	CO-BANK	\$912,802	\$450,623

Notes:

- A) The Subsidiary's (CVS) margins/loss and investment gain/loss are now displayed on the "Income (loss) from Equity Investments" line above. Allocations are generally based on Chippewa Valley Electric's Operating Margins, G&T Capital Credits, and Associated Capital Credits from the previous year.

COOPERATIVE BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2021 (Unaudited)

ASSETS		2020	2021
1	TOTAL UTILITY PLANT	\$47,327,995	\$49,077,807
2	LESS: RESERVE FOR DEPRECIATION & AMORTIZATION	\$14,512,861	\$15,736,693
3	NET UTILITY PLANT	\$32,815,134	\$33,341,114
4	NONUTILITY PROPERTY NET	\$0	\$0
5	INVESTMENTS SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES	\$5,305,415	\$5,408,379
6	INVESTMENT & PATRONAGE-ASSOCIATED ORG.	\$6,614,210	\$6,891,747
7	OTHER INVESTMENTS	\$7,009	\$7,009
8	TOTAL OTHER PROPERTY & INVESTMENTS	\$11,926,634	\$12,307,135
9	CASH-REA LOAN FUNDS	\$770	\$760
10	CASH-GENERAL	\$353,504	\$308,260
11	TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS	\$218,067	\$372,580
12	NOTES RECEIVABLE-NET	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000
13	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-NET	\$1,215,907	\$1,472,679
14	MATERIAL & SUPPLIES	\$294,965	\$411,732
15	PREPAYMENTS	\$83,516	\$76,085
16	OTHER CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS	\$4,294	\$4,144
17	TOTAL CURRENT & ACCRUED ASSETS	\$6,671,023	\$7,146,240
18	DEFERRED DEBITS	\$362,604	\$324,149
19	TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	\$51,775,395	\$53,118,638
LIABILITIES			
20	LONG-TERM DEBT R.U.S.	\$15,419,044	\$14,201,136
21	LONG-TERM DEBT OTHER	\$5,530,331	\$7,488,277
22	TOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT	\$20,949,375	\$21,689,413
23	NOTES PAYABLE	\$0	\$0
24	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$790,747	\$1,165,310
25	CONSUMER DEPOSITS	\$101,105	\$94,025
26	CURRENT MATURITIES-LONG TERM DEBT	\$1,524,020	\$905,290
27	OTHER CURRENT & ACCRUED LIABILITIES	\$685,247	\$771,624
28	TOTAL CURRENT & ACCRUED LIABILITIES	\$3,101,119	\$2,936,249
DEFERRED CREDITS		\$265,855	\$430,188
29	MEMBERSHIP FEES	\$0	\$0
30	PATRONAGE CAPITAL	\$13,954,723	\$14,273,330
31	OPERATING MARGINS-CURRENT YEAR	\$700,213	\$598,911
32	OTHER MARGINS & EQUITIES	\$12,804,110	\$13,190,547
33	TOTAL MARGINS & OTHER EQUITIES	\$27,459,046	\$28,062,788
34	TOTAL LIABILITIES & OTHER CREDITS	\$51,775,395	\$53,118,638

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 2021

The 84th annual meeting of the members of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative was called to order by Board Chairman John Petska at 10:01 a.m. in the cooperative office in the City of Cornell, Wisconsin, on Saturday, March 27, 2021.

Recognition All military veterans were asked to stand and were thanked for their service.

Invocation Reverend Dr. James Brandli prayed for the country, state, membership, and employees of CVEC.

Early Bird Prize The Early Bird prize of a 55" Samsung 4K UHD 4K Smart TV was won by Robert Peterson.

Introduction John Petska introduced the board. Candis Homme was recognized and presented with flowers for her retirement after serving on the board for six years. She considered it an honor and said she has seen a lot of changes over the years. She said CVEC management was top of the line. Clyde Shipman and Deone Goettl were recognized with 25-year service pins. Vern Weeks, Sue Hartzell, and Mary Colbenson were introduced as the tellers counting the ballots.

Quorum The board chairman declared a quorum was present and opened the meeting for business.

Notice and Affidavit of Mailing Secretary-Treasurer Clyde Shipman read

the Notice of Meeting and Affidavit of Mailing.

Minutes The minutes of the 2020 meeting were mailed to the members prior to the meeting. The motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Chairman's Report John Petska talked about wholesale power rates and assured rates are fair for everyone. He discussed the software system upgrade last year.

Round Table

President's Report: President and CEO Dean Ortmann said the co-op is 84 years strong. He said that 2020 was a tough year for many members. \$800,000 was returned to members through capital credits. Since costs were less than anticipated members received a rate credit; the average credit was \$30 per account. There is no projected rate increase for this year. The year 2020 had the third-lowest outage totals.

Financial Report: June Bach, office manager, discussed the financials of the co-op. She talked about the operating expenses and margins and discussed the assets and liabilities.

Member Services Report: Russ Falkenberg, director of IT & member services, discussed Ntera and Ntera grants. Ntera is growing in all directions and currently has \$10 million in assets—nothing beats fiber. Russ said that geothermal is the most efficient way to heat, with the co-op currently

offering \$800/ton rebates towards installation. Russ discussed dual fuel, load management, energy conservation, and peak alert.

Operations Dept. Report: Nic Alberson, operations manager, introduced Kevin Scheidler as the new line superintendent and Trevin Jensen as the new lineman following Robert Wruck's retirement after 37 years. New services were at a 13-year high. Nic reported on a list of completed projects and talked about right-of-way clearing and the tornado that hit the village of Cadott. A line straightening video was played showing the fact that not all work is done from the truck. Nic talked about the new SCADA system, outage notifications, and the outage map.

Prize Drawings Prizes were given to many members throughout the meeting.

Questions Dean Ortmann, president and CEO, and John Behling, legal counsel, addressed questions from the member audience. There were none.

Director Election Results

District #1

Dany Liske – 124

Sue Frei – 119

Brian Guthman – 57

District #6

Steve Wall – 88

Harold Berg – 53

Ken Schmitt – 21

Adjournment Chairman John Petska asked for any other business. There was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned by John Petska at 11:30 a.m.



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Board of Directors

District 1 – Dan Liske

District 2 – Steve Johnson

District 3 – Clyde Shipman

District 4 – Kevin Meistad

District 5 – Deone Goettl

District 6 – Steve Wall

District 7 – John Petska

Dean Ortmann, President/CEO

Nicole Whipp Sime, Editor

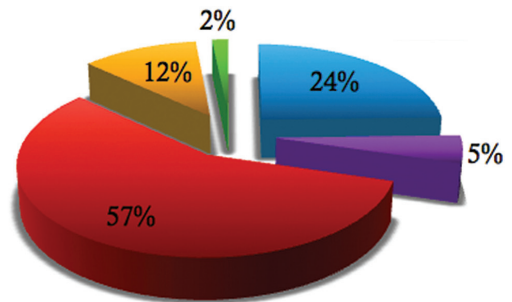


2021 OUTAGE INFORMATION

2021 Outage Info	Number of Outages	Avg./Consumer	Consumer Hours
Power supplier	1	0.002	13.14
Trees	78	0.471	3625.15
Animals	6	0.004	33.53
Broken poles	6	0.018	138.45
Insulator	3	0.003	22.31
Overhead wire break	9	0.027	210.85
Underground fault	22	0.026	201.71
Lightning	25	0.050	385.54
OCR/fuse	0	0.000	0.00
Vehicles	9	0.050	383.08
Transformers	56	0.018	136.76
Fires	2	0.001	3.91
Other/Unkown	112	0.135	1037.06
Subtotal	329	0.805	6191.49
Planned outage	191	0.084	646.02
Extreme storms	0	0.000	0.00
Totals & Avg/Consumer	520	0.889	6837.51



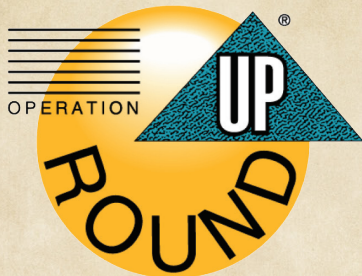
DOLLARS SPENT



- Distribution & Operation
- Interest
- Cost of Wholesale Power
- Depreciation
- Taxes & Other

COMPARATIVE STATISTIC REPORT

	2019	2020	2021
Total miles of line in operation	1246.30	1253.64	1262.22
Total miles of Overhead line	736.30	732.33	722.00
Total miles of Underground line	510.00	521.31	540.22
Consumers connected during year	80	98	102
Consumers connected – year end	7582	7664	7747
Avg. consumers per mile – year end	6.08	6.11	6.14
Total water heaters controlled	3202	3196	3179
Total dual fuel accounts	1,473	1,468	1,464
Total kwh purchased	107,845,640	107,726,378	108,953,585
Total kwh sold	102,558,308	102,481,232	103,730,766
Total kwh used	308,100	297,000	292,800
Total Cost of Electricity	8,278,493	8,220,498	8,013,151
Total Revenue from Electricity sales	14,565,735	14,465,331	14,742,900
Avg. cost per kwh purchased	0.0768	0.0763	0.0735
Avg. revenue per mile/month	973.93	961.56	973.34
Avg. revenue per member/month	160.09	157.29	158.59
Avg. kwh sold per member/month	1127	1114	1116
Avg. revenue per kwh sold	0.1420	0.1412	0.1421
Avg. outage time per member	4.412	1.08589565	0.8887
Total number of employees	22	22	21



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all the generous members of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative who participate in the Operation Round Up program. Your contributions from rounding up your electric bills each month have allowed us to aid our friends and neighbors during this time of hunger and natural disaster. These gifts have allowed contributions to be made to food pantries and backpack programs to help hungry children and families in Stanley, Cadott, Cornell, Lake Holcombe, Jim Falls, Bloomer/New Auburn. In addition, we were able to make a contribution to the recovery fund after Stanley was hit by the tornado. All this is in addition to helping individuals with costly medical needs and cancer. Caring neighbors like you really do make these communities better places in which to live.

Thank you from the Chippewa Valley Community Fund
Operation Round-Up Board:

Vern Weeks
Paul Gilbertson
Sue Hartzell
Bill Burnap
Mary Endru
Kathleen Filas
Deatra Lazarz

