



WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!



You can serve your cooperative and community on the CVEC Board of Directors.

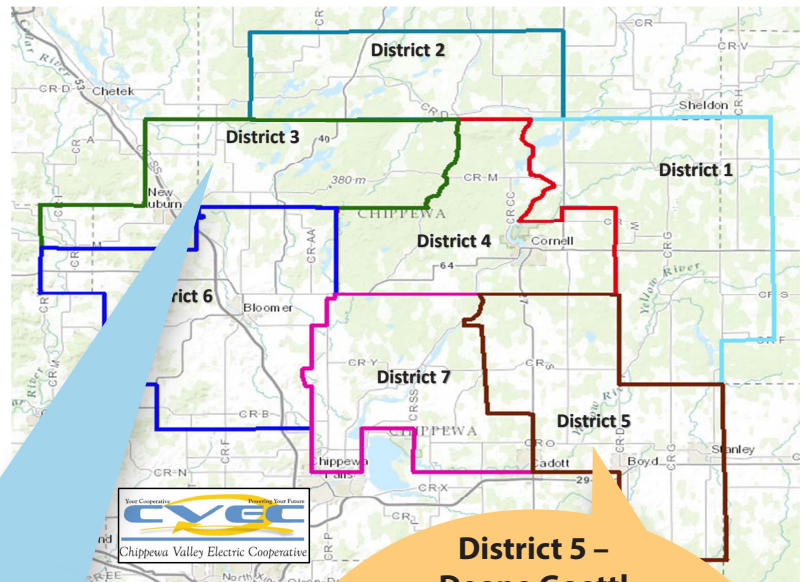
As a member of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative, you can serve on the Board of Directors as well as elect your board members. That's the cooperative difference! Interested members who reside in Districts 3 and 5 need to apply by February 8, 2023, to be considered.

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.

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 contact CVEC to request a director candidate packet if you are interested in learning more.

Do you reside in one of the two districts listed above? Are you interested in serving as a board member for CVEC? Please consider becoming a part of your electric cooperative's board of directors by contacting CVEC and requesting a director candidate packet.

The board members listed at right 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 Dove, 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.

Turn the page to learn more!

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?

Directors make decisions in the best interest of the cooperative. A director represents all member-consumers of CVEC and is responsible for annual budgets, rate schedules, approval of general policies, capital credit retirements, presentation of bylaw amendment changes, delegating authority to the president/CEO to execute, carry out the daily activities of the cooperative, and follow established policies.

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?

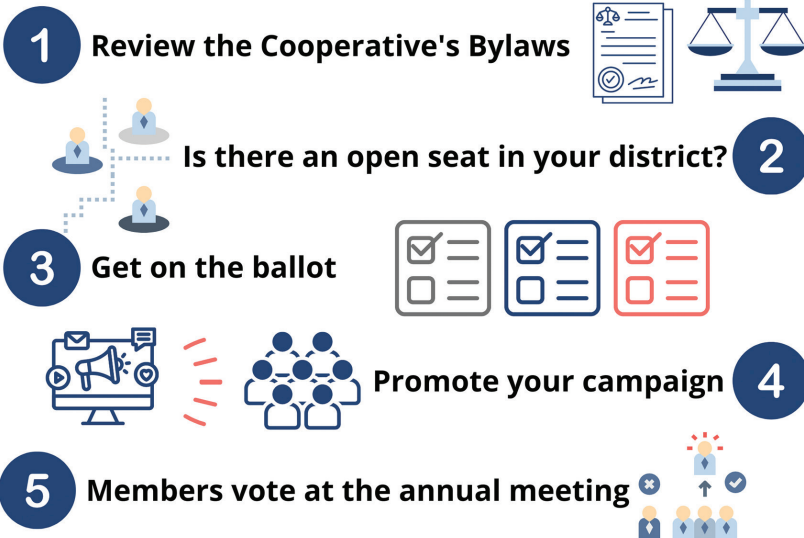
The board of directors typically meets the last Thursday of each month with meetings beginning at 8 a.m. and varying in length from approximately four to six hours. Directors also attend occasional other meetings and events as previously stated.

Is there any compensation?

Directors are paid a per diem for each meeting attended as well as IRS-approved mileage.

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

HOW TO JOIN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

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

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.

To request a director candidate packet or find out more details about board elections, contact Nicole at nwsime@cve.coop or call 715.239.6800. The deadline for completed director candidate paperwork is February 8, 2023.



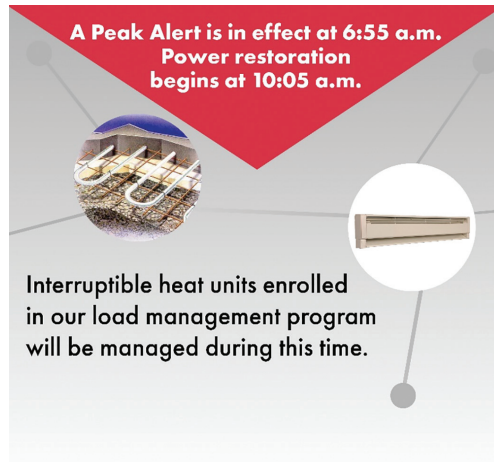
COMMITMENT TO GRID RELIABILITY

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 its 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 p.m. and ended around 9 p.m. With the changes, the new Peak Alert/ Full Load Control hours will be approximately 6:55 a.m.–10:05 a.m.

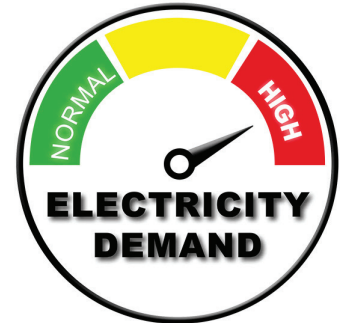
Additionally, winter full load control events will be split into morning and evening events from December through February. A review of electricity peaks in the MISO system revealed that 60 percent of peaks occurred in the morning, resulting in these changes. To successfully reduce our electricity needs during the time of highest demands, enrolled dual



A Peak Alert is in effect at 6:55 a.m. Power restoration begins at 10:05 a.m.

Interruptible heat units enrolled in our load management program will be managed during this time.

Members enrolled in the load management program should be alert for peak-alert messages such as these during times of high demand.



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.

fuel (electric heat) loads will be managed in the mornings, beginning approximately at 6:55 a.m., with power restoration starting at 10:05 a.m.

Enrolled dairy water heaters will be managed in the evenings when a full load control event occurs and will remain on the traditional winter schedule of 4:55 p.m., with all loads restored approximately by 8 p.m. Water heaters in the load management program, residential and dairy, will still participate in economic control events when electricity prices are high in the MISO market, and also in local reliability events.

“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 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 or cvec@cve.coop.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
from Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative

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



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 or call the office for more details. 715.239.6800

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

STAY SAFE DURING SEVERE WINTER WEATHER

When severe winter weather hits, power outages can occur. Roadways can be dangerous. Do all you can to prepare your pantry, home, and car for the next severe winter storm. Once you are ready, watch and listen for weather bulletins mentioning winter storms, blizzard warnings, or windchill dangers.

Supplies for the storm: At home, have enough nonperishable food, water, and medical supplies/medicines for 72 hours. The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggest storing one gallon of water per person per day. Have cell phones and chargers, as well as backup charger sources, ready. Gather important documents and medical records. Make sure you have enough supplies for your pets as well. Also have these items ready: a first-aid kit, a flashlight and batteries, hand sanitizer, blankets and warm clothing.

Readying the house: Weatherproof your home ahead of winter by caulking windows and doors and looking for other air leaks that need attention. Inspect chimney flues for wood stoves or wood-burning fireplaces. Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on each floor of your home. Protect pipes from freezing.

Prepare your vehicle with an emergency kit: According to Consumer Reports, it can be cheaper to buy a prepared emergency kit than to purchase items individually. A kit typically includes battery booster cables, an ice scraper, a portable shovel, flashlights, a signaling cone, backup batteries for the flashlight, roadside triangles, a reflective vest, a basic first-aid kit (add in what is needed for individual needs), and a cell phone charger.

In addition, your car or truck should also be stocked with gloves, a blanket, a rain poncho, wipes, rags, boots, and a hat. It cannot hurt to also have bottled water and nonperishable snacks in your vehicle in case you get stranded.

Prepare your vehicle: Complete annual maintenance, test the car battery and cooling system, use winter tires and replace them if the tread is less than 2/32 of an inch, check tire pressure and wiper blades, add wiper fluid rated for less than minus 30 degrees, and keep the gas tank at least half full.

Know that when the power goes out, we work hard to restore it safely and efficiently. Remember if your power goes out, check your breakers first. If your breakers aren't tripped and you believe the power failure to be on the cooperative equipment side, call 715.239.6800 to report an outage.

For information, visit SafeElectricity.org.

Preparing for Storm Season?

DON'T FORGET TO READY YOUR CAR

According to the National Safety Council (NSC), every vehicle should have an emergency supply kit onboard. Kits should be checked twice a year and expired items should be replaced regularly. Emergency supply kits should include:



Snowbrush
Shovel
Windshield washer fluid
Cat litter for traction



Warm clothing
Blankets
Drinking water
Nonperishable foods



Properly inflated spare tire
Wheel wrench & tripod jack
Jumper cables
Fire extinguisher



Reflective triangles
Reflective vest
Brightly colored cloth
(to tie on side mirror)



First-aid kit
Flashlight and batteries
Compass
Car charger for cell phone

SafeElectricity.org

Source: NSC

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