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Celebrating 86 Years!

Notice of CVEC's Annual MEETING

March 25, 2023

Meeting Location:

**Chippewa Valley Electric
Cooperative Headquarters**

317 South 8th Street – Cornell, WI

9:30 Doors will open for registration, coffee, and doughnuts prior to the 86th 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 two directors: One from District 3 and 5
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.

Important

Only the members in Districts 3 and 5 will receive a ballot to vote for a director within those districts.

Voting Instructions

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 the return of the ballot. Please vote and return the completed ballot to CVEC to be received prior to March 25 or you may bring it to the annual meeting. Ballots received after March 25 will not be counted.

Come for the meeting, stay for the PRIZES!

Each member household will receive a FREE flashlight multi-tool.



**Prizes will be drawn
throughout the meeting for:**

Gift certificates to local restaurants

Gift certificates for CVEC electric bill credit.



Smart TV

Apple iPad



Must be present to win.

Director Candidates

DISTRICT 3
CANDIDATE



Frank Draxler

30572 122nd Street, New Auburn, WI 54757

After nearly one year as the Director of District 3, I'd like to continue to offer my services to the CVEC Board to maintain reliable electricity at a competitive cost and to represent the members of District 3 by listening to their concerns.

My qualifications include my past 36 years of work experience with Eau Claire County working on policies, budgets, boards, and committees. I also have experience as a director and chairperson on Mega Cooperative Board, a mutual insurance corporation, and was coordinator for the Eau Claire County Broadband Committee.

My employment background helps me be an effective member of the CVEC Board. I retired as the Administrative Operations Manager after 35 years working with Eau Claire County and the City of Eau Claire. I promoted cooperative services between departments and local and regional agencies which was successful in improving services, achieving better results, and reducing costs. I managed the procurement of both agencies with an emphasis on obtaining a lower total long-term cost.

I was the project manager of several construction projects including the \$59 million new jail and courthouse. That project was completed on time and under budget.

I served as the Risk Manager and developed self-insurance programs for workers' compensation and liability insurances reducing the cost by more than 50%. We also reduced claims by improving safety procedures.

My focus is to listen to the members' concerns and to offer my services to the CVEC Board to maintain ongoing and reliable electricity at a competitive cost.

DISTRICT 5
CANDIDATE



Joe Melville

29476 County Highway O
Boyd, WI 54726

My name is Joe Melville and I have been a member of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative since 1995. I was born and raised in Chippewa Falls where my parents owned and operated the family business of Chippewa Brass & Aluminum Foundry. After graduating from UW-Eau Claire with a degree in Computer Science, I worked the next 30 years in the computer field while helping the family business with their computer needs. Recently I returned to the family business full-time to help manage it and guide its growth for the next generation.

I served 22 years between the Army Reserve and the National Guard as an avionics mechanic fixing helicopters. I served one deployment in the Iraq War with my National Guard unit. I am a member of the Cadott VFW where I serve as the quartermaster and treasurer. I am also a member of the Cadott American Legion where I serve as an adjutant.

My wife Carolyn and I have been married for 30 years and have 3 adult children that we raised on a farm outside of Boyd. We are members of Big Drywood Lutheran Church where I have created budgets and administered finances as I served on the council as treasurer, trustee, vice president, and finally president.

If elected, I will continue the cooperative's mission of delivering power to our members at the lowest possible cost. I will also promote the expansion of broadband internet to our members.

Director Candidates

DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATE



Dan Peterlik

25203 155th Avenue
Cadott, WI 54727

I was raised on the family farm near Crescent and Drywood. I went to school in Cadott. An older brother expressed an interest in meat cutting and my father convinced him to build a meat plant in Crescent. Dad auctioned off the dairy operation and we pitched in to help build and operate the plant.

I showed an interest in music and started a band with the neighbor kids whose parents ran a polka band and they mentored us, getting bookings and chauffeuring us around until we were old enough to drive ourselves.

Throughout high school and the five years following, we performed music all around Wisconsin and upper Michigan. After the band dispersed, I concentrated on playing music locally.

I returned to school during the 1980s and upon graduation found some short-term positions until finding permanent employment at a printed circuit manufacturer that, after mergers and acquisitions, became TTM Technologies. I worked there for 23 years.

I am semi-retired and along with my younger brother still cash crop on the family farm. I remain active in music performing on the weekends.

I wish to explore the new and emerging technologies associated with home heating and transportation.

DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATE



Glen Sikorski

28301 134th Avenue
Cadott, WI 54727

I would like to bring my experiences to the co-op to help ensure that we as members have a safe, reliable electric supply that is sustainable in the future. I have lived at my current address since October 1994. My wife and I farmed and raised four children. I was Chippewa County Farm Bureau President for 16 years, was the clerk for the town of Arthur for 17 years and will have soon completed 12 years as a Chippewa County Board Supervisor. I served one term as vice chair and have chaired the Highway Committee since 2016. I have learned that directors set policy but leave day-to-day operations to management. I have experience in right-of-way issues and land purchasing, brush mowing, and clearing to maintain access to facilities. I have also helped set policies for employees in a changing and evolving work/employee environment. Again, we only set policy it's not our job to manage employees.

Our farm has always been well-managed and aesthetically maintained. We managed our farm and other business very fiscally conservative. The importance of good equipment management so that everything is in good working order and ready to work when called for. Good management of equipment and infrastructure will pay off in the long run. I have also maintained a good relationship with our elected officials. We had Steve Freese attend our County Farm Bureau meeting while he was CEO of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau. We used to ship our milk to a co-op and during that time was a district director which gave me some insight into how co-ops worked.

My wife and I moved here from New England, and can only say that Wisconsin has been a great move for it allowed us to work hard, manage wisely, and be rewarded for being successful.

Cooperative Principles

1. Voluntary and Open Membership
2. Democratic Member Control
3. Members' Economic Participation
4. Autonomy and Independence
5. Education, Training, and Information
6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives
7. Concern for Community



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Meeting of
CVEC Members
Saturday,
March 25, 2023**

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**MARCH
25**

Doors open at 9:30 a.m.
Meeting begins at 10 a.m.

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