



Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner



VOTING BRINGS NEW DIRECTOR, CHANGES IN OFFICERS

By Jay A. Porter,
PE, Chief Executive Officer

I would like to welcome the newest member of Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors, Dietrich Vedder. Dietrich was elected at the 31st Annual Meeting held on May 15 at Portage High School.

He represents an At-Large position on the board and has also served on the Advisory Committee for the last 10 years. He has a passion for alternative energy solutions such as windmills, solar panels, and related electrical equipment and looks forward to exploring those alternative energy sources with us.

Two other seats were up for election at the meeting, with Gene Alexander being re-elected to District 1 and Cheri Gibeaut, who ran unopposed, retaining her seat in District 6.

I would like to present you with your newest director officers. Pictured below l-r are Kendal Nichols, chairman; Larry Becker, vice chairman; Cheri Gibeaut, secretary; and Scott Link, newly elected treasurer.



Dietrich Vedder



Our new eVote option was also a huge success thanks to all of you who could not attend and chose to vote online. With this new voting option, there were four times as many votes than in recent years' elections.

Alliant Energy – Going Green

I have mentioned our partnership with the West Riverside Project several times this past year. I would also like to mention that Alliant Energy, our wholesale power provider, is taking steps to add more wind farms to their energy operation. Alliant currently owns six wind farms that have a combined potential outcome of 1,038 megawatts of power.

Alliant Energy's goal to reduce carbon emission by 40 percent by 2030 will be underway with construction of two new wind farms in Wisconsin and Iowa. These projects combined will cost an estimated \$2 billion and are expected to be completed in 2020.

How does this affect you? Well, not only is it reducing emissions, making our environment better, but it will also help keep our wholesale energy costs from rising in the long run. Our members have expressed a desire to hear more about ACEC's renewable efforts, and we want you to be aware that ACEC and our partners are constantly exploring new green projects.

If you would like to speak to me about this, or any other topic, I will be at the Wautoma Office on Tuesday, July 10, and at the Pardeeville Office on Tuesday, July 31, and Friendship anytime for Discussion Days. Hope to see you there. I would also like to wish you a happy and safe 4th of July and remind you that our office will be closed Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

STUFF THE BUS

Donate between July 16–August 10!

It's that time of year again. It seems like school just let out for the summer, but United Way of Inner Wisconsin is already thinking about children's school needs for the upcoming school year.

This year's campaign will run from July 16 – August 10. We are proud to say that, thanks to our generous members and employees, last summer we had the most successful Stuff the Bus collection at ACEC ever. Over 1,550 school supply items were collected for kids in ACEC's service territory. What an amazing difference those donations made!

With your help once again this year, we are hoping to STUFF THE BUS with thousands of supplies!

Drop off donations at our Friendship office located at 401 E Lake Street between July 16–August 10.

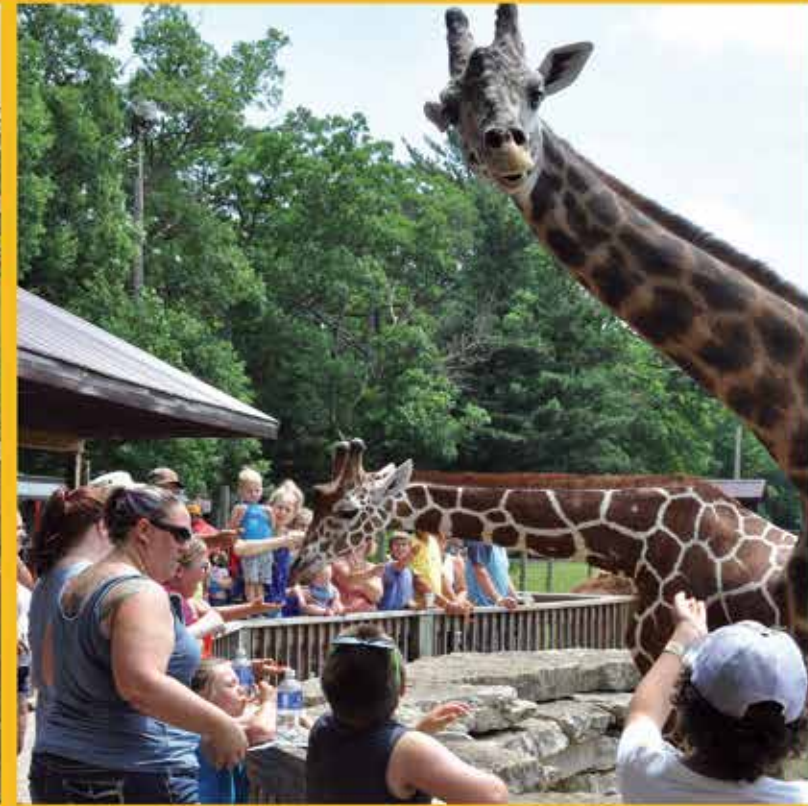
Needed Items:

Markers	Folders
Pencil Pouches	Filler Paper
Colored Pencils	Backpacks
Water Colors	Composition Notebooks
Scissors	Ear Buds/Headphones
Glue Sticks	Monetary Donations
Notebooks	



Did you know that there is a Wisconsin Sales Tax Holiday?

Starting Wednesday, August 1, through Sunday, August 5, school supplies that are \$75 or less per item are tax free. What a great time to pick up a few things for Stuff the Bus! Clothing, computers, and computer supplies also make the tax-exempt list. For a full list of everything included visit revenue.wi.gov.



THANKS FOR JOINING US AT
MEMBER APPRECIATION 2018!

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WHAT IS PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIREMENT?

Remember a few months ago when we talked about Patronage Capital Allocations? Allocations—the amount that represents your ownership in the cooperative. The board of directors has now approved the 2018 retirement amount. They have examined our co-op’s financial needs and determined the amount that can be returned to members this year—aka patronage capital retirements.



You probably also remember that cooperatives are not-for-profit organizations, and you’ve heard us talk about member-owners. That’s you! You are a member-owner. ACEC does not exist to generate funds for shareholders. The funds that the co-op takes in for the year are used to pay for the wholesale power we purchase, materials like poles and wire, and operating costs. The board of directors reviews these numbers and allocates margins back to the members in the form of patronage capital. As the financial condition of our cooperative permits, a portion of this patronage capital is refunded to you.

Who gets a refund?

For 2018, your board of directors voted to use a “first in, first out” retirement schedule. Meaning, members with an allocation balance in the oldest remaining years will receive a patronage capital


retirement (refund). This year, retirements totaling over \$2,053,000 will be distributed to those with allocation balances in 1996, 1997, 1998, and a portion of 1999. If you are an active member who falls into this category, you will see a refund on your July electric bill. However, if your refund is more than \$150 you will be mailed a check. For those of you who know inactive members, they may also receive a check if their retired patronage totals over \$10. If their refund is less than \$10, the patronage will be held until the total retired amount is over \$10, and then a check will be processed.

What if the member is deceased?

The patronage capital is transferred to the member’s heirs. If you are an heir or a personal representative of the decedent’s estate, please contact our office and an Adams-Columbia staff member will advise you on the process to claim the patronage.



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**To make a payment anytime 24/7,
please call 1-844-219-1223.**

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The Friendship Service Center is located in the Village of Friendship, in Adams County. From Highway 13, travel east three blocks on East Lake Street. Lake Street is also marked as County Highway J.

Adams–Columbia Electric Cooperative maintains operations facilities in Pardeeville and Wautoma. These facilities are not open for general business; however, drive-up payment stations are available at both locations. ACEC employees will meet with cooperative members in Pardeeville and Wautoma by prearranged appointment only.