






STUFF THE BUS

- NEW, UNUSED ITEMS ONLY -


It's that time of year where we ask for your support with area Stuff The Bus programs. Last year, even with the challenges of COVID, we were able to make donations to programs in Adams, Wautoma, and Columbus. If you wish to donate **new, unused school supplies**, please bring donations to our Friendship office Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted until Friday, July 30.

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 - Notebooks
 - Backpacks
 - Folders
- Markers
 - Pencil Pouches
 - Headphones
- Erasers
 - Scissors
 - Notebooks
- Filler Paper
 - Colored Pencils
 - Monetary Donations
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MONETARY DONATIONS

Please make checks payable to ACEC and write "Stuff the Bus" in the memo line.
Mail monetary donations to ACEC, ATTN: Stuff The Bus, P.O. Box 70, Friendship, WI 53934.



2021 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The 34th Annual Meeting of Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative was held at the Friendship Office on Thursday, May 13, 2021, and was held via Facebook Live Streaming. Board Chair Aaron Hoernke called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Those in attendance were Chair Aaron Hoernke, Secretary Cheri Gibeaut, General Manager John West, Staff Assistant Heather Smith who served as recording secretary, IT Director Angela Phelps, Member Services Manager Mindy Kerska, and Marketing Coordinator Haley Melby. Attorney Niles Berman of Wheeler, Van Sickle & Anderson, who represents Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative in a legal capacity, joined via conference call.

General Manager West gave a safety message on safely digging.

Board Secretary Gibeaut read the Affidavit of Notice of Annual Meeting and Proof of Mailing.

General Manager West gave some highlights of 2020.

The meeting was turned over to Attorney Berman to handle the director election process and he announced the election results: Ethan Olson was elected to District 1 with 359 votes, Adam Jones was elected to District 2 with 510 votes. All bylaws were adopted: Bylaw 1 passed with 518 votes, Bylaw 2 passed with 540 votes, Bylaw 3 passed with 513 votes, Bylaw 4 passed with 500 votes, Bylaw 5 passed with 495 votes. The 2019 annual meeting minutes were approved with 525 votes, and the 2020 annual meeting minutes were approved with 523 votes.

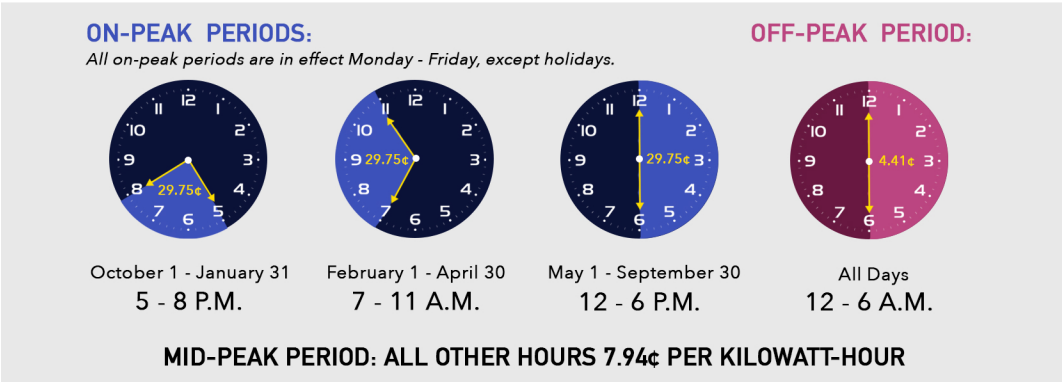
Meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.

At our annual meeting, our proposed bylaw amendments were approved, one of which included providing the annual meeting minutes to the membership via our newsletter before the minutes are approved.

Members have not less than 30 days to request corrections to the minutes as published. If corrections are requested, the Board then considers any proposed corrections and may take any action that in the Board's reasonable judgment is appropriate.

IS A TIME-OF-DAY RATE FOR YOU?

Depending on the time of day, this rate has a different price per kilowatt-hour, meaning you would purchase your energy at a different amount during on-peak, mid-peak, and off-peak periods. The on-peak periods shift throughout the year too (shown below).



When a lot of people want power at the same time (peak), it costs more for ACEC to purchase that power. The more energy usage we can get our members to shift to nights and weekends (off-peak), the less we pay and that benefits everyone. You have the control to decide when your appliances are running. This rate does not automatically turn your appliances on or off. And remember, you can view your daily usage through the SmartHub app, even in 15-minute increments!

If you're looking to save money on your bill and are willing to shift when you use electricity to mid or off-peak periods, this rate could be for you! The key part of this rate is **time**, and understanding what times to use electricity to maximize your savings. Here are some tips for shifting your energy usage:

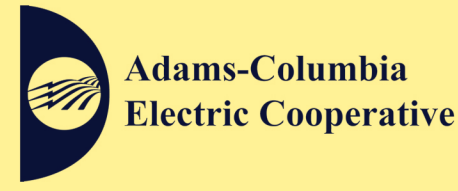
- Set the timer on your dishwasher to run during off-peak periods.
- Use a programmable thermostat to adjust your house temperature throughout the day.
- Save some of your household chores for the mid or off-peak periods.
- Use a water heater timer to schedule when it will heat your water.
- Wait to do your laundry until mid or off-peak periods.

If this rate fits your lifestyle and you'd like to give it a try, give us a call at (800) 831-8629 and our customer service representatives can help.

MEMBERS BEWARE!

Many scams are going around that include a deceptive sales tactic for solar panels. Be very careful about accepting sales pitches, especially those that are pushy or sound too good to be true.

Before you sign a contract to install a solar system, please give us a call. Your best interests are our concern, and many installers are only concerned with making a sale and profit, not about you.



CONTACT US

Customer Service & Billing
(800) 831-8629

IVR Payment
1(844) 219-1223

Power Outages
(888) 928-2232

Diggers Hotline
(800) 242-8511 or 811

Email
acec@acecwi.com

Website
www.acecwi.com

Follow us on social media
@ACECWI

Business Hours
Monday - Friday,
7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friendship Lobby Hours
Monday - Friday,
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Friendship Office
P.O. Box 70
401 East Lake Street
Friendship, WI 53934

Pardeeville Office (Drop Box Only)
W6290 State Road 33
Pardeeville, WI 53954

Wautoma Office (Drop Box Only)
N1519 State Road 22
Wautoma, WI 54982

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SAFETY MESSAGE



The weather radar shows a severe storm rolling in. Do you know what to do?

Do not venture out on roads after a storm unless you have to. If your vehicle comes in contact with a downed power line, do not leave the car. Downed power lines can still carry electricity, and while you are safe inside your vehicle, creating two points of contact by touching the surrounding ground could result in shock or electrocution. Wait for utility and emergency professionals to make sure the power line is de-energized before exiting the car.

Briefing of the Board Meeting

April 28, 2021

Board Action Items:

- Approved policies
- Approved resolutions
- Approved revised budget adoption
- Approved inactive certificate retirement

The full board meeting summary can be found on our website at www.acecwi.com/news-information/meeting-mins



Employee Spotlight

Heidi Peterson
Records Associate

Heidi recently accepted the position of Records Associate, which is in our finance department and handles patronage capital. Before this, Heidi was an Operations Coordinator and worked with our line crews, outages, service orders, and more.

"I'm excited to put my degree to use assisting members with their patronage capital."

Thanks for serving our members Heidi!

july is national grilling month! STICKY GRILLED CHICKEN

INGREDIENTS

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| • 1/2 c soy sauce | • 2 tbsp minced garlic | • Vegetable oil, for grill |
| • 1/2 c balsamic vinegar | • 2 green onions, thinly sliced | • 2 tbsp sesame seeds, for garnish |
| • 3 tbsp honey | • 2 1/2 lb chicken drumsticks | |

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large bowl, whisk together soy sauce, balsamic vinegar, honey, garlic, and green onions. Set aside 1/4 cup marinade.
2. Add chicken to a large resealable plastic bag and pour in the remaining marinade. Let marinate in the fridge for at least 2 hours or overnight.
3. When ready to grill, heat grill to high. Oil grates and grill chicken, basting with reserved marinade and turning every 3 to 4 minutes, until charred and cooked through, 24 to 30 minutes total.
4. Garnish with sesame seeds before serving.



Photo By Ethan Calabrese

Recipe from delish.com

THE WIRE

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COMMUNITY 5K AND FUN DAY



Saturday, October 9



Adams-Friendship High School
1109 East North Street, Adams



5K Check-In: 10:00 a.m.
Race Begins: 10:30 a.m.
Post-5K Fun: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

WE'VE MISSED OUR MEMBERS!

Join us on Saturday, October 9 at Adams-Friendship High School for a day of fun and exercise. This free event is for everyone, so spread the word to your family and friends. Because this is a free event to attend, we ask that attendees please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to Central Wisconsin Community Action Council's (CWCAC) food pantry.

HOW TO REGISTER

Register for the 5K on our website at acecwi.com/5K. Registration is only needed if you want to participate in the 5K. All ages are welcome. The deadline to register for the 5K is Friday, July 30.

WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO DO?

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., food will be available for purchase from the food trucks, listen to live music from country cover band Genesee Depot, bring the kids to get an airbrush or henna tattoo, and watch our hotline demonstration. The post-5K fun is available for everyone.

To register for the race, view the route, event FAQ's and more details, visit acecwi.com/5K.



FOOD
TRUCKS



HOTLINE
DEMO



LIVE
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AIRBRUSH
TATTOOS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 14 & AUGUST 18

Stop by our Wautoma office from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. or our Pardeeville office from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. to chat with our general manager, John.

AUGUST 1

This is the next STEM Grant deadline. Encourage educators you know to apply!