

SAFETY MESSAGE

Using a portable generator in a home, garage, or too close to an enclosed area is like starting a parking lot full of cars and letting the carbon monoxide (CO) poison seep into that area. The devastating result is almost immediate: The CO from one generator can kill in minutes. To use a portable generator safely:

- Always use a portable generator at least 20 feet away from your home.
- Never operate one inside a home, on a porch, or near windows and doors.
- When shopping for a generator, look for one that gives off reduced emissions. Look for one that shuts off automatically when high levels of CO are present.

Briefing of the Board Meeting

March 26, 2024

Board Action Items:

- Approved February meeting minutes
- Approved February board vouchers
- Approved 2023 patronage capital allocations

View the full meeting summary on our website: www.acecwi.com/news-information/meeting-mins

3 WAYS TO SEAL IN COMFORT

In addition to increased comfort, weathering your home is an excellent way to save energy and lower your cooling and heating costs. Here are three ways you can seal in comfort and savings:



- 1** Apply caulk around cracks and openings between stationary components, like door frames and window frames.
- 2** Install weatherstripping around components that move, like doors and operable windows.
- 3** Adding insulation is an effective weatherization strategy, especially for older homes. Consider additional insulation in areas like an unfinished attic, exterior walls, and floors above insulated spaces.

PEA SALAD

PREP TIME - 15-20 MINS

INGREDIENTS

- 16 oz frozen peas
- 1/2 c celery, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 8 oz can water chestnuts, drained and chopped
- 3 oz real bacon bits
- 8 oz sour cream
- 1/2 c Miracle Whip
- 1 package dry ranch dressing mix

INSTRUCTIONS

Allow peas to thaw. Combine peas with remaining ingredients and chill for several hours before serving.

The Skinny: Use light sour cream and Miracle Whip Light.

Recipe from Dennis Clark of Greenfield, WI



a refreshing pea salad with a crunch

THE WIRE

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ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual meeting on Saturday, May 11 at the Adams-Friendship High School Fine Arts Center. Over 100 members enjoyed a pancake breakfast, learned about programs and resources available at a variety of booths, and attended the business meeting.

Derek Alexander and Adam Jones were elected to the board of directors to serve three-year terms. For more details about the annual meeting, flip the page to read the meeting minutes. More event photos can be viewed on our Facebook page @ACECWI.



SUNSET & SUNRISE PHOTO CONTEST

We need your help showcasing the beauty of dawn and dusk. Submit your most stunning sunrise and sunset photos for a chance to be featured in our 2025 calendar. Whether it's the vibrant hues painting the sky or the serene moments as the sun rises or sets, we want to see your beautiful photos.

The deadline to submit your photos is July 31. Don't miss this opportunity to share your talent and be a part of our breathtaking calendar celebrating the magic of nature's transitions. Submit your photos at www.acecwi.com/submit-your-photos.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 24

Our general manager, Jon, will be at our Wautoma and Pardeeville offices for discussion day. Visit our website for times at each office.

JULY 4

Our office will be closed for Independence Day. We hope everyone has a safe holiday!

JULY 15

Deadline to apply for an Operation Round-Up grant. Visit our website to learn more and to apply.

Incentives & Essentials for Solar Beginners

Step 1: Getting Started



Visit our website at www.acecwi.com/connecting-der-systems to use as your solar resource toolbox for all the information you need to get started. We have a step-by-step process outlining our interconnection checklist.



For a quick overview, scan the QR code to watch our short video about getting started with solar generation. This video is also available on the webpage listed above.

Step 2: Claim Your Rebate

Through our partnership with Focus on Energy, members have access to claim \$300 per system for a single-family home. Rural residential members can receive an additional \$300 for installing a system.

Visit www.focusonenergy.com/residential/solar-for-homes to see the eligible rural zip codes and to learn more.



Step 3: Review Our Rates

Our solar rate is called "Banked" NET Metering. Any generation from the solar system will offset your consumption at a 1 kilowatt-hour (kWh) for 1 kWh rate. If your system generates more energy than you consume, it will be added to your "bank". This bank will either build or reduce depending on your solar system's generation and your energy consumption. If there are any kWh's in your "bank" at the end of your April billing, the kWh's in your "bank" are paid out to you at the avoided cost.

Ready to get started with a solar generation system?

Give us a call at (800) 831-8629 or email us at acec@acecwi.com to discuss your project. It's very important to contact us at the beginning of your project to ensure the interconnection is done correctly, we receive the necessary paperwork, and the job is done by a licensed contractor.

For tips and solar resources, visit www.acecwi.com/connecting-der-systems.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Our bylaws state we must provide 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 considers the proposed corrections and may take any action that in the board's reasonable judgment is appropriate.

The Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting was held on May 11, 2024, at the Adams-Friendship Fine Arts Center in Friendship, WI. Board Chair Aaron Hoernke called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. The meeting was conducted in accordance with the Meeting Rules and Voting Procedures that had been adopted by the Rules Committee and provided to the members prior to the meeting.

The National Anthem was sung by employee Eric Johnson and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Director Adam Jones gave the Invocation.

Safety and Environmental Coordinator Eric Johnson gave a safety message on tree trimming safety.

Attorney Niles Berman announced that there were 52 registered members at the event.

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

General Manager Jon Congdon took the floor and recognized the following groups for their contribution to the Co-op: ACEC's Board of Directors and past Directors, current and former employees, Operation Round-Up Board of Directors, Rules Committee members, and the Member Advisory Committee. Special guests in attendance were Tina Walden from WECA, Brian Hood representing Alliant Energy, and Senator Joan Ballweg from the 14th senate district. Mr. Congdon continued with the cooperative highlights from 2023.

Attorney Niles Berman announced the results of the election which are as follows:

District 1- Bruce Rokke received 24 in person votes, 222 online votes, and 12 absentee votes for a total of 258.

District 1- Derek Alexander received 22 in person votes, 321 online votes, and 11 absentee votes for a total of 354.

Winner for District 1 - Derek Alexander

District 2 - Adam Jones received 42 in person votes, 504 online votes and 18 absentee votes for a total of 564.

Winner for District 2 - Adam Jones

Board Chair Aaron Hoernke recognized Ethan Olson for serving as District 1 Board Director for 5 years and our legal counsel, Niles Berman for over 40 years of service to our cooperative and his guidance at our Annual Meetings. Hoernke then stated that there was no unfinished business for 2023 and no new business. Hoernke declared the 2024 Annual Meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

A reorganizational meeting took place immediately following the Annual Meeting.



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Monday - Friday,
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Support our Operation Round-Up
program by enrolling your
account(s) through SmartHub.



CONGRATULATIONS

2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Our fifth cooperative principle is Education, Training, and Information. Through this principle we're proud to support the future education of our members. This year, we awarded \$198,000 to 188 scholarship recipients between our Educational and Jon Steinhaus Lineworker Scholarship programs.



Mia Koehler



Mia Moore



Michaela Doyle



Michelle Shannon



Morgan Stadler



Natalie Gneiser



Natalie Jackson



Natalie Weidner



Natasha Janicki



Nicholas Gabriel



Nicholas Katsma



Noah Cupery



Noah Daliege



Nolan Drews



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Alayna Panich



Alexa Boerboom



Alexa Guelig



Alexis Danko



Alyssa Pavelec



Amanda Briski



Anastasia Morrow



Samantha Nickell



Samuel Salzman



Sean Bollinger



Shelby Orrell



Sherlyn Abadio



Spencer Garbacz



Stephanie Hoekstra



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Trevor Krueger



Tristan Vanderloop



Tyler Mast



Valerie Hosen



Braelynn Pica



Brett Wilbert



Brianna Buechner



Brianna Reimer



Brooke Beardsley



Caitlin Meyers



Camdyn Rohde



Zachary Cupery

Students not pictured:
Ava Gove
Celsey Adamczyk
Claire Bischel
Emilee Wegner
Trey Reilly



Cameron Guelig



Cami Culver



Carolyn Fenno



Carson Hirst



Charlene Wendt



Charles Urbanczyk



Chase Beckett



Clara Kubis



Craig Ward



Dakota Dedrick



Dana Doherty



Dashiell Bowden



Delaney Agnew



Delaney Salm



Jordan Schwoerer



Joshua Lawrence



Kaelynn Schwantz



Kaitlin Uecker



Kaitlin Wessley



Kaitlyn Tebon



Kamren Westphal



Devin Foulkes



Diana Gabriel



Dylan Wendricks



Eden Blader



Elise Palecek



Ella Stelter



Ella Voskuil



Kara Kautzer



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Karley Beaver



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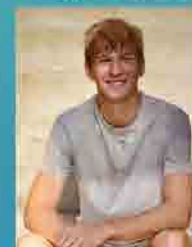
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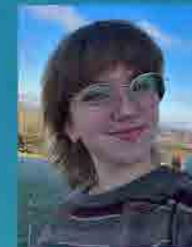
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