



Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Membership of Clark Electric Cooperative Wednesday, July 29, 2020

The 83rd annual meeting of the members of Clark Electric Cooperative will be held at the Clark Electric Cooperative Headquarters, 1209 West Dall-Berg Road in the city of Greenwood, Clark County, Wisconsin on **Wednesday, July 29, 2020, beginning at 9:30 a.m.**

Action will be taken on the following items of business:

1. Report of Officers, Directors, Employees and Guests.
2. Election of two (2) board members.
3. Such other business that may come before the meeting.

Dated this 30th day of June, 2020.

/S/Herman Seebandt
President

Note: Nominations and Election

Nominations will be received from the floor at the annual meeting of members. If there is more than one nominee, election shall be by ballot and majority vote. In the event no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, then all but the two persons receiving the greatest number of votes cast shall be dropped from the ballot on the second and succeeding ballots.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Ever since the creation of Clark Electric Cooperative, back in 1937, the cooperative has held an annual meeting. The annual meeting was a time for members to come together to learn more about their organization, conduct business, enjoy a nice meal, and socialize with their friends and neighbors. For many, it is an event that members look forward to year after year.

As you know, with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the original annual meeting was postponed from April 14, 2020, to the re-scheduled date of July 29, 2020. While the annual meeting is being planned to go forward, there will be some changes to our normal function.

- Please note the change in venue: The meeting will be held at the cooperative's headquarters, not the Loyal Legion Hall. This was done so we can have better air flow with the garage doors open to help circulate the air.
- We will require masks and face shields to be worn at all times. The cooperative will provide these items.
- The cooperative will provide personal hand sanitizer.
- This will be primarily a business meeting with the main focus on the election of directors. **We will NOT be providing lunch or door prizes this year.** We hope to conclude the annual meeting within a half hour to 45 minutes.

Stay healthy and be safe!

Rules of Order for the Official Business Meeting

- The meeting will be conducted in accordance with the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order and under the following Special Rules of Order.
- Members wishing to speak are to give their name(s) and Town location in which they are members.
- During nomination and election proceedings for director, candidates will be allowed to speak for up to four minutes; and one member supporting his/her candidacy will also be allowed to speak for up to four minutes.
- Advisory resolutions must be submitted to the Rules Committee, c/o the CEO/GM, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual Meeting to give the Committee and the Board of Directors an opportunity to make a recommendation to the membership.
- Other than individuals on the Annual Meeting program, only members will be allowed to speak for four minutes on each issue and for one time only except that an additional two minutes may be granted by 2/3 majority of the vote at the meeting.
- No signs or handouts will be permitted within the building of the place of the meeting, except such handouts as required for the official conduct of the Annual Meeting.
- No demonstrations shall be held within the building of the place of the meeting.



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

ACE Foundation supports local communities with \$17,700 in grants

The Adler-Clark Electric Community Commitment Foundation recently donated \$17,700 to area food pantries and wellness centers. Now more than ever, during this unique time, families may find themselves in need. The purpose of the ACE Foundation is to support programs and events that enrich the lives of people in our local communities.

The ACE Foundation was established in 2004 by Clark Electric Appliance and Satellite, Inc., to strengthen local communities by aiding not-for-profit and community organizations fund projects that will enhance the quality of life of local residents in this area. To date, the Foundation has awarded \$550,460 for community enrichment projects.



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Easy Tips for Making the Summer Shift

- Do laundry early in the morning or in the evening after 7 p.m. using cold water when possible. Take advantage of free solar energy to dry your clothes outside on a clothes line.
- Longer daylight hours have arrived. Shut off unnecessary lights.
- Start the dishwasher after 7 p.m., then open the door when the rinse cycle is complete to let dishes air dry overnight.
- Utilize a programmable thermostat. Set the temperature to 78 degrees when no one is home.
- Draw curtains to keep strong sunlight from over-heating the interior of your home and increasing the use of air conditioning.

BE PREPARED BEFORE A STORM STRIKES

In the event of a power outage, be prepared by keeping the following items in an easy-to-find emergency supply kit.



WATER

Three-day supply, one gallon per person per day.



TOOLS

Flashlight, extra batteries, manual can opener, battery-powered or hand-crank radio, NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert.



FIRST AID KIT AND PRESCRIPTIONS

First aid supplies, hand sanitizer, and at least one week's supply of prescriptions and medications for the family.

*Always assume that power lines are energized, even if they are on the ground!
Never try to move them.*

Learn more at www.ready.gov

Source: American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency

BE CAREFUL WHEN USING PORTABLE GENERATORS

When a power outage affects your home or business, a portable generator can safely power important electrical equipment provided it is used correctly.

- ✓ Always read the owner's manual before using.
- ✓ Only use a portable electric generator when necessary, and only to power essential equipment.
- ✓ Prioritize your needs. The generator must be rated according to the critical equipment it will power. Do not attempt to operate more appliances or equipment than the output rating of the generator. An electrician can help you determine the appropriate output rating.
- ✓ The National Electric Code® calls for the installation of a power transfer switch when connecting a generator to house/structure wiring. This must be installed by a qualified electrician.
- ✓ The power transfer switch is essential to ensure that electricity will not backfeed onto the utility system. Should this happen, it places the lives of our electric utility lineworkers in jeopardy of electrical burns and electrocution while they are working to restore power.
- ✓ Never operate a portable generator in an enclosed space.
- ✓ When operating, the portable generator should be at least 20 feet from your home or structure. The exhaust should be at least 20 feet from your home or structure. The exhaust should always be directed away from your home or structure to prevent poisoning hazards from toxic carbon monoxide.
- ✓ To prevent the risk of electrocution, the generator must be properly grounded. Keep it dry and do not touch it with wet hands.
- ✓ Protect the generator from moisture and operate it outdoors on a dry surface under an open canopy.
- ✓ Make sure the generator is cool before refueling. Gasoline spilled on hot engine parts could ignite.





**Our office will be closed
Friday, July 3,
for Independence Day.**

***Have a safe and happy
Fourth of July celebration!***



Dairy farm rewiring loan and grant program

Many agricultural facilities are aging, and reinvestment in them has been made more difficult due to low milk prices. Wisconsin's electric cooperatives have created a farm rewiring financial assistance program for dairy producers.

Dairy farmers who are members of electric cooperatives can apply to their local cooperative for a cost-sharing package to re-wire their existing agricultural facilities to meet current electrical code standards. (New construction is not eligible.)

This process involves a pre-program inspection performed by a state-certified electrical inspector (which is provided by your cooperative), and an application to the cooperative for up to \$6,000 (or 20 percent) in grant funds and up to \$24,000 (or 80 percent) in low-interest loan funds. Farmers have five years to repay the loans.

The work must be completed by a master electrician licensed by the State of Wisconsin. Before final payment is made for the re-wiring project, the work must pass a final electrical inspection performed by the provided state-certified electrical inspector.

Wisconsin electric cooperatives are offering this financial assistance in order to protect the safety of their members and help preserve and extend the life of farmers' important assets.

Clark Electric Cooperative encourages its members with operating dairy farms to participate in the Safety First Wiring Program. Please contact our Operations Department for additional information on this program.

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