# LOCAL NEWS

### **Clark Electric Cooperative**



### **Annual Meeting Set for April 10, 2014**

Tim Stewart, CEO/ Manager

It sure seemed that 2013 just zipped by, and here we are already in the new year with the annual meeting scheduled for April 10, 2014, at the American Legion Hall in Loyal, starting at 9:30 a.m.

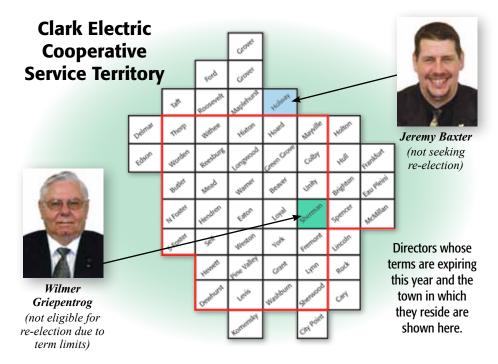
The annual meeting is an important event for the cooperative. Members will hear reports about the cooperative and the electric industry, review financials, conduct business, and elect their representatives to serve on the board of directors.

The members will be asked to elect two directors for three-year terms. Director terms expiring this year are Wilmer Griepentrog from the Town of Sherman area and Jeremy Baxter from the Town of Holway. Griepentrog has reached his term limit and is not eligible for re-election. Baxter has completed three terms and is not seeking re-election. Nominations are taken from the floor of the meeting.

The cooperative's bylaws establish the minimum qualifications for being a director. A copy of the bylaws is available on the cooperative's website at www.cecoop.com or by contacting the business office at 715-267-6188. If you have any additional questions about becoming a director, please contact Clark Electric CEO/Manager Tim Stewart at the business office.

Directors are expected to attend monthly board meetings; represent the cooperative in state, regional, and national affairs; and take advantage of NRECA educational opportunities such as classes, seminars, and workshops. Directors need to read, study, and analyze a lot of information throughout the month to keep informed on the electric industry as a whole. Directors will spend approximately 20 to 35 days a year in performance of their duties.

Plan to attend the annual meeting, enjoy a nice meal, register for door prizes, and help conduct the business of your electric utility. Member involvement is critically important to the success of your cooperative.



### Adler-Clark Electric Community Commitment Foundation Awards \$50,000

The Adler-Clark Electric Community Commitment Foundation recently awarded \$50,000 to 28 different community-based projects located throughout the Clark Electric Cooperative service area.

Tim Stewart, chief executive officer of Clark Electric Cooperative and one of the trustees of the Adler-Clark Electric Community Commitment Foundation, indicated that "The purpose of the ACE-Community Commitment Foundation is to support programs and events which enrich the lives of people of Clark County and the surrounding area communities. Our mission is to invest in the future of the Clark County area by helping create opportunity for philanthropy and community enrichment. We are pleased to be a part of these community enrichment programs." The ACE-Community Commitment Foundation was established in 2004 by Clark Electric Appliance and Satellite Inc., to strengthen local communities by helping not-for-profit and community organizations fund projects that will enhance the quality of life of local residents of this area. To date, the Foundation has awarded \$298,375 for community enrichment projects.

## **Scholarships Available to High School Students**

Clark Electric Cooperative is once again offering a scholarship opportunity to graduating students from participating high schools in our service area. One \$1,000 scholarship will be available for a student from each school or group of schools in our service area.

To be considered for the scholarship, the student's parent or legal guardian must be a member of Clark Electric Cooperative and currently receive electric service from Clark Electric Cooperative.

The Clark Electric Cooperative scholarship program began in 1995, and since its inception we have provided more than \$167,000 in scholarships to area students. An independent



scholarship committee judges the applicants based upon merit.

Giving back to the community is one of the cooperative principals; furthering the education of our area youth is another. Clark Electric is proud to help these fine young people meet their educational goals. Applications are available from your high school counselor, online at www.cecoop.com, and at Clark Electric Cooperative's office located at 124 N Main St., Greenwood.

All applications must be returned to the cooperative office by 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 7, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Nelson, administrative assistant at 715-267-6188 or 1-800-272-6188.

These scholarships are financed through the Federated Youth Foundation Scholarship Program, which is funded from unclaimed capital credits. Federated Youth Foundation (FYF) is a non-profit charitable foundation serving cooperatives across Wisconsin.

### New Facilities Considered

The board of directors of Clark Electric Cooperative is considering how best to update our facilities. Clark Electric Cooperative was founded April 1, 1937, and moved into our existing facilities in 1948. Throughout the years an auditorium building (1965), two warehouse facilities, and a pole yard were added to help meet our needs.

In 1988, the cooperative purchased land west of Greenwood for the purpose of building a pole yard, warehouse space, and a possible industrial park. To that end, the park has had infrastructure installed including electrical, sewer, water, and Dall-Berg Road. The board of directors last considered erecting a new facility in the industrial park in 1995. The current board of directors has decided to revisit this issue.

The board's deliberations primarily have centered on three areas: 1) doing nothing, 2) remodeling/expanding at the current sites, 3) relocating to new facilities. Facing the issues at hand, doing nothing cannot be viewed as a long-term option. Remodeling/ expanding at the existing sites is also not a viable long-term solution, if for no other reasons than insufficient space and the age of facilities. A more likely long-term solution is relocating to the CECO business park already owned by the cooperative. A warehouse, pole yard, and existing utility infrastructure are already present.

Your board of directors continually reviews the cooperative's financial position. Fortunately, Clark Electric Cooperative is strong and well positioned, even in today's challenging energy environment. In addition, interest rates have been historically low. Even though we may have seen the lowest of these rates pass, interest rates are still attractive. In addition, building costs are still relatively stable. All in all, this seems a favorable time to think about investing in infrastructure that will benefit the cooperative for years to come. Details of project costs will be discussed in future articles. We are also planning to discuss this at our annual meeting in April.

The Clark Electric Cooperative Board of Directors assures you it carefully balances the facility needs of the cooperative against maintaining financial strength while minimizing future impact on rates. At Clark Electric Cooperative our only goal is to meet the needs of our member-owners, both today and tomorrow.

#### **Can You Help Us Find These People?**

The following people are entitled to capital credit refunds, but we have no known addresses for them. If you know the whereabouts of any of these people, please help by calling the office at (715) 267-6188 or (800) 272-6188 or e-mailing info@cecoop.com and providing their addresses.

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