

FROM THE BOARD ROOM

February 2026 Board Meeting Highlights



Monthly Reports:

The CEO/General Manager provided an overview of the cooperative's current issues, including announcing the filling of the Human Resources/Executive Assistant (HR/EA) position, updates on various grants and contracts, and the current policies up for review and approval.

The CFO report discussed last month's financials, the Dairyland Power pass-through PCA charge, and an update on the annual audit.

The Operations report contained a report on the work crews are doing, including work on the 2025 rejected pole change-outs, completion of one of the work plan projects, and an update on the contractors brushing the system.

The Engagement report included a recap of the hiring process for the HR/EA role, an update on annual meeting planning, and attending various lobby days.

The Information Technology report discussed mapping updates.

Energy Services provided an update on facility maintenance and requested approval of replacing the ice machine, which is used daily and has recently failed.

The following items were approved:

- Capital credit estate payout for deceased members.
- Audit committee report on all checks, ACH payments, wire transfers, credit card statements, and investment accounts.
- Approval of policy 539: AI Acceptable Use
- A pass through PCA charge from Dairyland Power Cooperative.

Other Business:

- Reviewed the monthly report of new Cooperative members.

WEST CAP PROVIDES ENERGY ASSISTANCE FOR BARRON, CHIPPEWA, DUNN, PEPIN, PIERCE, AND ST. CROIX COUNTIES.



As the end of the heating season quickly approaches, we'd like to remind everyone of the services available to help with your energy bill, should the need arise.

Established in 1965, West CAP is one of over 16 Community Action agencies in Wisconsin, and one of over 1,000 across the country, working to end poverty. The West CAP team of nearly 70 staff strives to provide resources that promote the self-sufficiency of low-income families in the rural communities of west central Wisconsin and by working to create a more just and sustainable society.

The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) provides assistance for heating costs, electric costs, and energy crisis situations. Operating with federal and state funding, the program provides assistance to households across our service area to help lower the burden of monthly energy costs.

WHEAP assistance is a one-time payment during the heating season (October 1-May 15). The funding pays a portion of energy costs, and the payment is not intended to cover the entire annual energy costs of a residence. The amount of the energy assistance payment varies depending on a variety of factors, including the household's size, income, and energy costs.

Crisis assistance may be available if you have no heat, are nearly out of fuel, or your electricity has been or will soon be shut off.

For more information on all of their programs, please call West CAP at (715) 598-4750. You can also visit their westcap.org for an application.

Other Services Available:

- Keep Wisconsin Warm:
800-891-9276 or www.kwwf.org
- Heat for Heroes:
800-891-9276 or www.heat4heroes.org
- Foundation for Rural Housing:
888-400-5974
or <https://www.wisconsinruralhousing.org/>
- VFW Unmet Needs:
608-221-5276 or www.vfwwi.org
- Stepping Stones of Dunn County:
715-235-2920 or www.stepsstonesdc.org
- Salvation Army:
800-SAL-ARMY
or www.centralusa.salvationarmy.org/chippewavalley

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS



The committee on nominations met at the office of the Cooperative in Menomonie, Wisconsin, on the 5th of March 2026 at 1 p.m. and having proceeded to make nominations for directors to be voted on at the Annual Meeting May 14, 2026, do hereby report that we do make the following nominations:

Nominees for director to succeed Karl Varnes:

1. Larrie Rosen
N14420 87th St.
Clear Lake, WI 54005
2. Karl Varnes
N13202 530th St.
Ridgeland, WI 54763

Nominees for director to succeed Dean Stokke:

1. Dean Stokke
E7135 860th Ave.
Colfax, WI 54730
2. James Zons
E6322 County Rd D
Colfax, WI 54730

Nominees for director to succeed Rachel Kummer:

1. Rachel Kummer
N1411 830th St.
Mondovi, WI 54755
2. Paul Rasmussen
E6803 90th Ave.
Mondovi, WI 54755

The by-laws provide that 25 or more members may make their nominations in writing over their signatures on or before 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2026, and if such other nominations are made, they will also be posted with the above list of nominations made by the committee and such additional nominees listed on the ballot.

Anyone nominated for director by petition should turn in a resume and picture of themselves when the petition is turned in. This will give voting members information on directors.

BY-LAW CHANGES & RESOLUTIONS

Any bylaw amendments or resolutions from the member must be in on or before 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 10, 2026, to accompany the annual meeting notice.