

FROM THE BOARD ROOM

May 2026 Board Meeting Highlights

Monthly Reports:

The CEO/General Manager provided an overview of the cooperative's current issues, including scheduling the 2027 annual meeting, an update on member feedback on the demand charge, as well as information on summer lobby hours, policy updates, and the Dairyland Power Cooperative annual meeting.

The CFO report discussed last month's financials.

The Operations report contained information on what the work crews are doing, including testing on a farm, a substation upgrade, pole change-outs, and more.

The Engagement report included information on the annual meeting, website updates and analytics, and demand billing communications.

The Information Technology report discussed the implementation of a customer information system (CIS) electronic assistant and the results of the quarterly Phishing Simulation.

Energy Services provided an update on facility maintenance, load management receiver upgrades, and the status of renewable energy applications.

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.

Other Business:

- Reviewed the monthly report of new Cooperative members.
- Safety Committee report.
- Educational topic: Battery Technology.



Are you ready for an emergency?

By Jolene Fisher

This is a good time to make sure your home, and those of your elderly loved ones and neighbors, are ready for an emergency. Take some time to walk around your property with the list below and start making mental notes of what needs to be tended to.

Here are some things to look at:

If your driveway is lined with trees, is it wide enough for one of our utility trucks to get down if we need to repair our facilities after a storm? Even more importantly, is your driveway cleared wide enough for emergency vehicles? If you had a fire, could a fire engine and ambulance get down your driveway? Ideally, driveways are cleared 10-15-ft wide, with a height clearance of 12-14 feet.

Are the electrical facilities encumbered by landscaping? Shrubs and other hindrances, like deck railings and "decorative" boxes hiding electrical equipment, can cost time during an outage and present a danger to our linemen.

Is your Fire Number visible from the road? Did you know that you can order a new one from the county if yours is too faded to read? Just visit www.co.dunn.wi.us/ruraladdressing and follow the instructions. Placement is with a suggested height of 4.5-ft, as to be visible above snow drifts, and outside of road right-of-way (approximately 33-ft from the centerline of the road).

If you live in an apartment or duplex, is your unit number clearly marked? Is it somewhere other than your garage door so it's always visible?

Are the entrances to your home clear of debris so first responders (and their gear) can enter without having to learn interpretive dance? Making sure planters, benches, and other decorations are clear of the doors is important for quick access.

Last, but not least, have you signed up for CodeRED, the emergency notification app?

Dunn County Emergency Management Coordinator, Jason Spetz, tells us, "With CodeRED, you will receive timely and accurate emergency information directly from Emergency Management. You can also opt in to receive weather warnings direct from the National Weather Service. Registration instructions, and other helpful links, can be found on the Dunn County Emergency Management Website. This is one of the most important steps to take in your preparedness plan."

This may seem like a laundry list of things to take care of but getting them done will save precious time during an emergency. Time when every second counts.



Operation Round Up Deadline Approaching

Operation Round Up® uses the power of cooperation to provide much needed grant dollars for community projects, 501©3 organizations and non-profit groups within the Dunn Energy Cooperative service territory.

If you, or a group you are a part of, are interested in applying for an Operation Round Up grant, you can find the application and our Giving Guidelines on our website at www.dunnenergy.com or by emailing Jolene for an application at jolene@dunnenergy.com. Grant applications are due March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 and reviewed shortly thereafter.

Thank you for your interest. Let's show the community the Power of Change!

