

FROM THE BOARD ROOM

June 2026 Board Meeting Highlights

Monthly Reports:

The CEO/General Manager provided an overview of the cooperative's current issues, including steps being taken to gather member, employee, and board feedback before heading into strategic planning, an update on the two linemen who traveled to the Navajo Nation to participate in the Light Up Navajo project, and more.

The board heard from another Wisconsin cooperative CEO to learn more about how they approach different aspects of utility topics and issues.

The CFO report discussed last month's financials.

The Operations report contained information on the work crews are doing, including 2025 rejected pole change outs, transformer oil sampling, and a possible farm expansion.

The Engagement report included information on the member survey, social media reach and engagement, the pollinator habitat, and more.

The Information Technology report discussed how to better search for items in previous board meetings through a new electronic assistant.

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

The HR/Executive Assistant report included information on the pilot compressed work week schedule, the summer employee outing, and more.

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.
- Updates to Policies 204 and 210 (Member Wiring & Unsafe Conditions and Sale of Electrical Equipment)
- 2026 Capital Credit Retirement

Other Business:

- Reviewed the monthly report of new Cooperative members.
- Safety Committee report
- Educational topic: Nine Star's Unconventional Approach Driven by Community



Beat that Summer Heat

Are the dog days of summer getting to you? Well, here are some ways to help beat the heat!

Create outdoor shade

Since the invention of air conditioning, many homeowners forget the benefit of low-tech strategies of cooling their home. Awnings, canopies, and properly placed trees reduce the amount of solar gain indoors.

Bring some shade inside, too

Draw the blinds or curtains with the sun is beating down on your home. Curtains and mini blinds keep the sun from heating your rooms. Did you also know that you can get sun blocking screens for your windows as well?

Block out the rays

Speaking of sun blocking for your windows, if you don't want to replace the screens, you can get some simple film tint for your windows. This simple DIY treatment is another option for blocking those heat-causing rays.

Stack open windows

Did you know that by opening both upstairs and downstairs windows in a home will create what's known as the "stack effect" that releases hot air

upstairs and lets the cooler air remain downstairs. This is best used at night to remove the hot air from the day.

Seal leaks in your ductwork

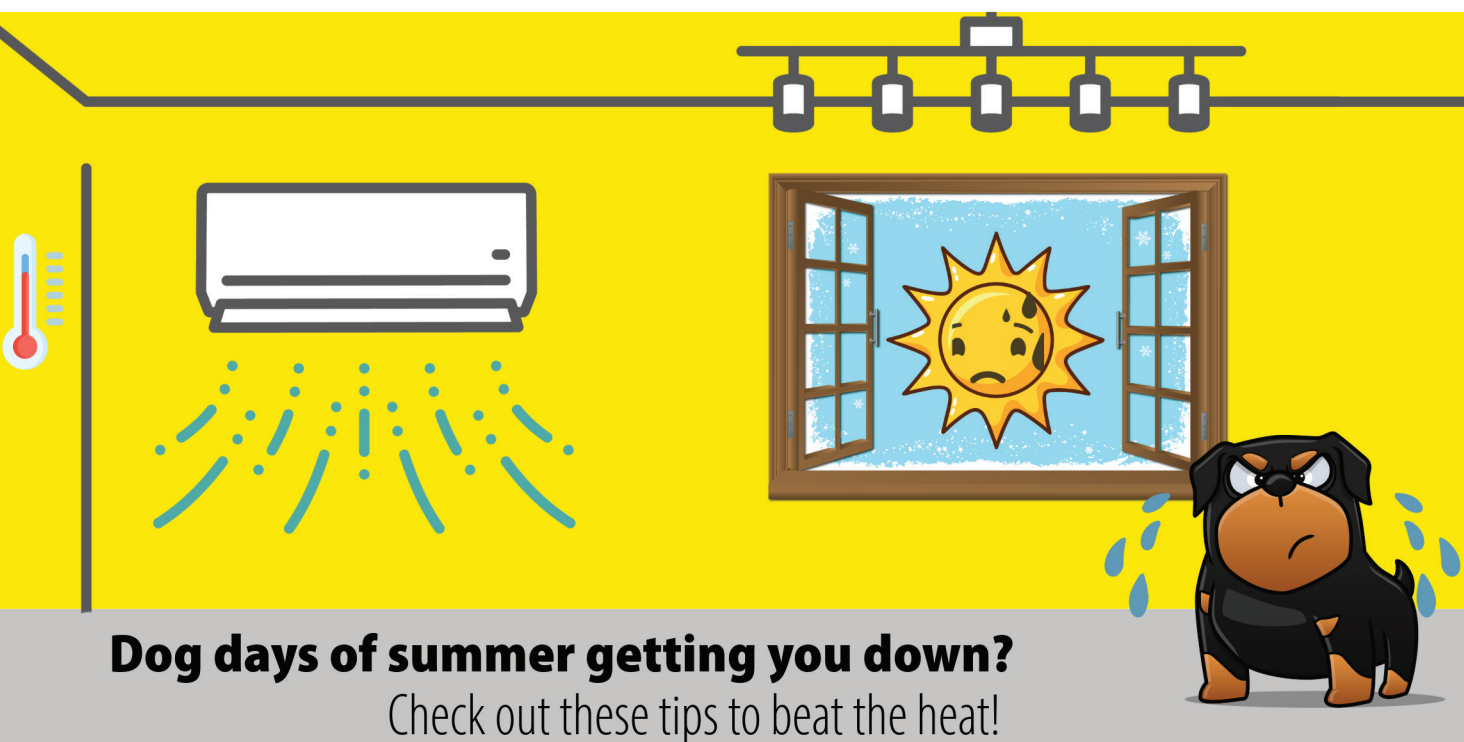
Leaks in your ductwork can reduce the efficiency of your HVAC system by up to 40%. If possible, look at your ducting and use either real (not the brand) duct tape or other measure to seal open joints and other holes.

Consider an energy audit

If you don't even know where to start on your home efficiency journey, consider having a home energy audit. The out-of-pocket cost for members to have an audit done is \$250. That covers the cost of a certified energy auditor coming to your home to test everything from leaks in the windows to the depth of your insulation. At the end, you get a report telling you exactly where you should start to make your home more efficient.

If you're interested in an audit, please reach out to our office at 715-232-6240 or email info@dunnenergy.com and we'll go over the details.

Hopefully, some of these ideas will help you beat that summer heat during these dog days of summer!



Dog days of summer getting you down?
Check out these tips to beat the heat!