

Spotlight

August 2022

Pollinator Habitat Update: The Bees and Butterflies are Happy



With the support of the Board of Directors, the Cooperative took one half acre of previous lawn at the Cooperative offices and transitioned it to a pollinator habitat. In the fall of 2021, the grass was killed off and several pounds of wildflower seeds were hand-sown across the plot.

In the Spring of 2022, the area started to green up, but we were skeptical on what exactly was growing. According to our USDA contact, the first year of a new pollinator habitat usually looks pretty underwhelming. It was a pleasant surprise when flowers started to slowly open up.

Today, the half-acre plot is a rainbow of wildflowers, with a carpet of poppies, candytufts, giant larkspur, wallflower, coreopsis, hound's tongue, and more. There's even dill and coriander for the swallowtail butterflies.

Our hope is that over the next few years, the flowers will seed themselves and fill in the bare spots and attract even more pollinators to the area.



June 2022 Board Meeting Highlights



Monthly Reports:

Operations reported that the cooperative is prepping for the work plan project in the Rock Falls area. Crews are also busy changing out over 200 poles for the Charter Communications

fiber optic internet project, at a cost borne by Charter. Zielies, the new tree contractor, has finished out the 2022 planned brushing areas ahead of schedule and under budget.

The Director of Engagement reported that the pollinator habitat is a success. Flowers are blooming and butterflies and bees are enjoying it. It was also reported that for the first time in a few years, the Cooperative has students interested in attending the Youth Leadership Congress. It will be held at UW-Stout this year instead of UW-River Falls.

Financially, May saw sales almost right on budget (0.53% over). Year-to-date sales are about 4.7% above budget and revenues are 5.92% above budget with the PCA's included or 3.5% when we factor them out.

The CEO/General Manager gave an overview on day-to-day operations. He also notified the board that the Cooperative was approached by a consulting firm that is working with NRECA to help develop a course titled, "Moving Fences: A Guide to Shared Services, System Mergers, and Territorial Acquisitions." They had read the article in the RE Magazine regarding DEC's shared safety and compliance officer and would like to use it as a case study. He also discussed several upcoming meeting and educational opportunities for the board to attend.

The following items were approved:

- Minutes of the May 2022 Board meeting
- Minutes of the May 2022 Reorganizational meeting
- Capital credit estate payout for deceased members.
- Audit committee report of all checks, ACH payments, wire transfers, credit card statements, and investment accounts.

- 401K/RS Plan Resolution Restatement required by NRECA
- Updated language for Renewable Energy Policy 211

Other Business:

Director Zwiefelhofer reported on Dairyland Power activities for the month.

Reviewed the monthly report of new Cooperative members.

Reviewed the monthly governance video that discussed Director Communication with Employees



Do You Know Where These People Are?

Each year Dunn Energy Cooperative advertises for former members who we've lost track of over the years, who have capital credits to be paid out. The list, in part, is printed in the August issue of the Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News magazine. You can also find the complete list on our website at <https://www.dunnenergy.com/capital-credits>.

If you know any of these people, please have them contact us at Dunn Energy Cooperative: 715-232-6240 or 800-924-0630.



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