



WORDS INTO ACTION

By Jesse Singerhouse, General Manager

This magazine article will most likely make it to you either just before or right after our national election. I hope you will (or did) cast your vote. Regardless of your individual political opinion, or which party wins, my sincere hope is that we can always remember that there is way more that unites us as a country than should ever divide us. We firmly believe that in our energy industry especially. Yes, there are policy differences between parties, but at the end of the day our national energy strategy should be very similar to our local one. We want everyone to have energy that is safe, reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible.

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So, on November 6, the political commercials and mailings will stop, thank goodness, but the true work begins. This is when we put words into actions. The words safe, reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible energy aren't just a tagline for us. We work on those day in and day out. We talk about safety and continually train our staff. Our new Sherman Creek substation was recently energized, which will help our cooperative grow and provide more reliable energy service. Staff are taking a deeper look at future

expenses with a goal of minimizing a likely rate increase in 2025 so we can keep your energy as affordable as possible. Finally, we were recently awarded a Powering Affordable Clean Energy (PACE) grant that will help make our next small utility-scale solar project more cost competitive with traditional energy sources. This project will add more environmentally responsible energy to our local grid. Words into action, right here at Dunn Energy Cooperative!

We do all these things not for accolades, social media likes, press coverage, or to increase a stock price. We do them because we are guided by our cooperative principles of working for our member-owners and our community. That concern for the community even extends to those 1,200 miles away. As I write this in early October, two of our line crew are working with over 40 other lineworkers from Wisconsin to help restore power in South Carolina after Hurricane Helene. You'll read more about this effort and others in the following pages.

Hearing all the negative ads and divisiveness from our recent political elections is upsetting. Seeing examples of selfless service to help total strangers in times of need, or seeing the good work of so many of our community members, including our team here at DEC, do on a daily basis reminds me that there are many people who are putting their words into action to make the world just a little bit better. (10482001)

LOAD CONTROL TEST SET FOR NOV 20

Please be advised the Winter Test for Interruptible Heat (Dual Fuel) members is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20. This date is the Wednesday of the week before Thanksgiving, the same test day as prior years. This load control test is performed in advance of the winter Full Load Control season to ensure member familiarity with the control sequence and to ensure that backup heating systems have been validated for proper function.

Residential Interruptible Heat load classes will be controlled as follows:

Control Start: All Interruptible Heat load classes will begin control at 6:55 a.m. without pre-alert.

Restoral: All Interruptible Heat loads will vary in restoral, beginning at 10:30 a.m. with full restoral at 11 a.m.

Hidden Account Numbers

If you find your account number hidden in the pages of this magazine and you call and tell us before the next issue is mailed, we'll put a **\$50 credit** on your electric bill. Happy hunting!

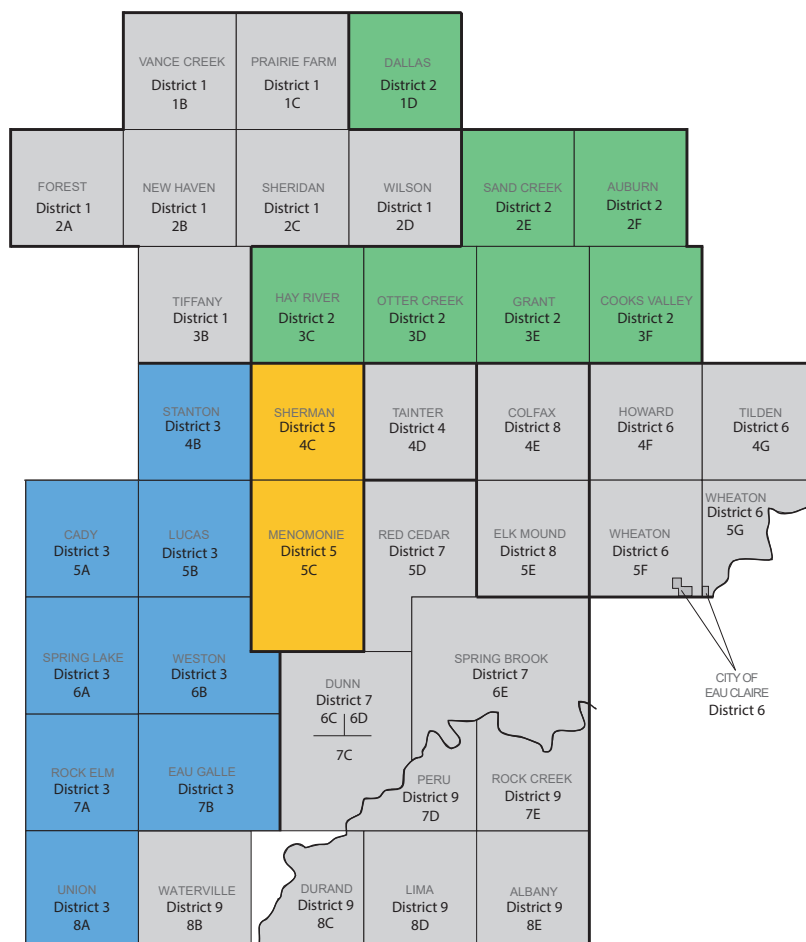
Last month's winners were Carrie Schaefer and Courtney Schoenwetter.

CALLING ALL INTERESTED PARTIES FOR DIRECTOR IN DISTRICTS 2, 3, AND 5!

In the world of not-for-profit organizations, member-owned cooperative businesses included, the board of directors sets the direction of the business. They're the ones who make decisions on rate schedules, annual budgets, special contracts, and more. All of these decisions are made with the guidance of the cooperative leadership team, but ultimately the decision is made by nine members who live and work in our communities. This year, two of our long-serving directors will not be returning to the board room as they have served their full 12 years and are not eligible for reelection. This means we are looking for four

qualified individuals to run for those seats in districts 2 and 5. District 3 director, Jeff Gasteyer, is up for reelection.

The directors have a huge responsibility to the members the cooperative serves. In order to make informed decisions in board meetings, the directors are expected to complete the Credentialed Cooperative Director certification within their first three-year term. The course consists of five full day classes. On top of this, directors have the opportunity to attend many other educational opportunities throughout the year, ranging from energy issues summits and regional trade meetings to our national lobby days.





“Being member-owned and member-driven is a distinct advantage for Dunn Energy Cooperative. We work for, and are governed by, the people who use our power, so our focus is always on serving our members,”

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said Dunn Energy General Manager, Jesse Singerhouse. “We encourage all members to look for ways you can be more involved in your cooperative. This could include running for the board of directors or participating on a member committee.” (5822001)

Do you have the time and interest in serving on your cooperative board of directors? Would you like to help set the direction of the cooperative in coming years? Are you committed to the communities we serve? If so, please watch your mailbox in December

for information on the next director elections. The district notification letter will be sent to members whose districts are up for election. Once that letter comes out, getting on the ballot is simple. Just notify your member of the Nominations Committee of your interest in running. Their information will be listed in the district notification letter. They will provide you with a director’s job description and an application to fill out. You’ll be directed to return the application to either your committee member or the cooperative office. Your committee member will bring your name to the first Nomination Committee meeting. The committee then votes on who to add to the ballots for the annual meeting.

Each year at the annual meeting, three of the nine directors are elected to serve a three-year term on the board of directors. The 2025 Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025. If running for director is something that interests you, please consider this your formal invitation to make a difference.

Yes! I’m Interested in Running for the Board!

Interested in running and want us to contact you when your district is up for election, so you don’t forget? Just fill out this form and return to it the cooperative, or email the information required to info@dunnenergy.com

Name: _____

Account number or location address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____



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DIRECTOR DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

All you need to know

Who is on the board?

The board of directors is made up of nine cooperative members: one from each of the nine cooperative districts.

What does a director do?

A director represents all members of Dunn Energy Cooperative and is responsible for approving general policies, annual budgets, special contracts, capital credit retirements, bylaw amendment changes, rate schedules, and delegating authority to the General Manager to execute and carry out the daily activities of the Cooperative.

When does the board meet?

The board of directors meets the last Monday of each month with meetings beginning at 9 a.m. and regularly lasting until Noon.

Is there any compensation?

Directors are paid a per diem for each meeting attended as well as IRS approved mileage.

What is the time commitment?

From monthly board meetings, DEC’s Annual Meeting, trainings, member events, to workshops and travel, the typical time commitment for board members is approximately 24-30 days/evenings per year.

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY, NEAR AND FAR

October was National Co-op Month. It's our month to spotlight all of the great things that cooperatives stand for. This year was extra special, however. We kicked off Co-op Month with a Day of Service that benefitted the Beaver Creek Reserve. A handful of Dunn Energy employees partnered with Eau Claire Energy Cooperative and Dairyland Power for a full day of service. Trees were cut, brush removed, picnic tables painted, and more. The impact of the day was tens of thousands of dollars' worth of time and materials for a non-profit organization.

Even more incredible was the fact that two of our linemen, Pat Rhude and Landan Romsos, volunteered to go to Aiken Electric Cooperative in South Carolina for up to two weeks to help with rebuilding and restoration of the electric infrastructure in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene.



Above, L-R: Andrew Grant, Mike Frinak, Jolene Fisher, and Jesse Singerhouse help out at the Dairyland Power Cooperative Day of Service at the Beaver Creek Reserve. Left: Mike Frinak cuts down a dead tree near the parking lot of the Beaver Creek Reserve.

As a part of a convoy of 45 linemen and mechanics from 15 Wisconsin electric cooperatives, Pat and Landan headed south on October 2. The destruction was widespread. At one point Georgia co-ops had about 191,000 outstanding outages, with 144,473 in South Carolina and a little more than 100,000 in North Carolina.

"In parts of South Carolina, where our Wisconsin crews are heading, it's not just a restoration, but a complete rebuild," said Rob Richard, Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA) interim president and CEO. "Full substations, and the roads that lead to them, are completely washed away. Even the underground lines are gone. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who are impacted."

This is what being a cooperative is about—being committed to something bigger than yourself and helping those in need. We're proud of our employees and their service to others.



Above: Pat and Landan at Eau Claire Energy in the early hours of October 2, ready to head to Aiken Electric Cooperative in South Carolina. Right: A right-of-way in the Aiken Electric Cooperative service territory shows only a few poles out of dozens are still standing.



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