

The Outlet

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A monthly publication for members of Riverland Energy Cooperative

Annual Meeting date set for March 26

Riverland Energy's Annual Meeting is set for Saturday, March 26 at the Arcadia High School. We are planning for the traditional meeting with pancake breakfast, door prizes, scholarship drawings, etc. Watch for details in future publications.

Electronic voting details coming soon for director elections

Again this year, you may vote for your board of directors electronically. We partnered with a third-party vendor to administer the 2022 director election. This year, director elections will be held in Districts 2, 5, and 9. Details will be coming soon.

Help us keep in touch with you

Keeping your information current makes it easier for us to contact you when it's necessary and keeps your account current so that materials are always accurate. Make sure we have your phone number and e-mail address on your account.

Complete the form on our website or go to your SmartHub account to make updates.

Community Cares grant application due Feb. 20

Riverland Energy provides financial support to community programs through its Community Cares program. Funding for the



Community Cares

Spare change for community needs.

Foundation is donated by members of the co-op who round their monthly electric bill up to the next even dollar amount.

Grants are awarded by a board of directors to non-profit organizations, programs, or projects that improve our local quality of life.

To apply for a grant, download the application on our website. Deadline to apply is February 20, 2022.

2022 REBATES

Riverland Energy continues to offer several types of rebates for residential, agriculture, and business accounts, including custom options. Forms are available on our website, in our offices, or by contacting the cooperative. There are eligibility criteria that must be met in order to qualify for rebates.

Rebates include:

- Home Performance Testing and Upgrade Rebates
- Appliance and Appliance Recycling Rebates
- Lighting Rebates
- EV Charger Rebates
- Water Heater Rebates
- Commercial and Ag Efficiency Incentives

More information about our rebate program can be found on our website by visiting www.riverlandenergy.com.

District Committee Election Notices

This month, members in Districts 3, 4, and 8 will receive a listing of all the members in their districts who can be nominated to the district committee. Please take the time to exercise your right as a member of this Cooperative and vote for representatives in these districts. Those persons elected to the District Committee will be involved in a District Committee meeting, which will take place later in the month of February.

Once elected, your District Committee representative will serve a four-year term and can be considered for re-election when the district meets again at the end of his or her term.

Annual Meeting Plans

The board of directors set March 26, 2022, for the cooperative’s annual meeting at the Arcadia High School in Arcadia. We know our members look forward to the annual meeting each year, and we are hopeful we can provide a traditional one for you. We will plan for a pancake breakfast at 8:00 a.m., with the business meeting at 10:15.



Prior to the annual meeting, we hold district meetings in accordance with your cooperative’s bylaws presenting the opportunity to place names on the ballot for director positions. The fact that we as cooperative members have the right to select our cooperative directors is what sets us apart from other electric utilities.

The district meeting also serves as a prelude to the upcoming annual meeting. The meeting offers members the opportunity to learn more about important issues facing the electric cooperative. Those attending hear the financial position of the co-op, work activities that were completed in 2021, and activities planned in 2022.

Candidates for the Riverland Energy Board of Directors at the 2022 District Committee Meeting will be nominated in districts 2, 5 & 9.

Best regards,

Jerry Sorenson

OPERATING STATISTICS



Kristina Marsolek,
Manager of Finance

| | Monthly | | Year-to-date | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Nov. 2020 | Nov. 2021 | 2020 | 2021 |
| KWHS PURCHASED | 23,406,032 | 23,688,956 | 265,819,867 | 272,405,465 |
| KWHS SOLD | 22,466,310 | 22,823,592 | 255,399,930 | 262,416,412 |
| REVENUE | 2,779,115 | 2,745,406 | 35,510,012 | 35,432,687 |
| COST OF PURCHASED POWER | 1,688,939 | 1,634,619 | 20,873,676 | 21,095,783 |
| OTHER EXPENSES | 1,029,140 | 1,050,192 | 13,539,371 | 13,179,976 |
| OPERATING MARGINS | 61,036 | 60,595 | 1,096,965 | 1,156,928 |
| NON-OPERATING MARGINS | 14,925 | 39,884 | 153,702 | 165,589 |
| CAPITAL CREDITS-ASSOC. ORGANIZATIONS | 52,188 | 63,096 | 958,188 | 1,189,328 |
| TOTAL MARGINS | 128,149 | 163,575 | 2,208,855 | 2,511,845 |

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: *"Be patient with yourself. Self-growth is tender; it's holy ground. There's no greater investment."* ~ Stephen Covey

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS



Members can help family, friends, neighbors, or even strangers stay current on their electric bill. If you would like to help a member by paying \$50, \$100, \$200 or any amount desired towards their electric bill, please send a check with the member's name, address and phone number.

Contact our billing department at 800-411-9115 for more details.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Need help with heating costs?
Contact your local agency:

Trempealeau County:

Trempealeau Co. Social Services:
715-538-2311

Western Wisconsin E.O.C.:
715-985-2391

Buffalo County:

Buffalo County Human Services:
608-685-4412

La Crosse County:

La Crosse Co. Human Services:
608-785-5582

Salvation Army: 608-782-6126

CouleeCap: 608-782-4877

2022 Scholarships

Application Deadline is March 15, 2022

Traditional and At-Large Scholarships

Riverland Energy will award 30 \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors whose parent or guardian resides in the Riverland Energy service territory. Two eligible graduating seniors from each of the following schools will be selected: Alma, Arcadia, Blair-Taylor, C-FC, Durand, Eleva-Strum, G-E-T, Gilmanton, Holmen, Independence, Mondovi, Onalaska, Osseo-Fairchild, Whitehall. In addition, two at-large scholarships will be awarded to an eligible senior who lives in our service territory, but doesn't attend any of the schools listed above.

The recipients will be selected in a random drawing at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 26. The applicant or the applicant's parent/guardian must be present to win.

Line Worker Scholarships

Two \$1,000 Line Worker Scholarship will be awarded to individuals pursuing a post-secondary education in an electrical line worker program. The applicant must be a senior in high school. The applicant can apply for both the general scholarship and the line worker scholarship, but will only be eligible to receive one.

The recipients will be selected in a random drawing at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 26. The applicant or the applicant's parent/guardian must be present to win.

Non-traditional Scholarship

Three \$750 non-traditional scholarships will be awarded to non-traditional students at schools of higher learning. These will be awarded to those returning to a university or technical college after spending a minimum of 3 years in the work



place or raising a family. To be eligible, you or your spouse must be a member in "good standing" and a bona fide resident of the Riverland Energy Cooperative service territory.

Recipients will be chosen in a random drawing at the Riverland Energy Board of Director's meeting from all completed and verified applications.

Applications can be found on our website, at any of our offices, or through the high school guidance counselor.

The application deadline is 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

Carbon dioxide safety

Often called the “silent killer” because of its odorless, tasteless, and colorless nature, carbon monoxide remains the leading cause of accidental poisonings in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning in your home, following these tips:

- Have your fuel-burning appliances inspected by a trained professional at the beginning of every heating season.
- Make certain that flues and chimneys are connected, in good condition, and not blocked.
- Never use a charcoal grill indoors or charcoal briquettes in a fireplace.
- Do not sleep in any room with an unvented gas or kerosene space heater.
- Do not use any gasoline-powered engines (mowers, weed trimmers, snow blowers, chainsaws, small engines, or generators) in enclosed spaces.
- Install a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector in your home and check or replace the battery twice a year.

Enter our photo contest for a chance to win a \$25 electric bill credit



Submit a photo of your pet for this month's photo contest before January 25. The photo that has the most votes will win a \$25 electric bill credit! Each member who submits a photo will be put into a drawing at the end of the contest for a chance to win a \$250 electric bill credit. Go to our Facebook page or website to submit a photo and vote.

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- **Monitor Energy Use**
- **Pay Bills**
- **Contact Us**



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Holmen, WI 54636

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7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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608-323-3381

Outages & Emergencies
Call 800-927-6206,
24 hours a day

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