



News FOR YOU...

Are You Ready to Serve on the Board of Directors? Important Information for the 87th Annual Meeting

Barron Electric Cooperative's 87th Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 25 at the Barron High School and will include elections for Barron Electric's Board of Directors Districts 2, 4, and 8. Our directors play an important role in helping us make informed decisions on long-term priorities and investments.

Director Nominations

Our cooperative is led by members like you. Nominations of candidates to the post of Director may be made by petition signed by ten (10) members residing within the director district that the nominee would represent or from the floor during the Annual

Meeting. Director Districts open for nomination of candidates and election are shown on the map and listed as follows:

DISTRICT 2 (Three-year term)

Town of Dewey in Burnett County; Towns of Barronett, Bashaw, Evergreen and Spooner in Washburn County.

DISTRICT 4 (Three-year term)

Towns of Cumberland, Lakeland and Maple Plain in Barron County; Town of Roosevelt in Burnett County.

DISTRICT 8 (Three-year term)

Towns of Almena, Arland, Crystal Lake, Prairie Farm, Turtle Lake and Vance Creek in Barron County; Towns of Clayton and Clear Lake in

Polk County; Towns of New Haven and Sheridan in Dunn County.

In order to be eligible for nomination by petition, each signature on the petition must be that of the individual in whose name the membership is held. Director nominees must reside within the district they are to represent. Members may call Barron Electric's office and request a petition or write their own.

The nominee's name will be printed on the ballot when the properly signed petition is received at the office of Barron Electric Cooperative, PO Box 40, Barron, WI 54812, no later than 12 o'clock noon, **Monday, February 13, 2023**. If the nominee wishes to be on the biographical handout at the Annual Meeting, a photograph and biographical information needs to be submitted with the signed petition.

Nominations of Candidates and Resolutions due February 13, 2023

Resolutions

In order to make the Annual Meeting more orderly and to provide ample time for the membership to consider complex matters thoroughly, and because a resolution is generally a complicated motion requiring study and consideration, all formal resolutions which are to be presented to the meeting will, as in prior years, be reviewed by a Resolutions Committee prior to the Notice of the Annual Meeting being sent. This will not restrict the right of any member to make simple motions at the Annual Meeting.

		Brooklyn	Gull Lake	Stinnett	Hayward				
Scott	Casey	Trego	Spring Brook	Bass Lake	Bass Lake				
Rusk	Evergreen	Spooner	Crystal	Stone Lake	Sand Lake				
Dewey	Bashaw	Beaver Brook	Madge	Birchwood					
Roosevelt	Barronett	Sarona	Long Lake	Birchwood					
Maple Plain	Lakeland	Bear Lake	Oak Grove	Cedar Lake					
Crystal Lake	Cumberland	Stanford	Rice Lake	Doyle					
Almena	Clinton	Barron	Stanley	Sumner	Strickland	Stubbs			
Clayton	Turtle Lake	Arland	Maple Grove	Prairie Lake	Chetek	Rusk	Big Bend		
Clear Lake	Vance Creek	Prairie Farm	Dallas	Sioux Creek	Dovre	Sampson			
	New Haven	Sheridan		Sand Creek					

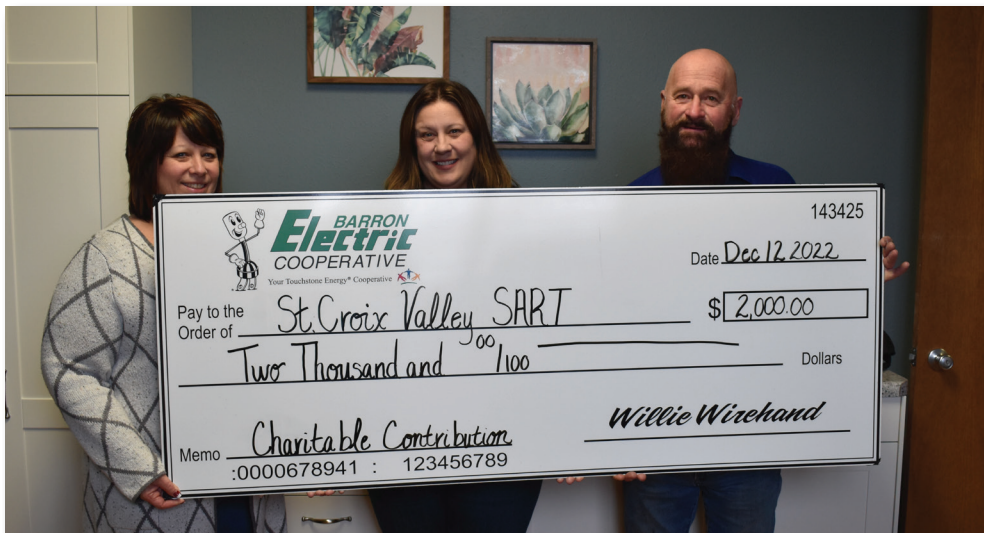
*Condensed Board Minutes October 26, 2022

Randy Cook
is President
of Barron
Electric's Board
of Directors
and represents
District 7, which
includes the
following townships: Stanley,
Sumner, Strickland, Stubbs, Rusk,
and Big Bend.



- A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #100870 thru #100991 of CCF Bank in the amount of \$547,864 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$13,350. Total receipts in the office - \$2,399,895; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$922,887; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$1,611,003; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$194,653 and power bill paid 10/26/2022 in the amount of \$2,651,011.
- A membership list of 72 was presented and accepted without objection.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of September in the amount of \$280,055.90 was presented for approval and included new services - \$41,455.94; change jobs - \$19,225.43; Other Work Order Projects - \$219,374.53 and 7 retirements. Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Overtime year-to-date is 2,565 hours, which is 10% below 2021 hours of 2,840.

* View full board minutes on SmartHub at barronelectric.com.



Barron Electric Board Director Larry Kuhl presented a \$2,000 check to St. Croix Valley Sexual Assault Response Team represented by Wendy Dernovsek and Melissa Vesperman.

Donation Helps Provide Training

Ba \$2,000 donation to St. Croix Valley Sexual Assault Response Team. The donation will be used to help pay for Clinical Skills lab training. The mission of SART is to improve community health and safety by providing comprehensive services and resources that respond to and prevent interpersonal violence.

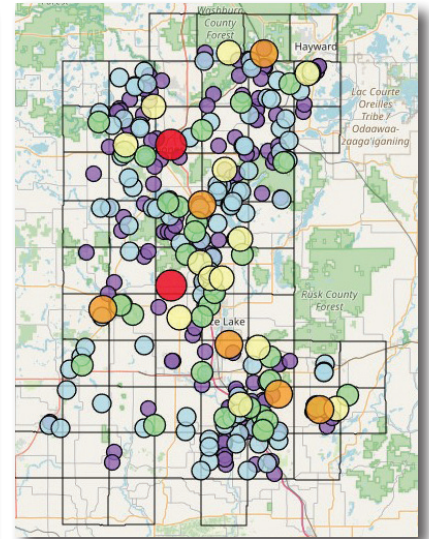
The \$2,000 donation includes a match from Barron Electric's lender, CoBank, who administers the Sharing Success Program. The program is designed to match the contributions of CoBank customers to the charitable groups they support throughout rural America. Funds for Barron Electric donations are derived from the Federated Youth Foundation, an administrative trust overseeing unclaimed capital credits of former members.



Barron Electric has seven Community Rays panels available for \$550 each with a 12-year agreement. These solar panels are maintained by the cooperative, offering members the opportunity to purchase clean energy without the hassle of equipment installs or upkeep. In 2022, members received over \$30 per unit as a renewable energy credit on their electric bill.



Winter Storm Leaves Over 7,000 Members without Power



Barron Electric experienced wide-spread outages, as indicated on our outage map above, after the December 15 winter storm containing heavy snow left more than 7,000 members without power. Crews from Allmakee Clayton, MiEnergy, Rice Lake Utilities, Barron Utilities, Cumberland Utilities, Jolma, PUSH, and Zielies Tree Service assisted our crews. We appreciated our members' patience.

Right-of-Way Clearing Helps Reduce Outages

The Right-of-Way Clearing Program helps reduce contact between trees and power lines. Trees and vegetation growing into the right-of-way can cause power outages, cause lights to blink, and become a fire and safety hazard. Barron Electric hires contractors to clear trees and brush in sixty-one townships on a rotational schedule of every five to six years depending on the county. Zielies Tree Service will clear the townships listed below in 2023. If you have any questions, please contact the Operations Department at 800-322-1008 or e-mail us at operations@barronelectric.com.



2023 Right-of-Way Clearing Schedule



Barron County

Chetek
Dallas
Prairie Farm
Prairie Lake
Sioux Creek
Stanley

Burnett County

Roosevelt

Dunn County

Sand Creek
Sheridan

Washburn County

Barronett

Improving Reliability at the Haugen Substation

Barron Electric line crews worked with Dairyland Power Cooperative linecrews and Dawes Rigging & Crane Company to upgrade the transformer from a 5 MVA to a 10 MVA at the Haugen Substation. This will help increase capacity and allow better options when backfeeding. In this case, backfeeding was done and the substation was deenergized, allowing line crews to work safely while members remained with power.



Upgrading Equipment = Efficiency



Line crews updated a piece of equipment on the distribution lines. Upgrades help make Barron Electric more efficient and continue to build a more robust system to provide reliable power to our membership.

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Important Information Regarding Annual Meeting

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All resolutions must be in writing, properly signed, dated, and with the member's address and phone number. Hand-written resolutions will be considered only if legible as determined by the Resolutions Committee. Resolutions to be considered must be received no later than 12 o'clock noon on **Monday, February 13, 2023** and should be addressed as follows:

Barron Electric Cooperative Board President
c/o Resolutions Committee
Barron Electric Cooperative;
PO Box 40; Barron, WI 54812

Resolutions received by the deadline will be reviewed by the Resolutions Committee appointed from the membership of the Cooperative by the President of the Board of Directors. Copies of resolutions to be presented and considered at the Annual Meeting will be mailed in advance to the members so that each member will have time to consider the same.

New Year, New Savings

Visit our website at barronelectric.com to learn about programs to help you save energy and money. Rebates are available on select Energy Star appliances and energy efficient equipment.

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