

News FOR YOU...

GPS Project to Help Increase Efficiency

Barron Electric's Board of Directors approved a 2-year project to field inventory the cooperative's electric system for internal use using Global Positioning Systems (GPS) technology. This spring, Global Mapping Solutions (GMS) will begin inventory of the cooperative's system to include GPS coordinates of all equipment on the system. This process is similar to the way that Google Maps collects data, such as roads, highways, and business locations, and displays on their maps. Member data will not be displayed publicly.

This project will help improve the outage dispatch process and provide a safer electric system for our crews, contractors, members, and the public. Once completed, this should allow better communication from the cooperative to our membership during outage situations.

Global Mapping Solutions utilizes cutting-edge GPS and Geographic Information System (GIS) technology to provide the most accurate and complete data as efficiently as possible. Throughout their 30-year career, GMS has successfully recorded 35 million GPS points.

Global Mapping Solutions will start at a small substation, north of New Auburn. Once complete, they will start in the northern part of Barron Electric's service territory and move south. GMS will be on members' property to inventory equipment, i.e. meters and transformers. GMS will use ATV/UTVs and access the Right-of-Way by foot when necessary. Their vehicles will include magnetic signs with Barron Electric's logo, and GMS crews will carry identification badges noting they are contracted by Barron Electric.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Operations Department at 800-322-1008 or operations@barronelectric.com.



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Seeking Members to Serve on Board of Directors

New Location for Barron Electric's Annual Meeting

Barron Electric Cooperative's 88th Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 23 at the Barron Area Community Center, located adjacent to Barron High School, and will include elections for Barron Electric's Board of Directors Districts 1, 5, and 7. 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



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Providing Critical Support to Healthcare Services

Dairyland Power Cooperative, in collaboration with Barron Electric Cooperative, presented a check to Marshfield Medical Center - Rice Lake Hospice, demonstrating

their ongoing commitment to supporting the communities they serve through the Cooperative Contributions Program. The \$1,000 donation reflects

the shared values of Dairyland Power and Barron Electric in extending critical support to local healthcare services. Barron Electric has supported both Rice Lake Hospice and Regional Hospice. Hospice care is a patient-centered, family-oriented approach to care for anyone with a life-limiting illness.

“Enhancing the quality of life in the communities we serve is central to our mission at Dairyland and those of our members such as Barron Electric,” said Brent Ridge, Dairyland President and CEO. “It is our hope that this donation to Marshfield Medical Center - Rice Lake Hospice will help support the essential care they provide to patients and families during challenging times.”

“We are grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the outstanding work of Marshfield Medical Center - Rice Lake Hospice,” added Aaron Torud, Barron Electric General Manager. “This donation reflects our shared belief in the importance of accessible and compassionate healthcare for all.”



Dairyland Power Cooperative, Barron Electric’s wholesale power supplier, recently donated \$1,000 to Marshfield Medical Center – Rice Lake Hospice. Pictured are Aaron Torud, Barron Electric’s General Manager; Mike Baker, Vice President on Barron Electric’s Board of Directors; Barb Agen, VP of Patient Care Services and Operations, John Nelson, Manager of Marshfield Medical Center-Rice Lake Hospice, Brad Foss, Director of Environmental and Compliance at Dairyland Power Cooperative and Steve Schauer, Manager of Real Estate and Right-of-Way at Dairyland Power Cooperative.

Ring in the New Year with Energy Star Rebates



When purchasing new appliances, look for the Energy Star label, which ensures you are buying one of the top efficient models. Barron Electric offers rebates on the following appliances:

Energy Star® Clothes Washer	\$25
Energy Star® Electric Clothes Dryer	\$25
Energy Star® Dehumidifier	\$25
Energy Star® Dishwasher	\$25
Energy Star® Freezer	\$25
Energy Star® Refrigerator (>= to 10 cubic feet).....	\$25
Inductive Range	\$25
Refrigerator or Freezer Recycling	\$25
Room Air Conditioner Recycling	\$25

Visit our website at barronelectric.com for more details on Energy Star® rebates. Rebates must be submitted within three months of purchase.

88th Annual Meeting

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to the post of Director may be made by a 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 1 (Three-year term)

Towns of Rusk and Scott in Burnett County; Towns of Bass Lake and Hayward in Sawyer County; Towns of Bass Lake, Brooklyn, Casey, Gull Lake, Springbrook, Stinnett and Trego in Washburn County.

District 5 (Three-year term)

Towns of Bear Lake, Doyle, Oak Grove, Rice Lake and Stanfold in Barron County. Town of Long Lake in Washburn County.

District 7 (Three-year term)

Towns of Stanley and Sumner in Barron County; Towns of Big Bend, Rusk, Strickland, and Stubbs in Rusk 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, PO Box 40, Barron, WI 54812, no later than 12 o'clock noon, **Monday, February 12, 2024**. 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.

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

			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	Stanfold	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					

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.

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 12, 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.

2024 Right-of-Way Clearing

Zielie's Tree Service will clear trees and brush in the eleven townships listed. This program helps reduce contact between trees and power lines, which can cause power outages, blinking lights, and become a fire and safety hazard. If you have any questions, please contact the Operations Department at 800-322-1008 or operations@barronelectric.com.

Barron County
Arland
Cedar Lake
Doyle
Lakeland
Maple Grove
Oak Grove
Rice Lake
Sumner
Burnett County
Rusk
Washburn County
Evergreen
Trego

Photo Contest

E-mail your winter photo for a chance to win a \$50 credit on your electric bill. Criteria includes:

- Photos must have a horizontal orientation (landscape) and must be high resolution, 300 dpi or higher.
- Member must own rights to the photo.
- E-mail your digital image to memberservices@barronelectric.com by January 10, 2024. Include your Barron Electric account number, address, and phone number.
- By submitting your photo, you are granting Barron Electric permission to use your photo in a variety of publications and on our website.



New Year's Resolution: Save Energy

There are several ways members can save energy that are simple and inexpensive while saving money during the winter months:

- Open curtains on the south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat the home. Close them at night to reduce the chill from cold windows.
- While at home, set the thermostat as low as comfortable.
- When asleep, turn the thermostat back to save up to 10% on heating bills.
- Replace furnace filters monthly or as needed.
- Keep water heater to the warm setting at 120°F.

Visit energy.gov for more energy-saving tips.

*Condensed Board Minutes

October 25, 2023

Patricia Mandel represents District 6 on Barron Electric's Board of Directors which includes the townships of Clinton, Barron, Maple Grove, and Prairie Lake.



- A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #102290 through #102415 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$578,542 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$0. Total receipts in the office - \$2,620,258; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$421,090; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$1,731,998; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$209,756 and power bill paid on October 25, 2023, in the amount of \$2,229,591.
- A membership list of 74 was presented and accepted without objection.
- Inventory of Work Orders summarizing construction activity for the month of September in the amount of \$168,011.17 was presented for approval and included new services - \$38,692.45; change jobs - \$7,065.95; Other Work Order Projects - \$122,252.77 and 0 retirements. The Inventory of Work Orders stood approved as presented.

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

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Rate Adjustment Coming in 2024

Barron Electric's Board of Directors and executive team have been working with Power Systems Engineering to analyze rates. Increased costs for materials, equipment and interest have impacted the cost of providing service to our membership. More information will be coming in the February News for You.

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