



News FOR YOU...

Board Director Selmer Nelson Not Seeking Reelection

Selmer Nelson has served on Barron Electric’s Board of Directors, representing District 8, for more than 45 years, serving as President for 35 years. He also represented Barron Electric on Dairyland Power Cooperative’s Board of Directors and attended national and regional meetings. He was instrumental in forming member committees to obtain member input, as well as keeping electric rates among the lowest in the Dairyland Power system. He shared his passion for parliamentary procedure among cooperative staff and members, as well as the community. Barron Electric’s General Manager Dallas Sloan remarked, “I would like to thank Sam for his leadership, integrity and dedicated service.”

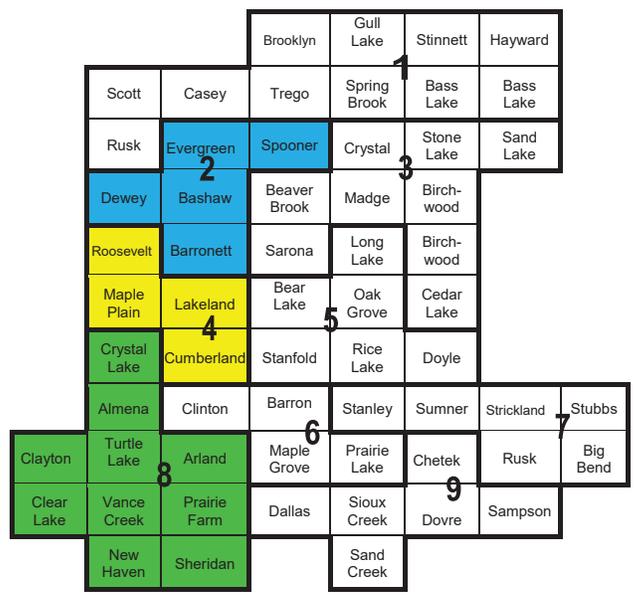


Our Cooperative is Led by Members Like You Important Information for the 84th Annual Meeting

We invite members to Barron Electric Cooperative’s 84th Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 28 at the Barron High School. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with the business meeting following at 10 a.m. This is your opportunity to learn more about the cooperative, receive industry updates, and elect directors.

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)

Incumbent Tim Kessler has filed notification of candidacy. District 2 includes the Town of Dewey in Burnett County; Towns of Barronett, Bashaw, Evergreen and Spooner in Washburn County.

Barbara Kromrey Wins the Megawatt Community Service Award



Carrie Baribeau, Barron Electric's Communication Specialist, presents the Megawatt Community Service Award to Barbara Kromrey (left).

Barbara Kromrey has volunteered with the St. Joseph Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for twelve years and currently serves as President. The Conference is dedicated to improving the lives of those struggling in Barron County through services offered by St. Vincent de Paul's Pantry and Kitchen and the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. They provide invaluable community services, such as alleviating hunger, temporary shelter for displaced families, clothing and household items for those people in poverty, financial assistance, and more. In 2018, over 13,800 hot meals were served, over 444,000 pounds of food were used and/or distributed, and nearly 1,300 volunteer hours were provided. Clothing and household supplies helped 291 neighbors. Barbara remarked, "It is a great feeling to help those in need."

Win a \$50 Electric Bill Credit

Barron Electric is led by members like you who understand and listen to the community. Nominate a member for the Megawatt Community Service Award. Each winner will receive a \$50 electric bill credit. Application forms can be found at barronelectric.com in the community area or by contacting the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008.

Electric Vehicle Update

- Tesla unveiled a Cybertruck with an anticipated arrival date of late 2021. The price is estimated at \$40,000. Several other manufacturers are expected to launch around the same time.
- Ford built the Mustang Mach-E First Edition which is sold out in America. The cost of this vehicle is \$61,000. The vehicle has a bigger battery, all-wheel drive, and an estimated 270 miles on a charge.
- Toyota will introduce a RAV4 Prime plug-in hybrid in 2021.

Source: EPRI



Test out Barron Electric's all electric Chevy Bolt.

Reducing Outages with Right-of-Way Clearing Program

Zielies Tree Service will be clearing the townships listed. If you have any questions, please contact the Operations Department at 800-322-1008.

- Barron County**
- Cumberland
- Dovre
- Turtle Lake
- Vance Creek
- Chippewa County**
- Sampson
- Dunn County**
- New Haven
- Polk County**
- Clayton
- Clear Lake
- Washburn County**
- Bass Lake
- Brooklyn
- Casey
- Gull Lake
- Stinnett



Right-of-way clearing helps reduce contact between trees and power lines which reduces outages and improves safety for our line crews.

The Prime Bar and Family Dining is Built on Traditions

Family recipes carry on the tradition of good home cooking at The Prime Bar and Family Dining. Owner Julie Predni explains that her mother and grandmother's recipes play an integral role in the restaurant's success. Soups, spaghetti sauce, meatballs, and meatloaf are all made from scratch. Julie has owned the Prime Bar and Family

Dining for fifteen years. Her parents, Richard and Carol Predni, purchased the restaurant in 1978. Julie has a love for art which includes drawings she created of her parents and others that are displayed throughout the restaurant. The Prime has been a huge supporter of Special Olympics. Julie has drawn and

sold hearts, with the proceeds given to Special Olympics.

Julie remarked, "Our staff of 36 employees treat our customers like family." Enjoy delicious food at The Prime Bar and Family Dining, open daily from 7 am - 10 pm. Reservations are recommended on the weekend and holidays and can be made by calling 715-635-3259.



Julie's drawing of her parents decorates the wall of the Prime Bar and Family Dining, which is open seven days a week.

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DISTRICT 4 (Three-year term)
Incumbent Scott Warwick has filed notification of candidacy. District 4 includes the Towns of Cumberland, Lakeland and Maple Plain in Barron County; Town of Roosevelt in Burnett County.

DISTRICT 8 (Three-year term)
Director Selmer Nelson has filed notification of non-candidacy. District 8 includes the 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.

If it is desired to have the

nominee's name on the printed ballot, it is necessary that the properly signed petition be received at the office of Barron Electric Cooperative, PO Box 40, Barron, WI 54812, no later than 12 o'clock noon, **Monday, February 10, 2020.**

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 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 10, 2020** 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.

Cook's Corner

Hot Mexican Dip Linda Crossett

1 ½ lbs. lean ground beef
1 lb. Jimmy Dean regular sausage
2 lbs. Velveeta Cheese
3-4 oz. cans chopped green chilies
1-15 oz. can tomato sauce
1 small can tomato paste

Brown ground beef and sausage. Drain grease and return to large pan. Add 2 pounds Velveeta cheese cut in chunks, 3 (4 ounce) cans chopped green chilies, 1 (15-ounce) can tomato sauce, and 1 small can tomato paste. If you like it a little more spicy, you can add a 4 ounce can of chopped jalapeno peppers. Cook over low heat just until cheese is melted. Serve warm with Tortilla chips, corn chips or Fritos. This can be served in a crock pot on low heat.

Director Notes

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



*Condensed Board Minutes October 30, 2019

- Director Helm gave the treasurer's report, with comments by Manager Sloan. A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #96776 thru #96965 of CCF Bank was in the amount of \$266,093 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$22,901. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$3,222,756; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$2,650,609; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$5,017,477; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$199,611 and power bill paid 10/30/19 in the amount of \$1,919,905.
- A membership list of 79 was presented and approved without objection by the board.
- Director Baker reported on the DPC meeting he attended on October 17 & 18, 2019. Director Mandel reported on the Safety Meeting she attended on September 26, 2019. Directors Kessler and Mandel reported on the Credentialed Cooperative Director courses they attended on October 22 & 23, 2019. Director Bol reported on the Safety Meeting he attended on October 24, 2019. The directors reviewed the Monthly Safety Report from Denise Fox, Compliance Safety and Training Officer.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the past month in the amount of \$160,579.76 was presented for approval, and included new services - \$16,564.34; change jobs - \$9,594.10; miscellaneous - \$134,421.32 and 0 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

* View full board minutes on SmartHub.

Monthly Photo Contest Valentine's Day

E-mail your Valentine's Day photos for our photo contest. Winning photos will be used on the cover of the *News for You*, and the winner will receive a \$50 credit on their electric bill.

Criteria for the photos include:

- Photos must have a horizontal orientation (landscape).
- Photos must be high resolution, at least 300 dpi.
- Member must own rights to the photo.
- E-mail your digital image to memberservices@barronelectric.com by January 5, 2020. Include your Barron Electric account number, address, and phone number.
- By submitting your photo, you are granting Barron Electric Cooperative permission to use your photo in a variety of publications and on our website.



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