

News FOR YOU...

Barron Electric's Board of Directors Selects New General Manager

Barron Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Aaron Torud is the new general manager. He will be replacing Dallas Sloan who retired in April of this year.

Aaron brings over 24 years of experience and electric cooperative knowledge with him. He comes to Barron Electric from Riverland Energy Cooperative in Arcadia, Wisconsin where he was the Manager of Member Services, Billing, and Key Accounts. Aaron has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreation Management and a

minor in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse, as well as a Masters of Business Administration from Viterbo University.

Aaron served as President of the Wisconsin Member Services Association. He was active in his community and served on the La Crosse Area Development Corporation, the Holmen Business Association, and the Onalaska Area Business Association. He was also a board member for the Holmen Youth Fastpitch Association, Holmen Activities



Aaron Torud has over 24 years of experience with electric cooperatives.

Join us for Barron Electric's 85th Annual Meeting

Join us on Thursday, August 19 for Barron Electric's 85th Annual Meeting at the Barron High School. Registration will start at 3:30 p.m. Bring your July or August bill statement to register. Each member will receive an 85th Anniversary cutting board. All members and guests will receive a meal as well as a pound of cheese at the conclusion of the meeting. The grand prize will be a free year of energy, excluding facility charges. The Kids' Program includes face painting, games, and prizes.

See official notice on page 3 of the newsletter.



Booster Club, and Holmen Youth Baseball Parent's Association. Aaron and his wife, Karen, have two children. Aaron said, "I look forward to serving Barron Electric's members in this role and working with the outstanding team of employees."

Barron Electric's Board President, Randy Cook, commented, "We are pleased Aaron Torud will be joining our team and look forward to his building on the strong foundation already in place at Barron Electric." The Board extends their gratitude to Dallas Sloan for his dedication and leadership over his 36-year career at Barron Electric Cooperative.

Helping Our Communities



Richard Bol, Barron Electric Cooperative Board Director, presents a \$1,000 check to members of the Canton Park Committee including Judy Herrman, Sandy Tomczak, Joy Bartsch, and Bobbi Demers. Funds will be used to purchase newer, safer playground equipment and improving the parking area for easy access for the handicapped.



Barron Electric donated \$500 to help the Rice Lake Curling Club's Youth Program. Pictured is Jessie Margan.



Beth and Nick Schradle and Kelsey Anderson (far right) accept a \$1,000 donation from Barron Electric Board Director Bill Effertz. The funds will be used to help build a basketball court at the Clayton Park to help memorialize two teens lost in a tragic car accident.



Members to Share \$600,000 in Cashback Credits

Credit Included on August Bill Statement

Barron Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors approved retiring \$600,000 in Cashback Credits, also known as capital credits. Barron Electric will retire cashback credits for the year 2001 at 100% of the remaining balance of the cooperative portion and for the year 2002 at 43% of the cooperative portion.

Over 6,000 current members eligible for a capital credit check will see a credit on their August bill statement. Former members eligible for cashback credits will receive a check.

Cashback credits reflect the member's contribution of capital to the cooperative. The capital provided by members help us keep rates low and reduces the amount of money needed to borrow from outside lenders to build, maintain, and expand a reliable electric distribution system. Barron Electric will be combining the annual meeting with cooperative month events to help reduce exposure to COVID-19.



Employee Spotlight



Lineman Tyler Nanstad talks to students about equipment used to keep linepersons safe.

Lineman Tyler Nanstad has a degree in Electrical Power Distribution from Chippewa Valley Technical College. He has a wide array of utility experience including working at the City of Spooner Utilities, Xcel Energy in LaCrosse, and Com Ed in Chicago. Tyler helps to provide reliable power and maintain the electric system.

Tyler and his wife, Kortney, have three children. He enjoys deer hunting, wood working, and spending time with friends and family. He commented, "Our broad service territory allows for a lot of variety in both the work we do and the people we meet, which I enjoy."

Official Notice of the 85th Annual Meeting

Pursuant to the provision of the bylaws, notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the members of Barron Electric Cooperative will be held Thursday, August 19 at the Barron High School in Barron with registration beginning at 3:30 p.m. The business meeting will follow at 5:00 p.m. to take action upon the following matters:

- To elect three directors to serve a three-year term in Districts 1, 5, and 7
- Presentation of reports
- To address all other business that may come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments, thereof.

Dated this 27th day of July 2021
Scott Warwick, Secretary



Barron Electric will be following the CDC guidelines for face masks and social distancing.

Photo Contest

Winner receives a \$50 Credit



E-mail your summer photos to memberservices@barronelectric.com for a chance to win a \$50 credit on your electric bill. Criteria for the photos include:

- Photos must have a horizontal orientation (landscape) and must be high resolution, 300 dpi or higher.
- Must own rights to the photo.
- E-mail your digital image to memberservices@barronelectric.com by August 9, 2021. 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.

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* View full board minutes on SmartHub.



Scott Warwick serves as Secretary on Barron Electric's Board of Directors representing District 4, which includes the following townships: Roosevelt, Maple Plain, Lakeland, and Cumberland.

- Director Kessler gave the treasurer's report, with comments by Interim General Manager Olson. A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #98894 thru #99024 of CCF Bank was in the amount of \$686,944 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$14,869. Director Kessler reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$1,694,209; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$256,874; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$1,076,164; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$185,245 and power bill paid 05/26/2021 in the amount of \$1,688,128.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of April in the amount of \$84,724.27 was presented for approval, and included new services - \$6,098.38; change jobs - \$6,231.60; miscellaneous - \$72,394.29 and 1 retirement. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

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