

News FOR YOU...

Board Director Arlyn Helm Not Seeking Re-election

Arlyn Helm has served on Barron Electric Cooperative's Board since 1988 representing District 1. Arlyn remarked, "I enjoyed working for the membership and helping to ensure reasonable electric rates." Arlyn served as treasurer of the board for ten years. He attended many regional and national meetings and met with legislators to keep them informed of topics related to electric cooperatives. He was the Chief Sergeant of Arms at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Annual Meeting. Thank you Arlyn for your 33 years of service!

Pictured right: Barron Electric Directors Arlyn Helm (left) and Mike Baker (right) were recognized by Jim Matheson, President and CEO of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, for completing their board leadership certificate.



Important Annual Meeting Information

Director Nominations and Resolutions Due July 12

We invite members to Barron Electric's 85th Annual Meeting on Thursday, August 19 at the Barron High School. Registration starts at 3:30 p.m. with the business meeting following at 5:00 p.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 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 listed as follows:

District 1 (Three-year term)

Town 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.

If it is desired to have the nominee's name on the printed ballot, it is necessary that the properly signed petition be received

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\$21,000 in Scholarships Help Students Pursue Their Dreams

Barron Electric Cooperative is proud to present the 2021 scholarship winners. Each student was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Students exemplified academic achievement, commitment to their community, and leadership ability. Winners have chosen a wide array of majors from business, nursing, engineering, art, and archaeology, just to name a few. Since 1985, Barron Electric has awarded over \$340,000 to 391 students. Funds for this program are derived from unclaimed capital credits.



*Madelyn Larson
Barron High School*



*Zackary Mickelson
Barron High School*



*Elora Repman
Birchwood High School*



*Tyler Larson
Cameron High School*



*Kendra Schuebel
Cameron High School*



*Sydney Antczak
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser
High School*



*Rebecca York
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser
High School*



*Abigail Schradle
Clayton High School*



*Ryley Otto
Cumberland
High School*



*Travis Runberg
Cumberland
High School*



*Taylor Hammerel
Hayward High School*



*Emily Paffel
Hayward High School*



*Kate Malmanger
New Auburn
High School*



*Eryn Bates
Prairie Farm
High School*



*Makaylin Christenson
Prairie Farm
High School*



*Mara VanGilder
Rice Lake
High School*



*Carley Widiker
Rice Lake
High School*



*Haley Balts
Shell Lake
High School*



*Jace Burch
Spooner
High School*



*Noah Olson
Spooner
High School*



*Kody Nitchey
Turtle Lake
High School*

Chris Kroeze at Music in the Park Fundraiser for Honor Flight

Barron Electric Cooperative is proud to sponsor Chris Kroeze at Barron's Music in the Park on *Wednesday, June 23. The concert will start at 6:00 p.m. at Anderson Park, North Mill Street in Barron. Food and beverages will be available for sale starting at 5:00 p.m. Proceeds will be given to the Honor Flight.

Honor Flight

Barron Electric will be hosting a fundraiser for the Honor Flight. The Never Forgotten Honor Flight is a not-for-profit organization of dedicated volunteers providing Veterans with respect, gratitude and honor, by flying them free of charge to Washington D.C. to visit their memorials. There are Barron Electric members on the Honor Flight waiting list, and Barron Electric is proud to help sponsor them.

Veterans from the Merchant Marine, WWII, Korea, or Vietnam can complete an online application at neverforgottenhonorflight.com/application to sign up for the Honor Flight. If you have any questions, please contact 715-573-8519.

*Rain date: Thursday, June 24



Board Announced No Rate Change for Residential Members *Decrease for Off-Peak Energy Charges*

	May 1, 2020	May 1, 2021	Change
Storage Heat Energy Charge	\$0.0695	\$0.0550	-18.3%
Dual Fuel or Interruptible Heat Energy Charge	\$0.0750	\$0.0740	-0.39%
Facility Charge	\$5.25	\$5.75	\$0.50

85th Annual Meeting

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at the office of Barron Electric Cooperative, PO Box 40, Barron, WI 54812, no later than 12 o'clock noon, **Monday, July 12, 2021**.

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, July 12, 2021** and should be addressed as follows:

**Barron Electric Cooperative
Attn: Board President
c/o Resolutions Committee
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.

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 June 8, 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.

Beware of Utility Scams

Scam Alert



Utility scams often involve an individual or group posing as an employee of the cooperative. If someone calls demanding you pay your electric bill immediately, call Barron Electric to confirm the validity of the call. Scammers often use threats and urgency to pressure you into giving them your bank account number or loading a pre-paid credit card. Gather as much information as you can from the caller and contact the local authorities. Contact Barron Electric's Billing Department if you have questions regarding your electric account.

Give the Gift of Life

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
You can help by giving blood on:



Thursday, June 17

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**at Barron Electric Cooperative
1434 State Hwy 25 N. Barron**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Barron Electric to schedule an appointment.

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Mike Baker represents District 3, which includes the following townships: Crystal, Stone Lake, Sand Lake, Beaverbrook, Madge, Birchwood, Sarona, and Cedar Lake. Mike also serves as a director on Dairyland Power Cooperatives's Board.

- Director Kessler 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: #98709 thru #98838 of CCF Bank was in the amount of \$747,109 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$16,783. Director Kessler reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$3,963,700; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$4,182,568; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$7,085,042; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$278,350 and power bill paid 03/31/2021 in the amount of \$2,194,303.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of February in the amount of \$124,487.27 was presented for approval, and included new services - \$5,812.88; change jobs - \$0; miscellaneous - \$118,674.39 and 0 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

* View full board minutes on SmartHub.

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