

VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD APRIL 27

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative will be hosting a virtual annual meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 6 p.m.

CWEC had hoped it would be able to return to its traditional in-person annual meeting in 2021, but due to the continued presence of COVID-19, the CWEC Board of Directors has chosen to hold a virtual annual meeting. The decision was made for the safety of CWEC members and employees.

In early April you will receive a piece of mail from CWEC, which contains information about the virtual annual meeting, including how to register for the meeting and how to log in. That information is also listed below.

The annual meeting is open to CWEC members only. Members can now register online at www.cwecoop.com/annual-meeting-2021 to receive their invitation to the meeting. Your billing account number is required when you register.

Once you register, the following will happen:

- You will receive an email with a link to the meeting on April 27, 2021.
- You will use the link emailed to you to log into the meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27. We recommend logging in a few minutes before 6 p.m. so that you don't miss the opening remarks.
- Find all the meeting reports in the April 2021 *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News* or on our website at www.cwecoop.com.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Two CWEC Board of Directors seats are up for election. Both incumbents for those positions, Anthony Buss, Jr. in District 1 and Leonard Oppor in District 2, have decided to not run for reelection. Prior to the annual meeting, members in the districts that Buss and Oppor represent, will receive a director election mailing from CWEC with instruction on how to cast their vote. All ballots must be delivered to CliftonLarsonAllen LLP in Marshfield by the close of business on Monday, April 26, 2021.

The results for the two elections will made public during the virtual annual meeting on April 27.

DOOR PRIZES

As in years past, members who attend the annual meeting will receive a

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bill credit toward their electric bill. To receive a \$10 bill credit, members must attend the virtual annual meeting by logging into the meeting via a computer, iPad, or iPhone.

Even though the annual meeting will be a virtual meeting, members who attend virtually will have an opportunity to win door prizes. One \$100 bill credit will be given away, as well as three \$50 bill credits, and 10 \$25 bill credits. To be eligible to win a door prize, members must be logged into the virtual meeting for the entire meeting. Members who win door prizes will be notified by CWEC. A list of door prize winners will be published in the next available issue of *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News* after the meeting.

If you have a question regarding the co-op that you would like answered during the meeting, email the question to: askyourCEO@cwecoop.com

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THANK A LINEWORKER ON APRIL 12

If you were asked to associate an image or a person with Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC), there is a good chance you would picture a lineworker. One of the most visible employees of the co-op, lineworkers work tirelessly to ensure our community receives uninterrupted power 24/7.

"Lineworker" is listed as one of the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S. This is understandable as they perform detailed tasks near high-voltage power lines. Regardless of the time of day, having to brave stormy weather and other challenging conditions, lineworkers must climb 40 feet in the air, often carrying heavy equipment to get the job done.

Being a lineworker is not a glamorous or easy profession. It takes years of specialized training, ongoing education, dedication, and equally important, a sense of service and commitment. How else can you explain the willingness to leave the comfort of your home to tackle a challenging job in difficult conditions, when most are sheltering comfortably at home? This dedication and sense of service to the community is truly what sets them apart. That's why April 12 has been set aside to celebrate and recognize the men and women who work around the clock to keep the lights on.

While lineworkers may be the most visible employees at CWEC, it's important to note that there is a team of highly skilled professionals working behind the scenes. Engineers provide ongoing expertise and guidance on the operations side of the co-op. Member service representatives are always standing by to take your calls and questions. Our information technology (IT) experts are continuously monitoring our system to help safeguard sensitive data. And these are just a few of the folks who work together to ensure we can deliver the service and reliability you expect and deserve. Without them, our lineworkers wouldn't be able to "bring the light" to our community.

Our dedicated and beloved lineworkers are proud to represent CWEC, and they deserve all the appreciation and accolades that come their way on Lineworker Appreciation Day.

On April 12, and any time you see a lineworker, we hope you'll join us in thanking them for their exceptional service. We also hope you'll remember that you have a dedicated team of professionals working behind the scenes at the coop whose commitment to service runs just as deep.



Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative's linemen (L to R): Jason Walter, Chris Tuszke, Quinton Zdroik, Nate Singer, Mackenzie Yarbrough, Josh Wick and John Bestul.