



By Mike Wade,  
President & CEO

## MEMBER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST SET FOR OCT. 30

October is Co-op Month, which has been a nationally recognized celebration since 1964. This is the month that we acknowledge the benefits that cooperatives all across the country bring to their members and communities. It is a time for our co-op to reflect on the principles we share with other cooperatives and the value we provide. It is an honor and privilege to provide electric energy to our members and support the communities in central Wisconsin.

October is also the month that the cooperative returns to you a portion of your capital credits. Capital credits are the revenues that remain at the end of the year once all expenses are paid. These revenues or margins are then assigned to members based on the amount of energy consumed during the year. Annually, the board approves the retirement of a portion of these capital credits and members see a credit on their electric bill. Just another way that cooperatives add value back to their members.

Plan to visit us in October for our Member Appreciation Breakfast. The Board of Directors and employees of CWEC want to extend our thanks and appreciation for allowing us to provide electric service to you and to be an integral part of the communities in which we serve. We will have arts and crafts vendors so bring your wallet, and the Rural Health Initiative will provide free COVID-19 vaccinations and blood pressure screening. The pancake and sausage breakfast will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30 beginning at 8 a.m.

Thanks to all of our members who submitted photos for the 2022 cooperative calendar. As always, we were overwhelmed with entries and amazed at the wonderful photos we received. Tough decisions were made to narrow the field to only the photos we needed for the calendar. Thank you for making the upcoming calendar one of the best we have ever created. Receive a free calendar when you attend the Member Appreciation Breakfast.

As we head into winter, I recom-



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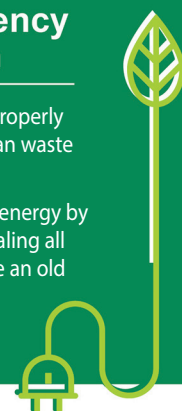
mend that everyone take the necessary steps to prepare your home for the long, cold winter months. Check your home's heating system to be sure it is functioning properly and change those filters. If you have a fireplace, clean your chimney and make sure your supply of wood is adequate. Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and get the snowblower out and make sure it is ready to run. You will want to do these things now and not wait until old man winter is knocking on the door.

### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Old, uninsulated and improperly installed exterior doors can waste energy and money.

Shut the door on wasted energy by weather stripping and sealing all exterior doors. If you have an old exterior door, consider replacing it with a newer, energy efficient model.

Source: [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov)



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## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

A special board meeting of the Board of Directors of Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative was held in-person on July 15, 2021 at 7:59 a.m.

### Action Items

- Discussion was held regarding the interview process with the director candidates.
- The board interviewed Allen Zander and Renee Groshek for the director vacancy position. The board approved not filling the director vacancy at this time and have the membership vote on the new director in the 2022 director election.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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The July regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative was held in-person on July 29, 2021 at 7:59 a.m. The following is a summary of the meeting activities. The agenda, minutes of the June 24, 2021 and July 15, 2021 meetings, new and terminated memberships, monthly safety and compliance report, and estate capital credit retirements were approved.

### Action Items

- Monthly Financial Statements and Reports were approved. Finance Committee reviewed checks written and the board and CEO expenses.

- The board approved the proposed changes to the Membership Agreement, Policy 408-Retirement of Capital Credits for Deceased Patrons, and Chapter 4.0 Billings, Payment and Special Charges as recommended by the Governance Committee. The committee is reviewing Policy 106-Director Education and will have a recommendation for the board at the August meeting.
- The board reviewed Board Policy 107-Committee Assignments with no suggested changes.
- Ms. Shower presented the 10-year financial forecast to the board.
- Ms. Mazemke gave an informational presentation to the board on the new Microsoft SharePoint intranet used by the employees.
- The board approved the recommended changes and additions presented by Ms. Mazemke regarding CWEC's Energy Conservation Rewards Program.

Operations and Engineering – Mr. Kurtzweil's report was reviewed by Mr. Wade.

Accounting and Finance – Financial reports were reviewed. Ms. Shower reported the AMI system upgrade committee is in the final stages of their meetings with vendors and will be selecting a new system soon.

Member Services – Ms. Mazemke's report was reviewed by Mr. Wade.

President and CEO – Mike Wade, CEO, reported on his submitted report.

Meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.



Left: Members of the Ogdensburg/St. Lawrence Fire Department with the donation the department received through the CoBank Sharing Success Grant Program. Right: Brenda Mazemke (left), manager of member relations for Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative, presents a CoBank Sharing Success Grant Program donation to Rhonda Strebel (right), manager & outreach specialist for Rural Health Initiative.



## COBANK SHARING SUCCESS GRANT PROGRAM RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

One of the most unique programs Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) participates in is the CoBank Sharing Success Grant Program. The annual Sharing Success grant opportunity is made possible by CWEC's governing board of trustees, in partnership with CoBank, a national nonprofit cooperative bank owned by the rural American cooperatives it services, including CWEC.

CoBank established a \$3 million fund to match charitable contributions made by its cooperative members. The matching grant program is designed to celebrate the vital role that cooperatives play in individual communities across the country. CoBank states that partnering with their customers to support

worthy causes is a great way for them to make a positive difference and fulfill their mission of service to rural America.

As a participating member of the CoBank "Sharing Success" charitable contribution program, CWEC makes up to three donations totaling \$1,000 each year to qualifying 501(c)3 organizations located within the communities that we serve and CoBank matches our donation to these organizations, totaling \$2,000 per organization.

CWEC's CoBank "Sharing Success" recipients for 2021 are: Marion Area Fire Department, Ogdensburg/St. Lawrence Fire Department, and Rural Health Initiative.

"We appreciate the generous donations," said Joe Stuhr, fire chief for the

Marion Area Fire Department. "Thank you for having this awesome program. We will use it to purchase much needed tools."

Scott Miller, fire chief for Ogdensburg/St. Lawrence Fire Department, said, "Thank you for the donations. We will be putting it towards new hand-held radios and pagers."

"This grant funding is very important because we know that farmers are self-employed, have high health insurance costs and barriers to care, and that time away from the farm is difficult," said Rhonda Strebel, executive director of Rural Health Initiative. "Often health-care and prevention is delayed. By bringing services to the farm we are keeping our farm workers healthy and safe."



Members of the Marion Area Fire Department with the donation the department received through the CoBank Sharing Success Grant Program.



## REBATE REMINDER

Have your projects around the house included any energy-saving home-improvement measures? Perhaps you've updated your appliances to new, energy efficient models or insulated your home.

If so, be sure to check the energy rebates available to our members. Go to [www.cwecoop.com](http://www.cwecoop.com) to see which Energy Star products qualify for a rebate.

Don't delay—Receipts must be submitted in the year the items were purchased to qualify.



# BREAKFAST IS ON US!

## Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative MEMBER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

**Saturday, October 30, 2021**

8-11 a.m.

Main Office in Rosholt,  
10401 Lystul Road

Come join the fun, as Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative will host a pancake breakfast as a way to show its appreciation to its members.

- Door Prizes
- Kids Costume Contest
- Halloween Treat Bag for Kids
- Hotline Demo
- Paper Recycling
- Free Blood Pressure Screening provided by Rural Health Initiative staff

### FREE COVID VACCINES AVAILABLE

Vaccines available include Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson (upon availability)

Vaccines provided by Rural Health Initiative and Portage County Public Health Department

**Costume Contest Judging at 9:45 a.m.**

**Bike Drawing at 10 a.m.**

Bring a new unwrapped toy to donate to our toy drive and we'll enter you in a special prize drawing.

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Bring canned food items to be donated to local food pantries and receive one LED light bulb for every three food items. (Up to 15 limit)

**Craft &  
Gift Fair**

**25+ local  
vendors**



CWEC is monitoring the presence of COVID-19 in the area, and may need to change the Member Appreciation Breakfast to a drive-thru event, if that is best, for the safety of CWEC staff and members. Updates will be posted on CWEC's website at [www.cwecoop.com](http://www.cwecoop.com) and the CWEC Facebook page.





# WE NEED YOUR INPUT



In an effort to better determine future demand for Electric Vehicles, Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative is asking our members to complete the following survey. There is a total of nine questions in this survey, and it will take less than two minutes of your time to complete. Thank you in advance for your help!



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## Our Mission

We are your trusted energy  
partner and provider of  
valued community support.

1. Do you currently own an electric vehicle?  
(If yes go to the next question, if not go  
to question 5.)

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. What kind of electric vehicle do you own?

☐ Tesla ☐ Ford Mustang  
☐ Chevy Bolt ☐ Other  
☐ Nissan Leaf

3. What type of electric vehicle charger do  
you use?

☐ Standard Outlet, using a Level 1 home  
connector kit  
☐ Level 2 Wall Charger

4. If CWEC offers members the opportunity  
to purchase a Level 2 Wall Charger with a  
rebate, would you consider purchasing it  
from CWEC?

☐ Yes ☐ No  
☐ Maybe

5. Have you ever driven an electric vehicle?

☐ Yes, and all electric car  
☐ Yes, a hybrid car  
☐ No

6. What are the benefits of owning an  
electric car? (check all that apply)

☐ Economical  
☐ Environment friendly  
☐ High performance  
☐ Less maintenance  
☐ Don't know  
☐ I don't think there are benefits

7. Do you have a plan to buy an electric  
vehicle in the near future?

☐ Yes ☐ No  
☐ Maybe

8. Did you know CWEC owns a Chevy Bolt?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9. Did you know CWEC has a free Level 2  
electric vehicle charger at their office?

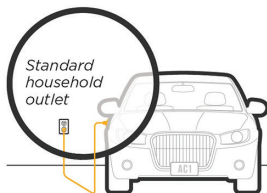
☐ Yes ☐ No

Member Name (optional)

**MAIL COMPLETED SURVEY TO:** Central  
Wisconsin Electric Cooperative, Electric  
Vehicle Survey, PO Box 100, Rosholt, WI 54473

## Electric Vehicle Charging Levels

### AC Level One



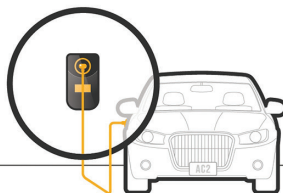
**VOLTAGE:**  
120V 1-Phase AC

**AMPS:**  
12-16 Amps

**CHARGING LOADS:**  
1.4 to 1.9 kW

**VEHICLE CHARGE TIME:**  
3-5 Miles per Hour

### AC Level Two



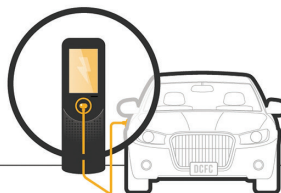
**VOLTAGE:**  
208V or 240V 1-Phase AC

**AMPS:**  
12-80 Amps (typ. 32 Amps)

**CHARGING LOADS:**  
2.5 to 19.2 kW (typ. 6.6kW)

**VEHICLE CHARGE TIME:**  
10-20 Miles per Hour  
20+ for some EV models

### DC Fast Charge



**VOLTAGE:**  
208V or 480V 3-Phase AC

**AMPS:**  
<100 Amps

**CHARGING LOADS:**  
50-350 kW

**VEHICLE CHARGE TIME:**  
60-80 Miles in 20 Minutes

Sources: Advanced Energy and EPA