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WITH MEMBERS OF PRAIRIE ENERGY COOPERATIVE

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Patronage returned to members

Prairie Energy Cooperative has always been not-for-profit. That means

that when you became a member of the co-op, you share in the excess revenue and the return of that excess revenue to members, called patronage. As new funds continue to come in, the original funds can be paid back to members in the form of patronage retirement. This year, members who purchased electricity from the co-op in 2001 and a portion of 2002 are receiving a refund (patronage) for those years, totaling \$431,153. This retirement will be returned in the form of a check, which you should receive this month.

If you receive a check and notice that the name and/or address needs to be updated, or the check is in the name of a deceased member, please call the office immediately at 515-532-2805.

Seeking candidates for two positions on the REC board

Prairie Energy is a member-owned cooperative governed by a board of directors that you elect. As a member, one of your most important roles is to participate in the election of directors, and you can become more involved in your co-op by serving on that board.

Two positions on the seven-member board of directors will be open for election at the June 1, 2022, annual meeting. This year the three-year terms of Allyn Waddingham, District 3, and Donald Christopherson, District 7, expire. Both Allyn and Donald have both indicated their willingness to serve another term.

District 3 Townships: Concord, Clear Lake 194, Ell, Union, Twin Lakes, Avery, Grimes, Pleasant, Wisner District 7 Townships: Fremont, Otho, Washington, Freedom, Independence, Webster 369, Webster 370, Hamilton, Hardin, Marion, Sumner, Clear Lake 391

Board member qualifications

To qualify, candidates must be Prairie Energy Cooperative members receiving electricity in the townships listed. In conjunction with these requirements, a board member is expected to attend the monthly board meetings, generally held on the last Tuesday of each month, and various information and training meetings throughout the year. Because the board of directors is responsible for establishing the policies and rates under which the cooperative operates, it is important that directors can devote adequate time to these activities.

If you are a member in either district and are interested in serving on the board of directors, call the office at 515-532-2805 or 800-728-0013.





Scholarship applications now accepted

Dependents of co-op members are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship. Contact Sarah Olson-McLaughlin (solson@prairieenergy. coop) at Prairie Energy for an application or with any questions. Applications are due by Feb. 18, 2022.

