




WORKING WITH LOCAL LEGISLATORS

Chris Tackmann, General Manager/CEO



Oakdale Electric Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner 

“All politics is local.” This observation by the late Thomas P. “Tip” O’Neill, Jr., former Speaker of the House of Representatives, means that even national politics have a local impact, and people care most about issues that directly affect them. Indirectly, this famous saying underscores the importance and value of local politics.

At Oakdale Electric Cooperative (OEC), we know it’s critical to develop and cultivate relationships with legislators because they craft, introduce, and vote on legislation that impacts the local business climate, the environment, and quality of life for our communities. That’s why we work closely with our elected officials. After all, our purpose is to provide safe, reliable, affordable energy, but our vision is to help our community thrive.

OEC is a local business that helps power economic development and prosperity for our region. As a cooperative, we have deep roots here, and we listen closely to our members to better understand the needs of the community. Our leadership, board members, and employees live and work right here in the communities we serve.

Providing industry guidance and expertise

As a practical matter, we recognize that most legislators are “generalists,” yet they vote on a wide range of issues. Their expertise may not include the changing energy industry, which is why OEC provides guidance and expertise from subject matter experts who’ve been in the energy

industry for many years.

Today’s energy landscape is an increasingly complex topic covering not only the traditional engineering and vegetation management aspects of the industry, but also encompasses technology, cybersecurity, the electrification of the transportation sector, and more.

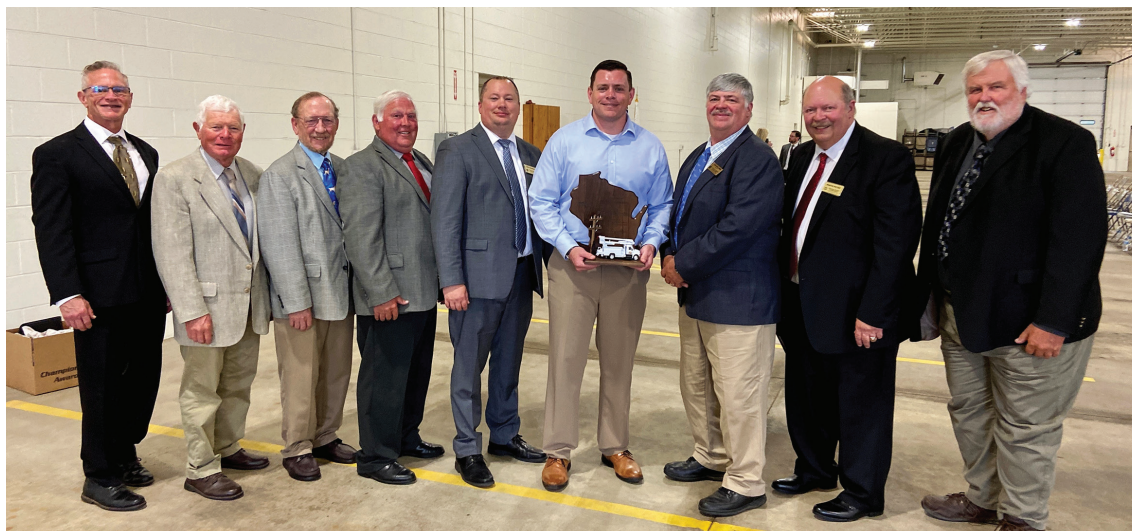
Our experts provide briefings to legislators, committees and staff, and we offer expert testimony for hearings and other legislative or regulatory meetings or gatherings. And because we’re involved in economic development and we know local community leaders, we can provide insight on how issues and policies under discussion might impact our region.

Representing your best interests

We strive to be a trusted resource on energy issues. Because of our deep roots in the community, we have a firm understanding of local issues and needs. We will continue looking after the long-term interests of our members. This means we are able to cultivate and foster positive, productive relationships with legislators who know and trust us, because we’re advocating on behalf of the communities we serve.

We’re proud to power your life and bring good things to the community. We hope you’ll continue to advise Oakdale Electric Cooperative on matters of importance so we can continue to advocate on your behalf and improve the quality of life for all.

—Chris Tackmann, General Manager & CEO



Board of directors (L – R): Greg Eirschele, Jim Van Wychen, Bob Hess, Rick Barrett, Jon Williams, Martin Potter, and Robin Craker with General Manager & CEO Chris Tackmann and Senator Patrick Testin at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

2022 INCENTIVES

GET THE BEST BANG FOR YOUR BUCK

We want to help you control your energy costs by helping you make your home as energy efficient as possible. Members have earned thousands of dollars in energy efficiency incentives through Oakdale Electric Cooperative. Check out the incentives available to you in 2022. Incentive forms are available on our website at www.oakdalerec.com/incentives. Review the eligibility criteria on the forms for complete details, or call Oakdale Electric Cooperative at 608-372-4131 Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m.–4 p.m. and ask for Maribeth. Members can also email questions directly to Maribeth’s attention at maribeth@oakdalerec.com.



Maribeth O'Dell
Consumer Service Specialist

Appliance Incentives

Clothes Washer.....	\$25
Clothes Dryer	\$25
Dishwasher	\$25
Dehumidifier	\$25
Refrigerator (must be larger than 10 c. feet)	\$25
Freezer (must be larger than 10 c. feet).....	\$25
Inductive Range.....	\$25
Heat pump clothes dryer.....	\$50

All appliances must be ENERGY STAR certified.
*The ENERGY STAR Certification Mark (see right) will be labeled on qualifying appliances.



To receive your incentive, fully complete the incentive form, attach a detailed and legible copy of the receipt, and either:

1. Make a copy of the Energy Guide that includes the ENERGY STAR Certified Mark.
OR
2. Cut out the ENERGY Certification Mark and product model number from the packaging.

Appliance Recycling Incentives

Refrigerator/freezer recycling.....	\$25
Room air conditioner recycling.....	\$25

Proof of recycling must be submitted to confirm item(s) in working condition and must be removed from service and fully disposed of following federal, state, and local laws.

Electric Water Heater

50-79 gallon	\$150/unit
80 gallons or larger	\$300/unit
Heat pump water heater	\$300/unit
Solar storage water heater.....	\$300/unit

*w/electric back-up

The water heater installation will be inspected by the Oakdale Electric Cooperative load management department and a load management control must be installed. A copy of the receipt is required.

A controlled water heater qualifies for a \$3 monthly credit, unless you are on the dual fuel rate.

**A control is not required for heat pump water heater.*

Lighting Incentives

Light Emitting Diode (LED) bulbs (min. 5 bulbs).....	\$.50
*Does not include LED holiday lights	
Occupancy Sensor	\$5
LED Exit Sign	\$5

To receive your lighting incentive, you must submit the incentive form and a copy of your receipt. If the receipt does not indicate it is an LED bulb, you must submit proof from the package.

Additional lighting fixture rebates are listed on the form.



HVAC Incentives

- Heat Pump Air Source and MiniSplit.....\$300/ton (SEER 14+/EER 11+/HSPF 8.2+)
- Commercial Air Source & PTHPs\$300/ton (UNDER 20 TON: EER 11+; 20 – 60 TON: EER 10.5+; 60+ TON: EER 10+)
- Geothermal.....\$500/ton
- New furnace with Efficient ECM Blower Motor\$35

The AHRI certificate must state whether the unit is either:

1. Variable speed
- OR
2. Efficiency (AFUE) >=95% & kWh/yr (Eae) <=670

Home Energy Audit Incentives

Implementation rebate – up to \$500

- Professional labor costs can be included in the cost. Cost of audit cannot be included.
- Improvements must be completed within 24 months of audit.
- Each member account qualifies for only one Audit Recommended Improvement incentive every five years.

Ag, Commercial, Industrial Incentives

Low/Zero Energy Livestock Waterer - \$50

Additional Ag, Commercial, & Industrial incentives are listed on the form.

IMPORTANT INCENTIVE DETAILS:

- Incentives must be submitted within three months of purchase and installation.
- Incentives are in place through December 28, 2022. Funds are limited so submit required documentation as soon as possible.
- Incentives will be applied as a credit on your electric account.
- Please refer to the forms for detailed criteria.
- The incentive program is subject to change without notice.



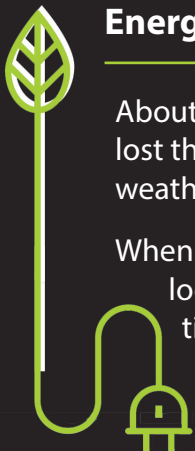
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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

About 30% of a home's heating energy is lost through inefficient windows. Caulk and weatherstrip all windows to seal air leaks.

When running your home heating system, lock all operable windows to ensure the tightest seal possible.

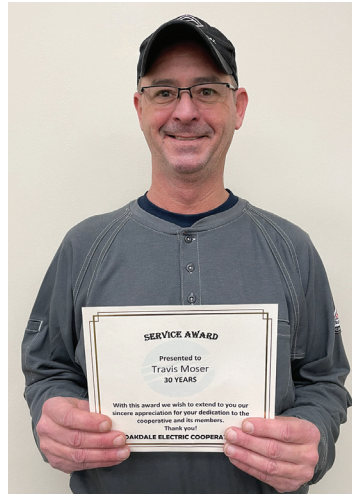
Source: Dept. of Energy



Alan Taylor
Equipment Technician

CELEBRATING DEDICATED OEC EMPLOYEES

Employee service awards are a celebration of the hard work and dedication of cooperative employees reaching milestones in their years of service. Oakdale Electric Cooperative would not be operable without the dedication of its employees.



"I love what I do and can't imagine not doing it – this is all I know. Every day is a new adventure with a new challenge. It takes a unique type of person to be able to do the work and it's not for everybody. When the lights go out, so do we and when we get the lights back on, the reward that goes with it is like none other. Working at OEC is really special. From the gifted employees, to the appreciation from our members, it really is like my extended family. I started at OEC at 19 years old, spent my career here and I wouldn't have it any other way."

Travis Moser | Journeyman Lineman | 30 years



**Bobby Thompson
Construction Foreman
20 years**



**Todd O'Neil
Energy Services Director
15 years**



**Al Taylor
Equipment Technician
10 years**





**Tommy Liddane
Journeyman Lineman
10 years**



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- 3 Register by filling in your information



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Diggers Hotline: For underground cable locates and power line clearance information, call 800-242-8511.