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RATES

Last month's issue of the *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News* explained Oakdale Electric Cooperative's plan to minimally adjust residential and small commercial facility charges due to increased operating and maintenance costs, and in order to continue providing safe, reliable energy. As a not-for-profit cooperative, electric rates are adjusted only when absolutely necessary.

The rate increase took effect September 1, 2020, and will be reflected on members' September bill statements.

The most common rate classes, including their corresponding adjusted monthly facility charge, are listed below.

General Service Single Phase | \$32.25
General Service Three Phase | \$52.00
Commercial Single Phase | \$38.00
Commercial Three Phase | \$56.00

View all rate classes, including facility charges and energy charge per kW details, by visiting oakdalerec.com.

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UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS

Notice of forfeiture of funds held by Oakdale Electric Cooperative, unless claimed by owner

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 185.03(10), you are hereby notified that Oakdale Electric Cooperative of Oakdale Wisconsin, has unclaimed funds belonging to our members. You may claim these funds by contacting the cooperative at 1-800-241-2468 or email tvonhadn@oakdalerec.com and furnish proof of your legal interest in such funds on or before November 2, 2020. You are further notified that unless you do claim such funds and provide satisfactory evidence of your right to receive the same by November 2, 2020, these funds will be forfeited to the cooperative.

Please visit Oakdale Electric Cooperative's website at <https://oakdalerec.com/capital-credits> for a complete list of member names and addresses identified as having unclaimed funds with Oakdale Electric Cooperative.

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A TRIBUTE TO RON CHURCHILL

Longtime director leaves legacy of leadership and service

Ronald “R.C.” Churchill passed away peacefully on July 6, 2020, at the UW-Hospital in Madison after a courageous battle against multiple health issues. He leaves behind a legacy of both great leadership and a commitment to service.

Born and raised in rural Reedsburg, Ron purchased his family dairy farm in 1966, which is still in operation today. Additionally, he was the owner and operator of Farmstead Automation and sold farm equipment for numerous years.

Ron served on the Oakdale Electric Cooperative board of directors for 40 years, and held the position of chairman for 35 years. He represented Oakdale on the board of directors for Dairyland Power Cooperative, the generation and transmission cooperative that provides wholesale energy.

Ron’s dedication to serving his community extended beyond his commitments to Oakdale Electric. Ron was the chairman for the Town of Winfield and was on the Reedsburg Ambulance board. An avid sports enthusiast, he loved golfing, football, and was a Badger season ticket holder for over 20 years. Ron was a devoted member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Reedsburg.

Ron embodied the cooperative spirit and always showed concern for all, especially the member at the end of the line. “Cooperatives are here to serve people, and I believe in the cooperative system,” Ron stated with genuine wholeheartedness. It was his privilege and honor to serve on the board of directors for Oakdale Electric Cooperative, and Ron shared these sentiments often.

The six current directors are taking their turn to now honor Ron for his 40 years of upstanding service.

Robert Hess | District 1 Ron Churchill was the son of one of the founding members of Oakdale Electric Cooperative. He lived “cooperatives” for his entire life and was always dedicated to the seven cooperative principles. Ron had a unique perspective on the relevance and importance of electric cooperatives in the lives of the members. He never hesitated to remind board members that we are there to take care of the people living at the end of the line. The world will be a less interesting place without people like Ron Churchill.

Jim Van Wychen | District 2 Ron was a true supporter of our seven cooperative principles. He worked to always improve



our electricity reliability and efficiency while providing our employees with the tools they needed to do their job. Ron’s over 40 years of history and knowledge of our cooperative, on the board level, will be missed.

Gregory Eirschele | District 3 Ron Churchill served on the Oakdale Electric Cooperative’s Board of Directors for more than 40 years. That alone shows how much Ron cared about the cooperative, its employees, and its members. Ron was always a colorful director and board president. He was serious, but he also liked to have fun. Ron always had a joke or something to laugh about. And while Ron and I could disagree from time to time, he was always willing to set that aside after the meeting to be a friend. I will miss sitting next to Ron.

Rick Barrett | District 4 Ron was a dedicated board of director and valued his position. His concern for the members and cooperative never wavered in his 40 years of service. Rest in peace, Ron. You will be missed but not forgotten.

Martin Potter | District 5 Ron was always there to lend a helping hand. He offered guidance to new board members, including myself, and willingly provided answers to any questions to ensure a smooth transition. Ron had a wealth of historical knowledge of the cooperative, which he enjoyed sharing. He genuinely cared for his fellow board members and took the time to get to know everyone. Ron is going to be dearly missed.

Jonathan Williams | District 6 Ron was the ultimate supporter of the cooperative. He was always available to his members and represented them with great passion. Ron was on the Oakdale board for 40 years and was an active participant in board meetings, sharing his perspective based on his experience from years of service. I learned a lot from him over the years and his contributions will be appreciated for a long time.

AN ATYPICAL ANNUAL MEETING

Oakdale Electric Cooperative's rescheduled 85th Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 4, at Oakdale Electric Cooperative. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's meeting agenda was kept to essential business only to streamline the program.

Safety Measures To ensure the safety of all in attendance masks were required, social distancing was practiced, and a plexiglass registration table was built.

Bylaw Amendment Attorney Drew Parrish presented the proposed bylaw amendment, which was approved by the membership.

Mail-In Ballots The co-op's board of directors authorized voting for this year's director elections to be conducted by mail-in ballots. A staggering 1,200 ballots were returned by the August 1 deadline. Mail-in ballots were first opened and tallied at the start of the annual meeting



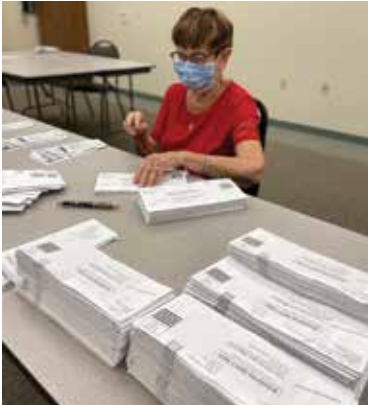
by members Pat Christensen and Colleen Woggon. Voting in-person at the annual meeting was still permitted.

Director Elections Incumbent director Bob Hess was up for re-election and retained his position. In a two-way contested race, Robin Craker was elected to represent district seven. Both directors will serve a three-year term.

At the reorganizational meeting, all officer positions remained unchanged.

They are as follows: Board Chair – Rick Barrett, Vice Chair – Gregory Eirschele, Secretary – Jonathan Williams, Assistant Secretary – Cherlyn Moseley, Treasurer – Jim Van Wychen, DPC Director – Robert Hess, and Alternate DPC Director – Rick Barrett.

Future Meeting It is unclear at this time what the annual meeting in 2021 will look like. However, Oakdale Electric Cooperative looks forward to when we can safely gather and host a more typical annual meeting once again.



Policy Updates

- #08 Electric Retail Rates: Updated
- #25 Consumer Credit – Electric Billing: Updated
- #38 Pol Statement on Alcohol Drug Abuse: Rescinded
- #52 Service Charges – Consumer Owned Facilities: Updated
- #57 Water Heater Program: Updated
- #60 Capital Credit Retirement: Updated
- #62 Bloodborne Pathogens: Rescinded
- #63 Hostile Takeovers: Rescinded
- #65 Drug & Alcohol Testing: Rescinded
- #66 Isolation on Request: Updated
- #75 Member Responsibility for Defective Wiring or Equipment: Updated
- #81 Directors Conflicts of Interest: Updated
- #85 AMR Opt Out Policy: Updated
- #98 Director Duties, Standards of Conduct, and Expectations: New



ANY WAY YOU SLICE IT, ENERGY SAVINGS CAN'T BE TOPPED!



Change up pizza night at home by taking it to the grates! Grilled pizza is one of the best ways to get a charred and crisp crust, plus, cooking on the grill saves energy. By keeping the extra heat out of the house, you'll use less energy trying to keep it cool.

Save a little more dough by making pizza dough from scratch. Not only is it affordable (under \$2 for two crusts), but it's easy to make and can be prepared in advance. Simply store in the refrigerator for up to three days, or freeze and thaw for when the pizza craving strikes. PR & Communications Specialist Deana Protz shared her go-to pizza dough recipe you knead to try.

- 1 Tbsp. olive oil [and more for brushing bowl and shaping dough]
- 1¾ cups warm water
- 1 packet active dry yeast
- 4½ cups all-purpose flour
- 4 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 Tbsp. granulated sugar

Dough Directions. Brush a large bowl with oil and set aside. Whisk yeast and water in a bowl. Let stand 10 minutes then mix in oil. Add flour, salt, and sugar to yeast mixture. Stir to combine. Transfer dough to a floured surface and knead continuously for 10 minutes. Dough should be smooth, but slightly sticky. Transfer dough to the oiled bowl, and cover with plastic wrap. Let rise for 1–1½ hours.

Pizza Preparations. Dust the back of a cookie sheet with flour. Gently stretch the dough into a thin shape.

Deana suggested, "Rub olive oil on your hands when shaping the dough. This will prevent the dough from sticking and also encourage a golden crust."

Grilling Guide. Prepare the grill for direct high heat and spray with non-stick oil. Slide dough directly onto the grates, close the lid, and cook for 2 – 3 minutes. Turn the pizza dough grilled side up. Add toppings. Close the lid and cook for an additional 2 – 3 minutes.

Allow to cool for minutes, before cutting. Enjoy!



GRILL SAFELY

Lighting your grill with a closed lid can cause a dangerous buildup of gas, creating a fireball. Keep your gas grill lid open when lighting it. If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off, and wait at least five minutes before relighting.


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