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NEWSLETTER

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative

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Our office will be closed Friday, December 22; Monday, December 25; and Monday, January 1.

We're looking for YOU!

Consider serving your cooperative and community on the CVEC Board of Directors.

As a member of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative (CVEC), you can serve on the Board of Directors as well as elect your board members. That's the cooperative difference!

Members who reside in Districts 1 and 6 are eligible to apply by February to be considered as a candidate for the upcoming election at the cooperative annual meeting in March.

All CVEC members are encouraged to attend the meeting here at the co-op and vote – or consider running for the board to serve your fellow members!

If you are unsure of which district you live in, please refer to the upper right-hand corner of your bill or call the co-op office for assistance. Interested members are encouraged to contact CVEC at 715-239-6800 or cvec@cve.coop to learn more and request a director candidate packet.

Directors are elected by the members who reside in their district at the annual meeting, so even if you're not planning to run for the board, keep an eye on the race and be sure to vote if your district is on the ballot this year!

The following board members are currently serving and have the option to campaign again for these positions:

DISTRICT 1 – DAN LISKE

3-Year Term

This district includes the entire Towns of Holcombe, Ruby, and the portion of the Town of Colburn located east of County Highway D, Chippewa County; the Town of Aurora, Taylor County; and those members of the cooperative whose service extensions lie within said town or portions of towns.

DISTRICT 6 – STEVE WALL

3-Year Term

This district includes the southern half of the Town of Auburn, the entire Towns of Bloomer, Woodmohr, Cooks Valley, Tilden and Howard, Chippewa County; the southern half of the Town of Sand Creek, Dunn County; and those members of the cooperative whose service extensions lie within said towns.

DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

The main qualifications to serve on the CVEC Board of Directors include:

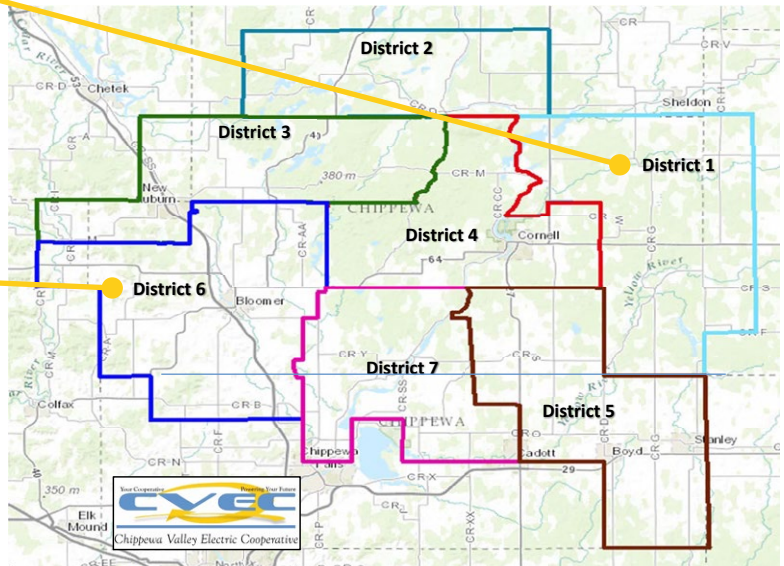
01 Be a member and primary resident of the district from which elected.

02 Not be employed by or have a financial interest in a competing enterprise or business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative.

03 Not be employed by the cooperative.

04 Be in compliance with the cooperative's nepotism policy.

Please contact the cooperative for more detailed information about Director Qualifications.



BOARD OF DIRECTOR DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Who is on the board? The board of directors is comprised of seven cooperative members; one from each of the seven cooperative districts.

What does a director do? A director represents all member-consumers of CVEC and is responsible for annual budgets, rate schedules, approval of general policies, capital credit retirements, present bylaw amendment changes, delegating authority to the President/CEO to execute, carry out the daily activities of the cooperative and follow established policies. Directors' decisions are made in the best interest of the cooperative.

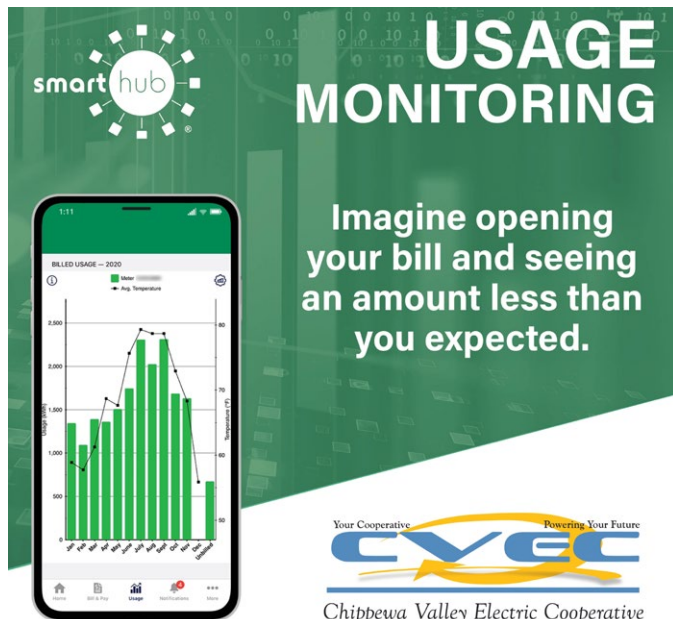
What is the time commitment? Each director serves a three-year term. Directors can expect to be available 20 – 40 days each year for attendance at monthly board meetings, CVEC's annual meeting, training sessions, member events, educational seminars, and travel.

When does the board meet? The board of directors typically meets the last Thursday of each month with meetings beginning at 8:00 and varying in length from approximately four to six hours. Directors also attend occasional other meetings and events as previously stated.

Is there any compensation? Directors are paid a per diem for each meeting attended as well as IRS-approved mileage.






Be Smarter About Energy Usage with SmartHub

Are you using SmartHub? Accessible via the icon at cvecoop.com or on the app, this resource can help you manage your CVEC account and better understand your energy usage. We will be rolling out a new and improved SmartHub soon to make it even easier for you to manage your account online and receive the alerts and information that you want and need. We are excited for updated features to make managing your account 24/7 that much better for you, our members.



The graphic features the SmartHub logo at the top left. Below it is a smartphone displaying a 'BILLED USAGE - 2020' chart. The chart shows a bar graph for billed usage and a line graph for temperature. The text 'Imagine opening your bill and seeing an amount less than you expected.' is prominently displayed. At the bottom, the CVEC logo is shown with the tagline 'Your Cooperative Powering Your Future' and the full name 'Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative'.

HOW TO JOIN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

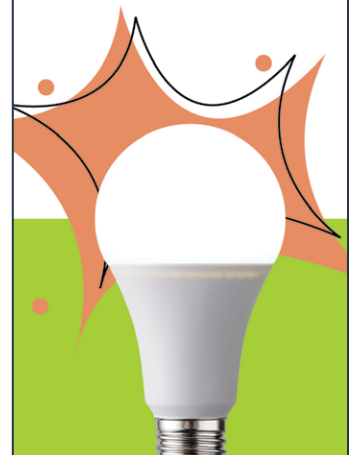
- 1 Review the Cooperative's Bylaws** 
- 2 Is there an open seat in your district?** 
- 3 Get on the ballot** 
- 4 Promote your campaign** 
- 5 Members vote at the annual meeting** 

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

During winter months, ensure your home is well sealed to reduce the need for excessive heating. Seal air leaks around your home and add insulation where needed to save up to 10% on annual energy bills.

Install weather stripping on exterior doors and apply caulk around windows. Check attic insulation levels and hire a qualified contractor if additional insulation is required.

Source: energystar.gov



Rebate Deadline Approaches

You may be eligible for a rebate on a recent purchase of energy efficient measures. Check out all of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative's rebate offerings at cvecoop.com or call the office at 715.239.6800 for more details.

The deadline is December 31, 2023. Don't miss out!