



Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative

POTENTIAL NEW PROJECTS OUTLINED AT CVEC'S 79TH ANNUAL MEETING

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative's 79th Annual Membership Meeting was held Saturday, February 27, at the Cornell High School auditorium. Approximately 275 people were in attendance, with 136 voting members registered at the meeting, as the business of the meeting was carried out. Highlights from the business meeting include the following:

- Members approved 2015 Annual Meeting minutes.
- Board Chairman John Petska reviewed 2015 cooperative operations and explained the reasons a rate increase was implemented.
- Office Manager Dean Ortmann presented the financial report. Ortmann reported low sales in 2015 affected margins adversely.
- President/CEO Todd Howard gave an update on a variety of topics including CVEC's low outage times, pursuit of a community solar garden, expanded offerings in Med-A-Lert Service, and the potential of offering a ground source heat pump loop field lease program to members.
- Operation Round Up Board Member Vern Weeks encouraged members to enroll in the Operation Round Up program to help distribute funds to those in need in the community. ►



MEISTAD ELECTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT ANNUAL MEETING

Kevin Meistad from Cornell was elected to the board of directors as District 4 director at the Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative's 79th Annual Meeting in February.

Kevin and his wife, Bobbie, purchased Foster's over 15 years ago and now call it Foster's Riverview Inn & Catering.

Kevin was interested in becoming a part of the Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative Board of Directors because he believes in the importance of community involvement. He feels it is important to support local businesses and to be involved in the community one calls home.

Kevin is excited about being a part of the Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative Board of Directors and is enthusiastic for the opportunity to serve the cooperative membership within his district and hometown.



John Petska, board chairman, presents the early-bird prize of an LED flat-screen TV to Curtis and Jenelle Brumm.

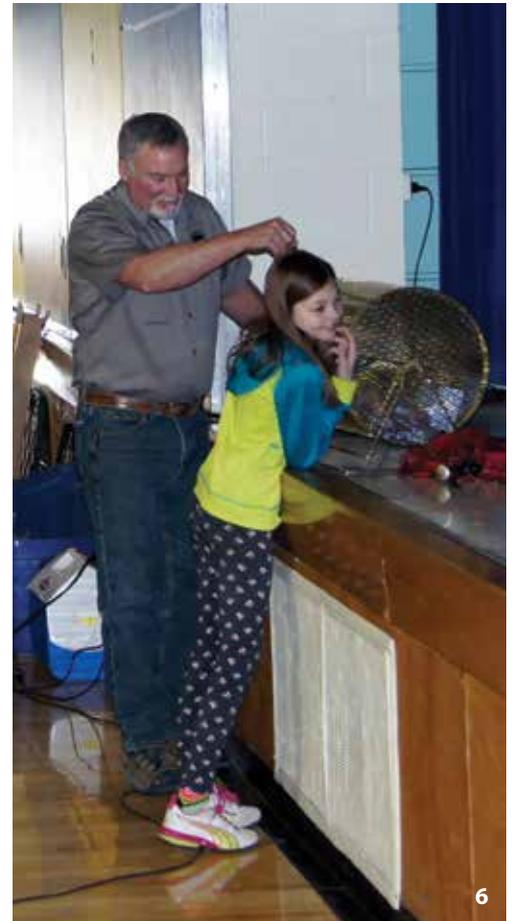
- Brian Rude, VP of external member relations from Dairyland Power Cooperative, informed members of important issues that Dairyland will be working on for the year.
- Steve Freese, general manager of the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association, was introduced to members.
- Cooperative Attorney Mary Hoel conducted the open forum.
- Incumbent directors Harold Flater (District 2) and John Petska (District 7) were re-elected to the board. Kevin Meistad was elected to fill the District 4 vacancy.
- The meeting concluded around noon with lunch served by the ladies of Holy Cross Parish, Cornell.

Following the annual meeting, the board discussed reorganizing the officers for the cooperative and decided to allow the officers to remain: chairman, John Petska; vice-chairman, Don Frei; secretary–treasurer, Clyde Shipman; and assistant secretary–treasurer, Deone L. Goettl. Your Dairyland Power director is still John Petska, with Don Frei as the alternate. 





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Scenes from the Annual Meeting

1. Attorney Mary Hoel addresses member questions. 2. Todd Howard, CEO/president, updates members on current and future co-op projects, including the community solar garden. 3. Dean Ortmann, office manager presents the 2015 financial reports. 4. Members enjoyed time to visit in the Cornell High School commons area before the start of the business meeting. 5. Rebecca Berg helped Board Chairman John Petzka draw for prize winners. 6. Isabelle Berg also helped draw for prize winners. 7. John Petska, board chairman, reviews the cooperative's 2015 operations while rest of the board of directors looks on.



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