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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A CO-OP DIRECTOR?

CVEC Board Vacancy for Upcoming Election: March 24, 2018

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative (CVEC) is owned by its members and guided by directors elected from the membership. That's the cooperative difference!

CVEC members who reside in Districts 1, 2, and 6 have an opportunity to serve on the co-op board of directors by campaigning for a position in the March 24, 2018, co-op election. Districts 1 and 6 director terms expire according to the regular three-year term limit. In addition, members who reside in District 2 can apply as a candidate for a one year term due to the resignation of Harold Flater effective March 24, 2018. This special election will be for one-year only in order to fulfill the remaining term due to the resignation vacancy. In 2019, District 2 will once again be part of director elections and return to its normal three-year term.

The following board members are currently serving:

District 1 – Don Frei, Jr., Lake Holcombe

District 1 territory: The entire Townships of Holcombe, Ruby, and that portion of the Township of Colburn located east of County Highway D, Chippewa County; the Township of Aurora, Taylor County; and those members of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative whose service extensions lie within said Townships or portions of Townships.

District 2 – Harold Flater (resigning), Town of Washington

Special Election: One-year term

District 2 territory: The entire Townships of Rusk, Big Bend, Washington, and Willard of Rusk County; and those members of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative whose service extensions lie within said townships.

District 6 – Candis Homme, Bloomer

District 6 territory: The south half of the Township of Auburn, the entire Townships of Bloomer, Woodmohr, Cooks Valley, Tilden and Howard,

Chippewa County; the south half of the Township of Sand Creek, Dunn County; and those members of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative whose service extensions lie within said townships.

Director Qualifications

The main qualifications to serve as a representative on the CVEC Board of Directors are:

1. Be a member and primary resident of the district from which elected.
2. Not be employed by or have a financial interest in a competing enterprise or business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative.
3. Not be employed by the cooperative.
4. Be in compliance with the cooperative's nepotism policy.

Please contact the cooperative for more detailed information on director qualifications.

Director Duties

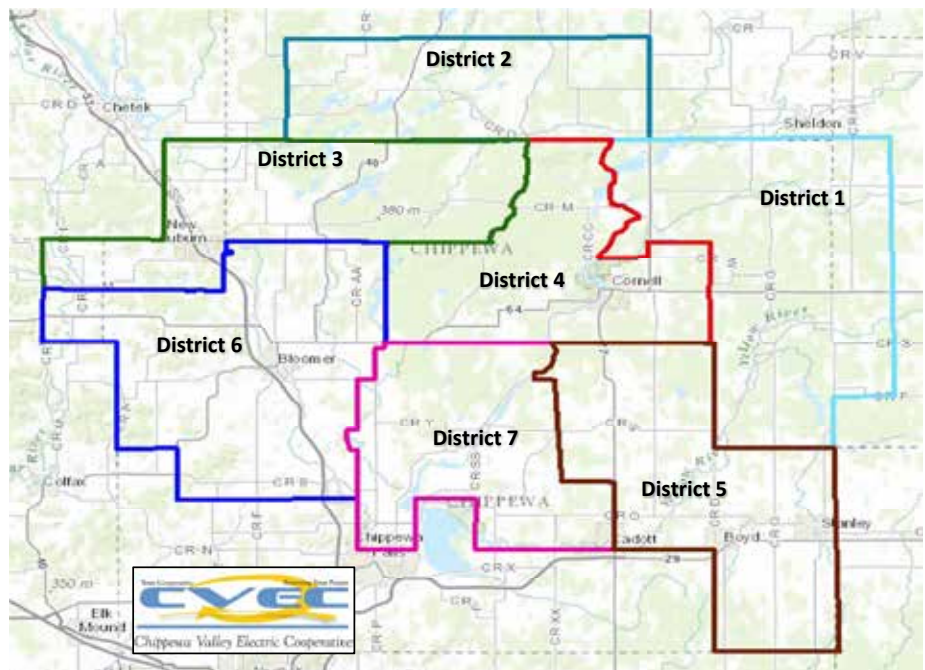
Board directors serve a three-year term, with the exception of District 2 and this year's special election for a one-

year term. A director must have the time to attend monthly board meetings, other special meetings, and educational seminars that are designed to keep directors informed on various aspects of CVEC and the electric utility industry. Their decisions are made in the best interest of the cooperative, and they represent the entire membership.

On March 24, 2018, at the Cornell High School, three directors will be elected during the annual meeting of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative. Cooperative members who reside in voting districts will vote for directors in Districts 1, 2, and 6.

Are you interested in serving as a board member for CVEC? Do you reside in one of the three districts listed above? Consider becoming a part of your electric cooperative by submitting your name as a director candidate for the upcoming election. If you are unsure of the district in which you reside please contact our office.

For applications or more details about board elections, contact Nicole at nwsime@cve.coop or call 715.239.6800. The deadline for completed director candidate paperwork is February 6, 2018.



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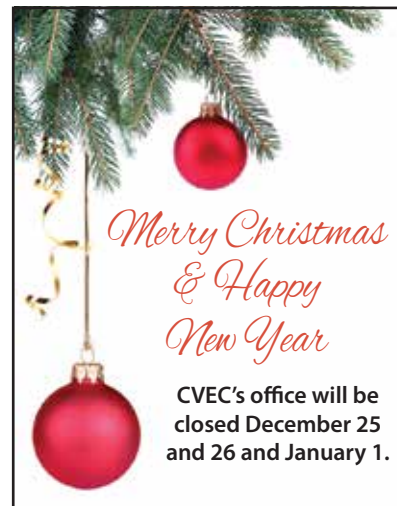
Evergreen comes from solar, wind, and waste-to-energy renewable resources. Your participation in Evergreen enables your cooperative to secure additional renewable energy resources above and beyond government requirements.

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For more information about Evergreen, contact Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative at 715.239.6800.



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Two-way voice is now an option with our **Enhanced** system. This system has all the features of our Basic package, but in addition allows you to communicate with the Response Center directly via the pendant. This is a great option for those who are frequently outside of the home, gardening, doing yardwork, or even going to the mailbox. A spare rechargeable battery for the pendant is kept charged in the base unit. The Enhanced system is only **\$30/month**.



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Installation is available with all of our systems for a one-time fee of \$38.50. During the installation we will review all of the features of the system, place a test call, and verify the list of responders.

CALL TODAY - 715.239.6800 or 800.300.6800

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HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

Free LED light bulbs for new Operation Round Up participants

We invite all new participants in Operation Round Up to join their fellow members in the effort to make a difference in the life of a community member in crisis. Please complete the form below, then stop in and visit our office in Cornell to return the form and receive a complimentary 4-pack of LED light bulbs.*



It is truly amazing how

small gestures can sometimes make a huge difference in our community. An example of this is Operation Round Up, in which many members of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative participate. In 1999 Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative established Operation Round Up, a program where members voluntarily allow their bills to be rounded up to the next whole dollar amount with the difference contributed to the Chippewa Valley Community Fund, Inc. The Chippewa Valley Community Fund then uses these funds to support individual and community needs.

Since 1999 Operation Round Up has taken in over \$91,500 and has distributed over \$85,500 to meet individual and community needs in the Chippewa Valley. These little gestures, averaging about 50 cents per member per month, have made a huge difference. Con-

tributing members of Chippewa Valley Electric did this by simply contacting the cooperative and allowing their bills to be rounded up to the next dollar and other members can do this just as easily.

This outreach truly represents a year-round "Spirit of Sharing" and deserves our thanks and our participation. Please join Operation Round Up today!

**One per membership, while supplies last.*



Yes! I want to be have my monthly bill rounded to the nearest dollar. I know this money will be donated to a worthy cause, chosen by the Chippewa Valley Community Fund board of directors. I understand that by signing and returning this form, my bill will be rounded up to the nearest dollar and that unless I call in to have that changed, I will be contributing to Operation Round Up until I no longer receive power from Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative or a minimum of 18 months.

Name _____

Address _____

Account # _____ Phone # _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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- District 2 – Harold Flater
- District 3 – Clyde Shipman
- District 4 – Kevin Meistad
- District 5 – Deone Goettl
- District 6 – Candis Homme
- District 7 – John Petska

