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NEWSLETTER

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative

November 2014

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative Board Vacancy for February 2015 Election

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative (CVEC) members who reside in Districts 1 and 6 have an opportunity to serve on the co-op board of directors by running for a position in the February 2015 co-op election. Two positions will be up for election; current incumbents are Don Frei, Holcombe, representing District 1, and Ken Schmitt, Colfax, representing District 6.

CVEC is owned by its members and guided by directors elected from the membership. Board directors serve three year terms and represent co-op members at monthly meetings. Candidates must meet the qualifications outlined in the cooperative's bylaws and be full-time residents of the district they represent. 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.

Director Qualifications

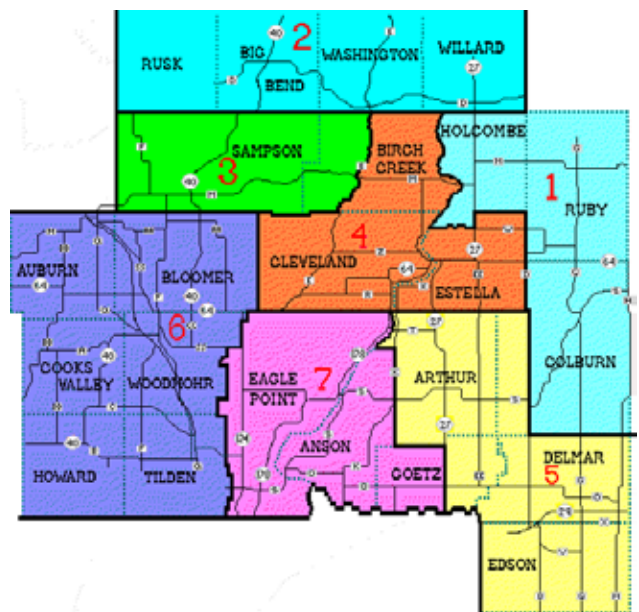
In order to serve as a representative on the CVEC Board of Directors, a member must...

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.

Director Duties

Grassroots democracy is one of the hallmarks of belonging to an electric cooperative. Two directors will be elected at the annual meeting of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative on February 28, 2015 at Cornell High School. Cooperative members will vote for directors in Districts 1 and 6.

Are you interested in serving as a board member for CVEC? Do you reside in one of the two districts listed above? Consider becoming a part of your electric cooperative by submitting your name



as a director candidate in this year's election. 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.

CVEC Rebate Reminder

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative wants to remind its members that there are a variety of rebates available with the purchase of qualifying energy efficient products. Rebates are in place through December 31, 2014, **or until funds, by incentive or in total, are depleted.** Please submit rebate requirements as soon as possible to ensure that you can take advantage of our rebate program.

Rebate forms and information are available online at cvecoop.com/services/rebates.php or contact our office at 715-239-6800 or 1-800-300-6800.

Dual Fuel Heating Systems to be Tested November 19

As the heating season fast approaches, we are preparing for another Wisconsin winter. This includes a test of our load management system.

If you currently participate in our dual fuel or off-peak heating program, the load management system will be tested on Wednesday, November 19 (Thanksgiving is the following week).

Your electric heating system will be shut off at 5:00 p.m. and will remain off throughout most of the evening. Heating systems will be randomly turned back on beginning at 9:15 p.m. and all systems should be back on by 11:15 p.m.

During the time the electric heat is off, customers will rely on their backup heating system. If you experience any problems with your heating system during this test, please contact your

heating contractor. If you experience any problem with our load management receiver (pictured on the right), contact Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative at 715-239-6800 or 1-800-300-6800.



This test is a benefit for you as well as the cooperative. We want to make sure your backup heating system and the load control device work properly before we get into extremely cold weather.

If you have any questions regarding this test, please call the office.

Power Outage Tips

If the power goes out in your home there are a few things that you should check. A few simple steps could save you money.

Check your meter

Take a look at your meter to help determine if the outage is CVEC's problem or a problem within your home. A meter with a digital display will have a blank screen which indicates that the problem is on the co-op's side. When you see something displayed on the screen, this means that power is getting to the meter and it is not a co-op outage; it is an



outage within your home. If you have a meter that does not display a digital reading, then check for a red light on the lower left side of the meter. When you see a red light, this indicates that power is getting to the meter and the problem is with your own equipment; you should check your breakers or contact an electrician. If there is no visible red light, contact CVEC to report an outage.

Check your breakers

Be sure to check your breakers inside your home at your electrical panel and also outside at your meter pedestal (if you have one). The photographs at left indicate where to find the breaker within a meter pedestal. If a breaker has been tripped, push the handle to the "Off" position before flipping it to the "On" position. It is important to check the breakers at both locations to avoid a service call if the outage is found to be your responsibility.

When you have determined that the power outage is not due to your own equipment, call Chippewa Valley Electric to report the outage at 715.239.6800 or 800.300.6800.

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