



# Happy RETIREMENT!



BEC's CEO, Diane Berweger, retired on April 30 after serving Bayfield Electric Cooperative for 36 years. Her many achievements will never be forgotten. She started in the office in 1985, was promoted to chief financial officer, and then to the CEO position in January of 2012. We wish her nothing but happiness in her future years of retirement!

MY CO-OP



## TIGER MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS INCLUDE OUR WILLIE WIREDHAND SIGNS

The students in shop classes at Northwestern High School have expanded to take orders from the public for both practice and for fun. Check out their Facebook page "Tiger Manufacturing" for some examples of their excellent work. We've kept them busy and they love our friend Willie Wiredhand!





# YOUR VOTE MATTERS

## Meet your Candidates

We have three districts up for election this year, do you live in one of the below districts? If so, YOUR vote matters! Meet your candidates:

### District 1- Townships: Orienta, Port Wing, Clover, Bell, Bayfield, and Russell

#### Russell Bailey (Unopposed Incumbent)

Russell Bailey is running unopposed for District 1. He has held this position since 2012. Russell is a retired science teacher from the School District of Maple. He is a chairman on the Port Wing Town Board. He is also involved with the Fish Boil Club and Hunters Safety Program. Russell lives in Port Wing with his wife, Jane. They have three grown children.



### District 4 – Townships: Washburn, Barksdale, Pilsen, Keystone and Eileen

#### Jeffrey Moravchik (Incumbent)

Jeffrey Moravchik has held this position for District 4 since 2006. Jeffrey is a financial advisor with Prudential in Ashland. He is the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce president and the board chairman for the Town of Keystone. He lives in Mason with his wife, Sarah, and their two daughters, Grace and Ava. His hobbies include farming, hunting, horseback riding, and spending time with his family.



#### Roy Settgas

Roy has lived in the Town of Washburn for 40+ years. He has served on several boards, including eight years as a Bayfield County supervisor, and has been active in many local organizations. He is now mostly retired as a self-employed contractor in the mechanical trades—originally trained in solar heating, and expanding into in-floor heating, plumbing, and electrical work. Roy is running for the board out of his long-standing interest in energy issues and in co-ops. He particularly wants to see that BEC is well-positioned and proactive in the ongoing transition to renewable energy and operates in a way that is open and responsive to its member-owners.



### District 7 – Townships: Cable, Namakagon and Spider Lake

#### Barry Radloff (Unopposed Incumbent)

Barry Radloff is running unopposed for District 7. He has held this position since 1985. Barry is a retired self-employed logger. He is a member of the Cable American Legion Post 487. He lives in Cable with his wife, Crystal. They have four grown children. His hobbies include hunting, golfing, and spending time with his family and friends.



## BALLOT REQUEST



Election for board of director candidates will take place during the virtual Annual Meeting on June 7, 2021. You may request a ballot by filling out the form below and mailing to:

Bayfield Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 68  
Iron River, WI 54847

Name:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

I certify that I am an active member of Bayfield Electric Cooperative in voting District 4. I hereby request one mail ballot to be sent to the above address for my use.

**(SIGNATURE IS NEEDED TO COMPLETE REQUEST)**

Member's Signature

Account #

Date

## FOR AS LITTLE AS \$1 A MONTH, YOU CAN SUPPORT RENEWABLE ENERGY

If you are interested in protecting our environment and getting more of your electricity from renewable resources, Bayfield Electric



has the program for you. Evergreen is a voluntary renewable energy (green power) program available through Bayfield Electric. Evergreen is for you if you are willing to pay a little bit more to get some or all of your electricity from renewable energy resources. In addition to your normal monthly electric bill, you pay a small additional charge each month to offset the additional cost it takes to support renewable energy. Evergreen comes from solar, wind, and waste-to-energy renewable resources. Your participation in Evergreen enables Bayfield Electric to secure additional renewable energy resources above and beyond government requirements. For more information about Evergreen, contact Bayfield Electric at 715-372-4287 and ask for Jake.

## Struggling with Payments?

**Let us help!**

Ashland County Housing Authority is the administrator for Bayfield Electric's "Commitment to Community" program. A yearly payment can be applied to a Bayfield Electric member's electric account if the member qualifies for the Wisconsin Energy Assistance Program (WEAP) and meets the requirements for the Ashland County Housing program. To see if you may qualify for energy assistance, contact your local Department of Human Services. For more information on this program, please call 1-800-274-8311.

## RULES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

These rules are set in accordance with  
Bayfield Electric Cooperative Bylaws,  
Article III, Section 6.

1. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised edition.
2. Any speaker must be recognized by the Chair before speaking.
3. Only members and duly registered guests will be recognized by the Chair; each person so recognized must give his or her name.
4. Unless otherwise approved by the Chair, those recognized are to limit their questions and comments to three minutes, with any rebuttal limited to two minutes.
5. Questions and comments from members and duly registered guests will be in order during old and new business sessions, and at the conclusion of the officer reports, if invited.
6. No signs or handouts will be permitted within the building of the place of the meeting, except such handouts as required for the official conduct of the Annual Meeting.
7. No demonstrations shall be held within the building of the place of the meeting.

## CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS: Youth Leadership Congress is going VIRTUAL this year!

Youth Leadership Congress is an annual event hosted by the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA) and Wisconsin electric cooperatives.

The event engages high school students in activities that emphasize team building, cooperative business knowledge, life skills, and leadership skills. YLC is a great opportunity for students to learn more about cooperatives, while building strong leadership and interpersonal skills. Past attendees have found it motivating, educational and—of course—fun! Attending YLC also allows you to be eligible to attend the National Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., the next year.



**Who: High School Students**

**When: July 13–14, 2021**

**Time: 8 a.m. – noon both days**

**Price to you: FREE**

**Sign up today! For more information and registration materials, please contact our office and ask for Briana. All registrations must be submitted by Monday, June 21, 2021.**




**You can't AVOID what you CAN'T SEE**

Starting a job — big or small — without first getting utilities marked could result in serious injury, service disruptions for you and your neighbors, and a hefty fine.

**Call 8-1-1 before you dig.**

Learn more at: **SafeElectricity.org®**

**MONTH OF MAY**

Billing date: May 7, 2021

April usage

Bills due upon receipt:  
May 27, 2021

Disconnect day:  
May 12, 2021

**BOARD BRIEFS**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Director was held on April 9 in the Iron River headquarters building. All directors were present.

- The meeting was called to order by President Mark Santikko at 10 a.m.
- A safety message was provided to wear your mask.
- The agenda, expenses, and the minutes of the February 2021 meeting were approved.
- Operations Department Report – Four new services YTD, another busy construction season is expected this summer

HAPPY  
*Mother's*  
DAY

**Remember Mom on May 9!**

**WE'VE GOT SPOOLS!**

Bayfield Electric has some used spools available for free to any members who want them. Please give our office a call today to set up a time for pickup.

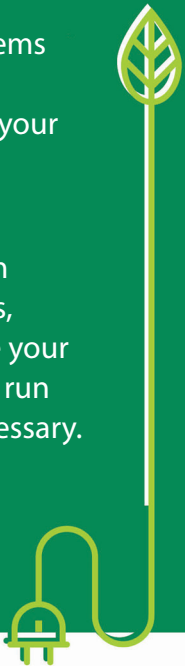


**Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month**


Avoid placing items like lamps and televisions near your thermostat.

The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause your air conditioner to run longer than necessary.


Source: [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov)



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