# HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2020



**Diane Berweger General Manager** 

n 2020, Bayfield Electric will be celebrating our 80th birthday! Watch L for some special events throughout the year, such as the 80th Annual Meeting in June and our member appreciation day in October. You will have the opportunity to see energy efficiency displays, and employees will be available to help you find ways to save energy in your home. By signing up for SmartHub, not only can you pay your bill online, you can also use

it as a tool to watch your energy consumption.

Over the years, we have worked closely with our local high schools to award college scholarships from unclaimed capital credits, which are available through our Federated Youth Foundation. We also work with area fourth- and fifth-grade students teaching what a "cooperative" is all about, along with the importance of electricity through "hotline demonstrations." Look up and live!

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With the heavy wet snowstorms we received in November and December of 2019, we are thankful for the opportunity to call on other cooperatives to help through Restoration Of Power in an Emergency (ROPE). Although we were able to restore power on our own in those snowstorms, so many cooperatives throughout Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota needed the help of neighboring Cooperatives. "Cooperation Among Cooperatives" is one of our seven cooperative principles.

To the Amazing team -Who snew shoed, snew mobiled, drove heavy equipment into a top to blizzeral to auto trees off the power lines. Then brought in more Then brought in more arive passable. Hove & Beyond. May your days be merry and bright!

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Thank you for restoring the power so quickly your linemen are so terrific i your efficie staff are so help fal + ofriendly. Hoping all of you have a Merry Christman

## **BAYFIELD ELECTRIC SEEKING DIRECTOR CANDIDATES**

## The following districts are up for re-election in 2020:

**District 5** – Sanborn, Gingles, Kelly, White River, Marengo

**District 6** – Grand View, Lincoln, Shanagolden

**District 9** – Knight, Carey, Oma, Mercer, Winchester, Pence, Michigan, Saxon, Kimball

### **Qualifications:**

- You must be a member of the cooperative within the district you are seeking to represent. This means you must take electric service at either a permanent residence; a seasonal residence; or a commercial location within the district.
- You must be at least 18 years old.
- You must not be employed by, or have a financial interest in a business that competes with the cooperative, or a business selling energy, supplies, services or equipment to the cooperative.
- You must not have any outstanding debts to the cooperative, or brought a claim against the cooperative or its employees, officers or directors in the previous five years.

### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Board members are charged with the responsibility of overseeing the Cooperative, including: strategic planning, fiduciary responsibility, setting policy and direction, corporate duties, governance, and other general duties relating to the business of the Cooperative.
- Directors are expected to personally attend:
  - Monthly Board Meetings
  - Annual Meeting
  - Occasional District Meetings
  - Occasional Committee Meetings
- Directors are required to review, acknowledge and abide by the Cooperative's Code of Ethics.
- Board members are provided with a preliminary agenda in advance of each board meeting.
- Directors represent Bayfield Electric in the community, which may include making public appearances.



• Directors may be eligible to serve on boards of companies or organizations affiliated with Bayfield, such as the Cooperative's power supplier, Dairyland Power Cooperative.

#### **Nomination Process**

- Nominations shall be made by petition.
- The petition must be signed by at least ten (10) members in good standing from the district you are seeking to represent.
  - A member in good standing is defined as one who is receiving electric service from the cooperative, is current on their electric bill, and does not have any bad debts with the cooperative.
  - Note: it is a violation of privacy laws for the cooperative to provide candidates with payment or debt information about members. Candidates will have to do their best to verify the standing of a member signing the petition. Candidates are encouraged to get more than the minimum number of signatures.
- Joint members (typically a husband and wife) shall count as one signature.
- The completed petition shall be submitted to the cooperative at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting at which the election is held.
- For complete details on director nomination and election procedures see Article IV of the cooperative's Bylaws or contact the CEO.



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## Bayfield Electric Cooperative Gift Certificates Available

Forget someone on your Christmas list? Didn't know what to get that person who already has everything? Feel like giving a gift just because? Give the gift of energy this year. We have gift certificates available!

# Clean up your paper clutter this New Year!

Begin the New Year cleaning up your paper clutter by signing up for paperless billing through SmartHub. While you're there, check out the other great benefits SmartHub has to offer:

- Pay your bill online
- Check your usage
- Manage your account
- Set up recurring and stored payments
- Communicate directly with the co-op

Start the New Year off right and sign up for SmartHub online. It's Bayfield Electric Cooperative's FREE and mobile online payment system. Click on the sign-up link and follow the prompts to create your user name and password. Questions? Call or visit us at 715-372-4287 or www.bayfieldelectric.com.



### **NOTICE OF CHANGE**

Sadly, we regret to inform you, we will no longer offer a \$25 bill credit to find your name. To make sure we are PCI compliant, we will not publish your name in the newspaper. This money will go toward our 80th annual meeting in June.

## **Energy Efficiency** Tip of the Month

Let the sunshine in! For additional warmth, open drapes over windows that receive sunlight during the day. Close them at night, which can reduce heat loss from a warm room up to 10%.



—Source: energy.gov

### **Month of January**

Billing date: January 10, 2020 December usage Bills due upon receipt Gross due after January 30, 2020 Disconnect date: January 15, 2020

# NEW LOOK COMING TO YOUR BILLS!

When you receive your bill this month they may look a little different. They have been revised to be more transparent, give better detail, and have an updated look to them. Please contact our billing department with any questions reading yours.



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