



COBANK SHARING SUCCESS PROGRAM

Bayfield Electric has partnered with CoBank, a cooperative bank serving agribusinesses, rural infrastructure providers, and Farm Credit customers, for the annual Sharing Success program. This \$5 million fund is a cornerstone of CoBank’s corporate citizenship efforts, matching donations by the bank’s customers to nonprofit organizations in their communities.

CoBank established Sharing Success in 2012. Since then, the bank and its customers have together contributed nearly \$86 million to groups such as volunteer fire departments, local schools, and hunger relief programs.

The 2024 Sharing Success program launched Monday, April 1. Each cooperative could apply for up to four matching grants. Bayfield Electric’s board members recently presented checks from Bayfield Electric and Co Bank’s matching fund program totaling \$2,000 to four local organizations.

Right, top to bottom: Bayfield Electric Director Mike Nelson presents a check to Mercer Parks & Recreation for a new bike trailhead, Director Roy Settgas presents a check to the Washburn Fire Department, Director Russ Bailey presents a check to the South Shore Area Ambulance Service. Below: Director James Kinzie presents a check to the American Legion Post 487-Cable to be used for a new flag pole in the Legion Triangle.



LET US HELP YOU GROW YOUR BUSINESS



Through Bayfield Electric Cooperative's revolving loan fund, business assistance loans are available for qualifying economic development projects within our service area. This program is in conjunction with the USDA. Consider developing your business in northern Wisconsin. We would be proud to be your power supplier! For more information, please contact our office at 715-372-4287.



Purpose

The Revolving Loan Fund seeks to enhance the quality of life in the rural areas of Wisconsin by contributing to the long-term improvements in the general economy by promoting quality job creation and retention, diversification of the economy, improving the skills of the rural workforce, and providing needed community services to benefit rural citizens.

Eligibility

In general, eligible projects can include a business venture, government public body, or non-profit entity involved in a community or economic development project that promotes the purpose of the loan.

Ineligibility

Ineligible uses of the loan include, but are not limited to, pre-development cost, refinancing of existing debt, and general improvement loans related to normal replacement needs of a business.

Financing Information

The loan seeks to minimize its financial participation in all projects. The loan is not intended to compete with other public or private lenders. The loan will be in collaboration with other lenders to provide the financial package necessary to help realize the project.

Loan amount, terms and conditions shall be determined by the Bayfield Electric Cooperative Board of Directors.

Loan project must include a minimum of 20% funding from other sources.



STAY SAFE FROM SCAMMERS

Every day, millions of Americans are targeted by scammers through phone calls, emails, text messages, or online. Scammers' tactics can change daily, which is why it is important for consumers to stay on top of the latest scam reports.

Recently, cooperative members were targeted through a phone scam where the scammers demanded immediate payment and threatened to shut off power if payment was not received. Remember, Bayfield Electric Cooperative will never threaten immediate disconnection and will never demand member's financial information over the phone.

Our increasingly connected world provides scammers with more opportunities to connect with unsuspecting consumers. Be vigilant, and please report any utility scams to BEC so we can let others in our community know. If you are ever unsure, simply hang up and give our office a call. Together, we can help our friends and neighbors from being victimized.

7 CAMPUS SAFETY TIPS



Every College Student Should Know

Relay these safety tips to your young adults who are about to hit campus for the first time or return for another year.

1. Do not overload electrical outlets, power strips or extension cords. Use power strips with an overcurrent protector.
2. Be aware of your surroundings, especially when listening to music or texting.
3. Unplug small appliances when not in use and all appliances when away for extended periods.
4. This tip still holds true: never walk alone at night.
5. Avoid using generic cubes or cords. They could overheat, shock, or burn you.
6. Locate the emergency call buttons or phones across campus in case of an emergency.
7. Do not put your cell phone on or under your pillow or bedding. It could overheat or catch fire.





NEED ELECTRIC SERVICE?

Get on the schedule for the remainder of 2024 now

If you're still planning to build a new home or add service to a piece of recreational property this year, please contact Bayfield Electric to discuss your electrical service needs. We can also offer you Energy Star rebates.

TEXTING AND CALLING NOTIFICATIONS

Make sure your contact information up to date

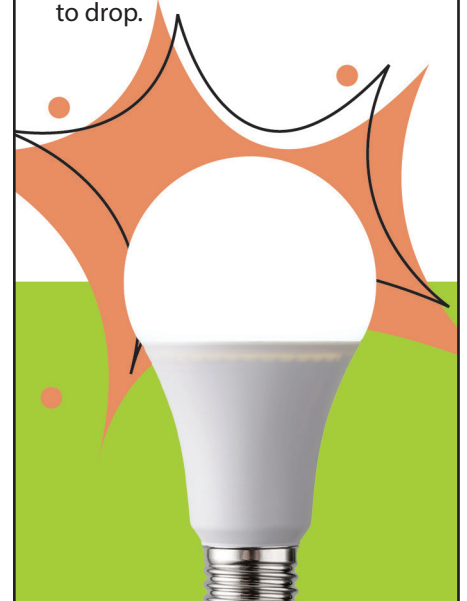
We ask you to please make sure your account information is up to date, especially phone numbers. Sometimes we communicate with our members through texting. The main number we have on file for you can be found on the bottom of your monthly bill. If this needs to be updated, simply write a note on the stub and return it to us with your payment or give our office a quick call. If we have a planned power outage or are doing routine transformer or pole inspections in your area, you'll hear from us! **Please note: Notifications will come from a different number rather than our main phone line.**



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Now is the time to schedule annual maintenance for your home's heating system. During fall months, HVAC technicians are typically less busy, making this an excellent time for maintenance and any necessary repairs before the winter months.

A qualified technician can clean filters, check for leaks and ensure all system components are working efficiently to keep your home cozy and warm when the temperatures begin to drop.



MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Billing date: **September 10, 2024**

August usage

Bills due upon receipt

Gross due after **September 30, 2024**

DISCONNECT: **September 16, 2024**

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