

The Outlet

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A monthly publication for members of Riverland Energy Cooperative.



GET A \$10 BILL
CREDIT
FOR ATTENDING

2020 Annual Meeting

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

6:00 p.m.

ONLINE ONLY

Registration opens September 1 on
www.riverlandenergy.com.

Once you register, an invitation link will be
emailed to you to join the online annual meeting
on Sept. 23

No special software is needed beyond internet connection.

- Each household who registers and attends the meeting will be given a \$10 credit on their electric bill.
- You will need your account number to register and to receive your \$10 credit.

2020 Back-To-School ENERGY USE



THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC has changed many things about our daily habits, including how much energy we use. No matter what the school year ahead brings, our kids have been home more, and devices are not getting turned off like they used to. Believe it or not, these “vampire loads” will continue to draw small amounts of power throughout the day if not unplugged:

- Laptop/Computer
- Printers/Scanners
- TV & Sound System
- Older Cable Boxes and/or DVR
- Toaster Oven
- Gaming Systems
- Phone Charger
- Hairdryer
- Coffee Maker



General Manager's Message

2020 Annual Meeting goes virtual; No in-person meeting Receive a \$10 electric bill credit just for watching

Due to the rapidly changing conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the board of directors has made the decision to move the in-person annual meeting to an online virtual format. The safety of our members and employees has been our top priority during the pandemic. A virtual annual meeting will allow us to fulfill our bylaw requirements and connect with you while adhering to safety recommendations.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting will be brief, approximately 10 minutes, with the agenda to include a report on registration and announcement of a quorum and approval of the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting (if we have a quorum), and any new or old business. There is no election this year.

Printed reports were published in the March Wisconsin Energy News magazine and are available at each of our offices. The 2019 Annual Meeting minutes will also be available on our website at www.riverland-energy.com/annualmeeting.

Each household who registers AND attends the meeting will be given a \$10 credit on their electric bill. Registration will open on September 1 at www.riverlandenergy.com. Once you register, an invitation link will be e-mailed to you to join the online annual meeting September 23. There is no special software required beyond internet connection.

We don't take this lightly, but the health and well-being of our employees and members must come first. Thank you for understanding during these special circumstances, and I encourage you to watch our Annual Meeting from the comfort of your own home.

Best regards,


Jerry Sorenson

OPERATING STATISTICS



Kristina Marsolek,
Accounting
Supervisor

| | Monthly | | Year-to-date | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| | July 2019 | July 2020 | 2019 | 2020 |
| KWHS PURCHASED | 28,783,077 | 31,048,316 | 171,308,721 | 171,747,812 |
| KWHS SOLD | 27,541,315 | 29,947,966 | 165,036,673 | 164,880,745 |
| REVENUE | 3,706,443 | 4,171,321 | 21,917,057 | 23,120,404 |
| COST OF PURCHASED POWER | 2,399,170 | 2,392,009 | 13,765,723 | 13,804,650 |
| OTHER EXPENSES | 1,511,917 | 1,397,410 | 8,210,947 | 9,001,184 |
| OPERATING MARGINS | (204,644) | 381,902 | (59,613) | 314,570 |
| NON-OPERATING MARGINS | 12,771 | 53,484 | 95,590 | 115,816 |
| CAPITAL CREDITS-ASSOC. ORGANIZATIONS | 110,050 | 147,417 | 378,658 | 523,874 |
| TOTAL MARGINS | (81,823) | 582,803 | 414,635 | 954,260 |

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: "Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone." - Pablo Picasso

Looking for the next generation of leaders

Riverland Energy Cooperative Youth Ambassador Program is still on for 2020-21

The Riverland Energy Cooperative Youth Ambassador program will still be held for high school juniors this fall, with safety measures in place. It will be different than the normal setting, but we still plan on meeting face-to-face (virtual can be an option as well). We will limit the number of students and will make sure we are following all the safety guidelines recommended. Outside activities and meetings will be held when possible, and meetings may be held at both our Holmen location and Arcadia location. All of these details are being worked out and will be communicated to the students.

Please be aware that there is a possibility that the program could be cancelled at any time.

The youth ambassador program is for juniors in high school who are eager to learn about cooperatives, cooperative business models, and gain leadership skills.

High school juniors are encouraged to apply online at www.riverlandenergy.com. Application deadline is October 1, 2020.

Time-of-use rate changes Oct. 1

For those of you that participate in the time-of-use program this is a reminder that the on-peak times change starting October 1. The winter on-peak times will extend through May 31 and are Monday – Friday 5:00 p.m- 9:00 p.m.

The time-of-use rate is based on the time of day you use electricity and our cost of supplying electricity to you during this time. If you use electricity when the total used by Riverland Energy members is low (off-peak) your rate will be lower than the standard rate. On-peak hours or electricity used during periods of high demand will cost more than the standard rate.

If you are interested in participating in this rate program please feel free to contact our offices for more details.

learn what makes cooperatives unique.

Riverland Energy Cooperative

YOUTH AMBASSADOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

For High School Juniors

- Enhance leadership skills
- Learn all about the cooperative world
- Attend youth leadership conferences
- Apply for scholarships
- Be a youth representative for the state of Wisconsin in Washington, D.C.
- Looks great on resumes

Sign up by Oct. 1

www.riverlandenergy.com



Be safe: Call 811 before you dig

Are you planting this fall? Installing a fence? Or building a deck? Before you dig into any home improvement project, have utility lines marked.

Contact Diggers Hotline three working days before you dig to have buried utility lines located, **800-242-8511, 811** or **diggershotline.com**. It's free! Note: Diggers Hotline does not mark private utility lines. Contact your co-op for a list of local electricians that provide this service.



Harvest season brings hard work and can be an exhausting, but rushing the job to save time can be extremely dangerous (even deadly!) when working near overhead power lines.

We urge farm operators and workers to keep the following safety tips in mind:

- » Use care when operating large machinery near power lines.
- » Inspect height of equipment to determine clearance.
- » Always keep equipment at least 10 feet away (in all directions) from power lines.
- » Remember to lower extensions when moving loads.
- » Know what to do and have a plan if you come into contact with an overhead power line. Do not leave the vehicle until utility workers have cut off electricity and confirmed that it is safe to exit the vehicle. Know what to do in the rare event the equipment catches fire!
- » If a power line is sagging or looks to be dangerously low, please call us immediately.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Clothes dryers make up a large portion of your appliance energy consumption. Clean the lint filter after each cycle, and scrub the filter with a toothbrush once a month to remove film and increase air circulation.

Source: energy.gov



MEMBER CONNECTION

MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY EVENT IS CANCELLED

Member Appreciation Day Event scheduled for September 23 has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We hope to have one in 2021!

CALL NOW FOR NEW ELECTRICAL SERVICE OR UPGRADE

If you need electrical service for a new home or a service upgrade for increased loads, such as crop drying equipment, contact our Operations Department now. Unpredictable weather can cause delays in construction, so adequate lead-time will help make sure that we're ready when you are.

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