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Cooperative Bids Farewell to Ken Petersen

Cooperative employees, directors, family, friends, and legislators honored Barron Electric Cooperative's General Manager Ken Petersen on his retirement. Petersen started at Barron Electric in 1980 as Director of Operations and was promoted to general manager in 1984. He led the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association's Legislative Committee for over 10 years. He served on the RESCO Board of Directors for 12 years, and chairman for 10 years. He was instrumental in forming the Country Comfort Limited Liability Company.

State Representative Mary Hubler presented a legislative citation to Ken for his contributions to the cooperative and community. State Senator Bob Jauch remarked, "The legislature would solve problems faster if we mirrored the integrity that Ken has shown in the cooperative business." President and CEO of the Cooperative Network, formerly known as Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association, echoed those thoughts, "Ken demonstrated the cooperative principles of cooperation among cooperative and concern for the community." President and CEO of Dairyland Power Cooperative commented, "Dairyland Power is a better organization because Ken is a part of it. He has always kept us on our toes, and has the cooperative system in his heart."

Dallas Sloan assumes the general manager position at Barron Electric on January 1. Barron Electric Cooperative serves 17,655 members and has a staff of 44 employees, with offices in Barron and Spooner.

Caption for photo: State Representative Mary Hubler and State Senator Bob Jauch present a legislative citation to Barron Electric's General Manager Ken Petersen.