



# News FOR YOU...

## Join Us at the Stardust Drive-In for the 84th Annual Meeting *New Location Allows for Social Distancing*

Join us at Barron Electric Cooperative's 84th Annual Meeting, which will be held on Thursday, August 20 at the Stardust Drive-in Movie Theater in Chetek. Registration will start at 5:30 p.m. with the business meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bring your August electric bill statement to the annual meeting. The statement contains a barcode that will register you for the meeting. **Please note registration cards were not mailed.** Director elections will be held for Districts 2, 4, and 8. Members will also vote on a resolution to adopt amendments to the cooperative

bylaws. Please see pages two and three for more important annual meeting information.

Members will have the opportunity to win a free year of energy, excluding fixed charges, and 99 prizes will be given away. Enjoy a cheeseburger, chips, cookie, and water. All members will receive a pound of cheese and butter. Bring a non-perishable food item for the Turtle Lake Food Pantry.

### Designated Voters

Please contact the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008 to request a form by August 10 to designate

a representative from your organization to vote at the annual meeting.



Stardust is located at 995 22nd Street, Chetek. For directions, visit [stardustdriveinmovie.com](http://stardustdriveinmovie.com)

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## Members to Share in \$1.1 Million in Cashback Credits *Credit Included on August Bill Statement*

Barron Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors approved retiring \$1.1 Million in Cashback Credits, also known as capital credits. Nearly 16,000 current members eligible for a capital credit check will see a credit on their August bill statement. Former members eligible for cashback

credits will receive a check in October.

Barron Electric will retire cashback credits for the year 2000 at 100% of the remaining balance of the cooperative's portion and for the year 2019 at 45.50% of the remaining balance of the G&T portion.

Barron Electric's General Manager Dallas Sloan commented,

"We recognize the impact that COVID-19 has had on our members and want to help by returning cashback credits earlier." He added, "With the concern for the safety of our members and employees, the decision was made to cancel our cooperative month events for this year."



## \$50 Bill Credit for Winning Photo



E-mail your fall photos for our photo contest. The winning photo will be used on the cover of the *News for You*, and the winner will receive a \$50 credit on their electric bill. Criteria for the photos include:

- Photos must have a horizontal orientation (landscape).
- Photos must be high resolution, at least 300 dpi.
- Member must own rights to the photo.
- E-mail your digital image to [memberservices@barronelectric.com](mailto:memberservices@barronelectric.com) by August 10, 2020. Include your Barron Electric account number, address, and phone number.
- By submitting your photo, you are granting Barron Electric Cooperative permission to use your photo in a variety of publications and on our website.

## Official Notice of the 84th Annual Meeting

Pursuant to the provision of the bylaws, notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the members of Barron Electric Cooperative will be held Thursday, August 20 at the Stardust Drive-in Movie Theater in Chetek with registration beginning at 5:30 p.m. The business meeting will follow at 6:00 p.m. to take action upon the following matters:

- To elect three directors to serve a three-year term in Districts 2, 4, and 8
- To vote on a resolution to adopt amendments to the cooperative bylaws
- To address all other business that may come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments, thereof.

Dated this 24th day of June 2020

*Scott Warwick, Secretary*

# #POWERON

## Save Money on Energy Star Appliances



Barron Electric offers the following rebates:

Energy Star® Clothes Washer .....	\$25
Energy Star® Electric Clothes Dryer .....	\$25
Heat Pump Clothes Dryer .....	\$50
Energy Star® Dehumidifier .....	\$25
Energy Star® Dishwasher.....	\$25
Energy Star® Freezer.....	\$25
Energy Star® Refrigerator (>= to 10 cubic feet).....	\$25
Inductive Range (must be a minimum of 10 cubic feet)..	\$25
Refrigerator or Freezer Recycling .....	\$25
Room Air Conditioner Recycling .....	\$25



More information on Barron Electric's programs can be found online at [barronelectric.com](http://barronelectric.com) in the rebates area. The program expires December 18, 2020.

## Energy Efficiency

### Tip of the Month

Installing a smart power strip is a quick and easy way to start saving money while making your home more energy efficient. Smart power strips can actually cut power off to save energy since they are able to detect when a device is in standby mode.

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

# Resolution to Adopt Amendments to the Cooperative Bylaws at 84th Annual Meeting

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Barron Electric Cooperative Board of Directors to review the Bylaws and make suggested changes in the best interest of the cooperative, and its members, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recommends the following amendments to the membership Bylaws:

- Article I, Section 8. "Membership Fees"

~~The membership fee shall be set by the board of directors in any amount, including zero, but not to exceed Five Dollars (\$5.00), the payment of which shall make the member eligible for service.~~ The Board of Directors may from time to time establish a reasonable membership fee, the payment of which shall be one of the conditions of membership to the Cooperative.

- Article III, Section 1, "Annual Meeting"

The annual meeting of the members shall be held not less than two months, nor more than ten months from the close of the calendar year. ~~beginning with the year 1980.~~

- Article III, Section 3, "Notice of Members' Meetings"

Written, electronic, or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting, and in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than seven (7) days nor more than ~~thirty (30)~~ forty (40) days before the date of the meeting, either personally, electronically, by mail, by or at the direction of the secretary, or by the persons calling the meeting, to each member.

- Article III, Section 6, "Order of Business"

The order of business at the annual meeting of the members, and so far as possible at all other meetings of the members, shall be essentially as follows:

- ~~Call of the roll.~~ Business Meeting Called to Order by President.
- Adoption of Rules of Order

- Article IV, Section 3, "Qualifications"

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a board member of the Cooperative who:

- is not a member and bona fide resident ~~in the area served of the district and on premises served~~ by the Cooperative at his or her primary residence, and that residence is within the director district which he or she has been nominated or elected to represent;
- while a director or during the five years preceding election or appointment as a director has pursued any litigation against the Cooperative or any of its employees or directors, or who is in default on any obligation owed to the Cooperative at the time of election or appointment.

- Article IV, Section 4, "Nominations and Electors"

Directors shall be elected so as to provide for one director from each such division on the board of directors. ~~provided that any director elected prior to the effective date of this action for a fixed term may continue to serve until the expiration of such fixed term without reference to the districting provisions contained herein.~~

- Article V, Section 4, "Notice"

Notice of the time, place and purpose of any special meeting of the board of directors shall be given at least three (3) days previous thereto, by written notice, delivered ~~electronically~~, personally or mailed, to each director at their last known address.

- Article VI, Section 2, "Election and Term of Office"

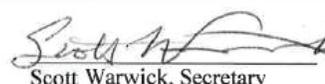
The officers shall be nominated and elected by ballot, annually by and from the board of directors at the meeting of the board of directors held ~~immediately~~ after the annual meeting of the members.

- Article XI, Section 8, "Subscription to Wisconsin ~~REC News~~ Electric Cooperative Association's News Publication"

The Cooperative, through action of its board of directors may in the name and behalf of each member of the Cooperative, subscribe for the ~~REC News Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association's news publication.~~

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Barron Electric Cooperative Board of Directors hereby recommends these amendments to the Cooperative Bylaws to the membership for approval on March 28, 2020 at the 84th Annual Meeting.

I, Scott Warwick, Secretary of Barron Electric Cooperative, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of Barron Electric Cooperative, held this 30th day of January, 2020, at which meeting a quorum was present.

  
Scott Warwick, Secretary

Full bylaws are available on SmartHub at [barronelectric.com](http://barronelectric.com).



# Wildflowers and Milkweed Growing in Butterfly Garden

## Members Helping Members

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected our members financially. Although, there are many forms of assistance available, including unemployment benefits, small business loans, and food through local schools and food pantries, there are still bills to pay. Members can help family, friends, neighbors, or even strangers stay current on their electric bill.

If you would like to help a member by paying \$50, \$100, \$200 or any amount desired towards their electric bill, please send a check with the member's name, address and phone number. If you have any questions, please contact our billing department at 800-322-1008 or [billing@barronelectric.com](mailto:billing@barronelectric.com) for more details.



**Barron Electric Cooperative partnered with Nuto Farms to create a habitat for Monarch butterflies. Monarch butterflies are expected to be listed on the endangered species list in December 2020.**

*Larry Kuhl represents District 5 on Barron Electric's Board of Directors, which includes the townships of Long Lake, Bear Lake, Oak Grove, Stanfold, Rice Lake, and Doyle.*



**\*Condensed Board Minutes  
May 27, 2020**

- The minutes of the regular board meeting from April 29, 2020 were approved as presented.
- Director Helm gave the treasurer's report. A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #97636 thru #97694 of CCF Bank was in the amount of \$400,940 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$14,034. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$2,161,126; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$1,079,539; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$2,348,704; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$191,324 and power bill paid 05/27/2020 in the amount of \$1,918,396.
- A membership list of 44 was presented and approved without objection by the board.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of April in the amount of \$25,889.67 was presented for approval, and included new services - \$6,994.89; change jobs - \$2,335.37; miscellaneous - \$16,559.41 and 1 retirement. The April Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages through the month of April stand at 11,765 consumer hours off, which is 11.77% below 2019 hours of 13,334. Overtime year-to-date is 488.00 hours, which is 48.09% below 2019 hours of 940.00.

\* View full board minutes on SmartHub.

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