

Barron Electric Cooperative
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Bruce Schumaker



News FOR YOU...

North Wal Substation Energized



The North Wal Substation was energized on June 26 after three years of construction. This substation, located just north of Walmart in Rice Lake, will alleviate load from the Haugen, Cameron, and Barron Substations and help increase reliability in an area that has seen considerable load growth. Four miles of overhead single-phase lines were also converted to three-phase underground to help improve reliability.

Pictured above: Lineman Aaron Holten puts some final touches on the North Wal Substation prior to energizing.



GMS Collecting Equipment Data

Global Mapping Solutions (GMS), contracted by Barron Electric, is actively gathering data on our system. This work may take place during weekends and any daylight hours. GMS representatives may be present on your property, traveling on foot, ATV, or UTV. They will be taking photographs of Barron Electric equipment, posting signs, or locating cables.

GMS employees will carry a badge, a letter of contract with Barron Electric's letterhead, and their equipment will include a sign indicating they are contracted by Barron Electric Cooperative. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Operations Department at 800-322-1008 or operations@barronelectric.com.



*Condensed Board Minutes May 28, 2025

Mark Bowers represents District 9 on Barron Electric's Board of Directors which includes the following townships:



Chetek, Dallas, Sioux Creek, Dovre, Sampson, and Sand Creek.

- A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #104330 through #104404 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$166,971 with capital credit estate checks totaling \$35,928. Total receipts in the office \$2,005,962; total receipts by wire and ACH \$1,764,474; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire \$3,124,156; transfer of funds was made for payroll \$245,447 and the power bill was paid on 05/28/2025 in the amount of \$1,875,669.
- A membership list of 59 was presented and approved without objection.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of April in the amount of \$128,801.94 was presented for approval and included new services \$0; change jobs \$0; Other Work Order Projects \$128,801.94 and 20 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 19,704.24 consumer hours off, which is 71.10% above 2024 hours of 11,516.41. Overtime year-to-date is 695.75 hours, which is 26.43% below 2024 hours of 945.75.

* View full board minutes on SmartHub at barronelectric.com.

Making a Difference in the Community



Barron Electric and *CoBank donated \$10,000 to the Pioneer Village Museum, which will be used for their new welcome center. Pictured are Jennifer Beaudette, Director of Member Services at Barron Electric; Mark Dobberfuhr, President of the Barron County Historical Society; Bill Effertz, Barron Electric Director; and Tammy Schutz, Executive Director for the Pioneer Village Museum.



Barron Electric and CoBank donated \$2,000 to the Spooner Fire District which will be used for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. These devices ensure that firefighters have clean air while working in environments involving smoke, gases, or fumes. Mike Baker (right), Vice President of Barron Electric Cooperative's Board, presented a check to Darren Vik, Chief of the Spooner Fire District.

*CoBank, the lender for Barron Electric, is dedicated to giving back to the communities they serve. In 2025, they plan to match \$6 million through their Sharing Success Program. The funds for Barron Electric's donations come from the Federated Youth Foundation, which manages unclaimed cashback credits from former members. The foundation has specific guidelines on how these funds can be utilized. Legally, Barron Electric cannot use unclaimed cashback credits to lower rates.

Travelling to the Nation's Capital

Barron Electric sponsored Jada Horstman and Addisen Ellison to Washington, D.C. for the 2025 Youth Tour. They joined eleven youth members from Wisconsin electric cooperatives. Some of the stops included: the National Cooperative Business Association, the National Mall, the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, the National Archives, FBI Headquarters, and the U.S. Navy Memorial. They had the opportunity to tour the White House and U.S. Capitol, where they observed democracy in action and witnessed a live Senate vote. They also met with U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin(D-Wisconsin).



Top photo: Barron Electric sponsored Jada Horstman and Addisen Ellison to NRECA's Youth Tour. Middle photo: The Wisconsin youth delegates posed in front of the White House, one of many stops on their tour. Bottom photo: Wisconsin youth delegates met with U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin.

Bills to Support Nuclear Energy

Recently, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers signed two bipartisan bills aimed at promoting nuclear power within the state. One bill allocates \$2 million for a study to identify potential sites for a nuclear fusion power plant in Wisconsin. The second bill establishes a new board dedicated to advancing nuclear power and fusion technology in the state, along with plans for a summit in 2028.

In a statement, Evers remarked, "We must continue our efforts to help lower energy costs and improve energy independence by reducing our reliance on out-of-state energy sources, and these bills are an important step in the right direction."

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- Photos must have a horizontal orientation (landscape) and be high resolution, 300 dpi or higher.
- Member must own rights to the photo.
- E-mail your digital image to memberservices@barronelectric.com by August 15, 2025. Include your Barron Electric account number, address, and phone number.
- By submitting your photo, you are granting Barron Electric permission to use your photo in publications and on our website.

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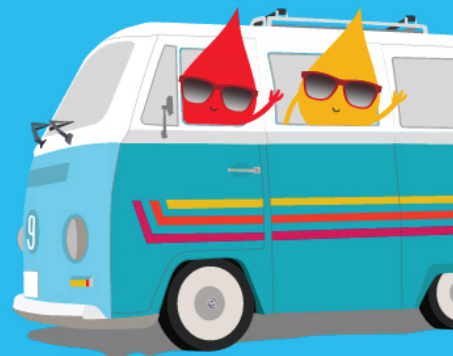
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Blood Drive

Barron Electric Cooperative

Community Room
1434 State Hwy 25

Friday, August 15, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767
to schedule an appointment.

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