

Barron Electric Cooperative  
September 2025  
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Mark Polson

# News FOR YOU...

## \$1.2 Million to be Returned to Members

We are excited to announce that Barron Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors approved retiring \$1.2 Million in the form of cashback credit checks. Postcards were mailed the first week of September to those members eligible for a check. Checks can be picked up on Tuesday, October 7 in Spooner and Thursday, October 9 in Barron. Please bring your postcard to either Cooperative Month event to receive your check. Members and guests can enjoy a free lunch, register for prizes, and visit cooperative and community booths.

Barron Electric will retire capital credits for the years listed:

1997.....100% of the remaining balance  
2005.....100% of the remaining balance  
2006.....100% of the remaining balance  
2007.....100% of the remaining balance  
2008...14.75% of the remaining balance

As a member, you are an owner of Barron Electric. Since we are member-owned and not-for-profit, one of the fundamental principles we follow is a commitment to returning excess margins. This is done in the form of cashback credits.

### Food Drive & Prize Drawing

Bring a nonperishable food item

for local food pantries. Those who donate will have their name entered into a prize drawing.



*Over 7,000 members will receive a cashback credit check, which can be picked up at Cooperative Month events.*



## Cooperative Month Kickoff Events 2025



Prizes! Free Lunch! Cashback Credits & More!

**Tuesday, October 7th**  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Barron Electric's Spooner Location  
1550 Paulson Drive, Spooner, WI

**Thursday, October 9th**  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Barron Electric Cooperative  
1434 State Hwy 25 N, Barron, WI



## 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 our Operations Department at [operations@barronelectric.com](mailto:operations@barronelectric.com) or 800-322-1008.

## Students Attend Epic Youth Conference



Barron Electric Cooperative sponsored four students to the 2025 Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) at UW-Stout including: Franklin Eldred, Zachary Fleishauer, Dagmar Beckel, and Sienna Steines (pictured above). The conference helps students build leadership skills and teaches them about electric cooperatives. Hunter Gillett was this year's featured speaker. At 18, Hunter was critically injured in a plane crash in Chetek. His friend, Owen Knutson, who was the pilot of the plane, died in the accident. Hunter's message to the students was one of hope and healing. Tina Walden, WECA Director of Youth Education, expressed, "Hunter's journey is powerful and important, because it reminds our youth members that life can be incredibly tough, but it's how we respond to those hardships that truly shapes who we become."

Sienna Steines was elected as an alternate to the Youth Board. As a Youth Board Member, Sienna will work throughout the year to educate students about electric cooperatives, will attend NRECA's Youth Tour, and will be instrumental in planning the 2026 YLC.



*Hunter Gillett shared a powerful message with Youth Leadership Conference attendees.*



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# Practicing the Principles: Commitment to Community

**B**arron Electric Cooperative donated \$1,000 to the Cumberland Youth Hockey Association. These funds will be used towards the purchase of a newer Zamboni, which will enhance the quality of the ice. Along with purchasing a newer Zamboni, the organization is also planning to install a new floor chiller system and concrete floor. The Cumberland Youth Hockey Association remains a vital part of the community, providing opportunities for ice sports, skating programs, and events that promote teamwork, healthy activities, and lasting memories for countless families. Aaron Torud, the General Manager of Barron Electric, expressed, "We take pride in supporting a project that positively influences both youth and the community."

Funds for Barron Electric's donations originate from the Federated Youth Foundation, an administrative trust overseeing unclaimed cashback credits of former members. The Federated Youth Foundation has specific requirements for which the funds can be used. Legally, Barron Electric is unable to use funds from unclaimed cashback credits to reduce rates.



Scott Warwick(left), Barron Electric Cooperative Board Director, presented a \$1,000 check to the Cumberland Youth Hockey Association, represented by Graham and Kellsey Ruppel (back row, second and third from left) and Kelly and Ian Haugen(back row, far right) with the Cumberland Islanders Hockey team members.



Member Nuto Farms teamed up with Barron Electric to develop this butterfly field in Sarona. This is one of three gardens created by Barron Electric to help attract Monarch butterflies. Monarchs are decreasing in population as a result of habitat loss, pesticides and climate change.

## TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Solar energy is rising in popularity, and so are solar scams. If a salesperson knocks on your door promising free solar panels at zero cost or that you'll never have to pay your energy bill again, it's likely a scam. If you're interested in solar panels for your home, do your research, get multiple quotes from licensed providers who are reputable, and most importantly, take your time to ensure a smooth process.

Contact Barron Electric at [memberservices@barronelectric.com](mailto:memberservices@barronelectric.com) for more information on renewable energy.





## Win \$50 with Winning Photo

E-mail your fall photo to [memberservices@barronelectric.com](mailto:memberservices@barronelectric.com) for a chance to win a \$50 credit on your electric bill. Criteria includes:

- 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](mailto:memberservices@barronelectric.com) by September 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.

## Have You Misplaced Some Treasure?



Barron Electric Cooperative is searching for members with unclaimed cashback credit checks (aka capital credit checks). Cashback credits are a member's share of the cooperative's margins for a year in which revenues exceeded expenses. Cashback credits are proportionate to the member's share of electrical costs and purchases for that year. Barron Electric's Board of Directors approves refunds of cashback credits based on the cooperative's financial health. Notifying Barron Electric of changes to your mailing address is important.

A list of members we hope to locate can be found on our website, [barronelectric.com/cashback-credits](http://barronelectric.com/cashback-credits). A current address is needed to locate these members and refund their capital credits. If you recognize anyone on the list, please contact us at 800-322-1008 or [billing@barronelectric.com](mailto:billing@barronelectric.com).

Unclaimed funds will be forfeited to the Federated Youth Foundation and used by the cooperative for educational or charitable purposes as directed by our bylaws.



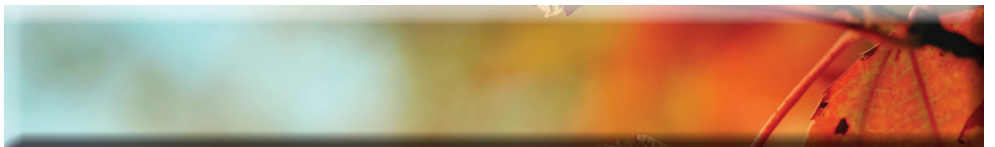
## \*Condensed Board Minutes June 23, 2025

*Patricia Mandel serves as secretary on Barron Electric's Board of Directors and represents District 6 which includes the townships of Clinton, Barron, Maple Grove, and Prairie Lake.*



- A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #104405 through #104459 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$388,796 with capital credit estate checks totaling \$945. Total receipts in the office \$2,329,297; total receipts by wire and ACH \$1,704,420; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire \$3,134,609 transfer of funds was made for payroll \$244,860 and the power bill was paid on 06/25/2025 in the amount of \$1,816,223.
- A membership list of 74 was presented and approved without objection.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of May in the amount of \$258,434.20 was presented for approval and included new services \$34,744.22; change jobs \$163,501.31; Other Work Order Projects \$60,188.67 and 16 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 41,926.71 consumer hours off, which is 154.90% above 2024 hours of 16,448.20. Overtime year-to-date is 1,285.00 hours, which is 0.12% below 2024 hours of 1,286.50.

*\* View full board minutes on SmartHub at [barronelectric.com](http://barronelectric.com).*



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