

Board Meeting Highlights

JANUARY 2024

Crow Wing Power's Board of Directors conducted its regular monthly meeting Thursday, January 16, 2025. A quorum of directors was present.

President Mark Ronnei opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following reports were given:

- CEO report
- CFO Report
- Directors reported on meetings they attended on behalf of the cooperative.

The following actions were taken:

- Approved January Consent Agenda.
- Approved Minutes of the December 19, 2024 regular board meeting.
- Approved Market Analysis of the Xcel building.
- Motion for Board of Director term limits. Motion failed.
- Motion for Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certificate requirement for Director Qualification. Motion passed.
- Motion for Bylaw revisions to Article II, Section 3 and Article I, Section 11. Motion passed.
- Motion to change the size of the Board of Directors. Motion failed.
- Approved changing the November and December Board Meeting dates due to Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Approved Director Expense Reports for December 2024.

Members can review detailed minutes by logging into their SmartHub account. Log in is located on the homepage of our website.

Scholarship Deadline

Crow Wing Power is committed to supporting our members' educational goals by offering four scholarship opportunities to help ease the cost of higher education. These scholarships are made possible through unclaimed capital credits.

High School Seniors can apply through their school's guidance counselor, where they will need to submit an essay.

Lineworker Program Students can inquire within their technical school about available scholarships.

Operation Round-Up® Random Draw Scholarship is available online for students pursuing higher education.

Non-Traditional Students—those attending a non-traditional high school or enrolling in college for the first time—are also eligible for a scholarship.

Crow Wing Power works hard to return capital credits to former and current members. However, if funds remain unclaimed due to uncashed checks or outdated addresses, they are held for up to seven years. According to Minnesota Statute 290.05, after this period, unclaimed funds must be turned over to the state or donated to a tax-exempt organization. These scholarships ensure those funds stay within our community to benefit students.

We encourage members to keep their address updated by calling Crow Wing Power or checking the unclaimed capital credits list on our website.

For more information on scholarship eligibility and how to apply, visit our website today!

OPEN FILING DEADLINE APRIL 15, 2025

Three director positions are up for election in 2025, representing Districts 1B, 2A, and 3 At-Large. Elected directors serve three-year terms, providing leadership to guide our Cooperative's future.

The filing period for candidates runs from Thursday, January 30,

2025, to Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. Members interested in running can learn more about board responsibilities and qualifications by contacting Crow Wing Power at 800-648-9401 or via email during regular business hours.

2025 Rebates Available:

ENERGY SAVINGS MADE EASY

Crow Wing Power is committed to helping our members save energy and money through updated rebates on energy-efficient equipment and services. Whether you're upgrading your heating and cooling system, replacing appliances, or making other efficiency improvements, you may be eligible for a rebate. Rebates are available as either a bill credit or a check, depending on the equipment or service purchased. To qualify, the installation must be at a location served by Crow Wing Power.

Applying for a rebate is simple. Members can complete and submit a rebate form online or download a printable version. Be sure to include a copy of your sales or service receipt, dated within 90 days of purchase, with your submission.

Processing takes approximately 8-12 weeks, so plan ahead to receive your rebate in a timely manner.

For those who prefer traditional methods, printed rebate forms can be mailed to Crow Wing Power at PO Box 507, Brainerd, MN 56401. Investing in energy-efficient upgrades not only helps you save on electricity costs but also supports a more sustainable community. Take advantage of these rebates today and make the most of your energy savings!

TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Scammers will try anything to deceive utility customers, including a tactic that claims customers have overpaid their bill. If you receive a call, text or email from someone claiming you overpaid a utility bill and need to provide your banking or credit card information to receive a credit, it's likely a scam. In most cases, your utility will apply a credit to your account to cover future charges or refund an overpayment with a mailed check.

Source: *Utilities United Against Scams*

Cooperative Principles

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OPEN AND VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP

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DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL

3

MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

4

AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE

5

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

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COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

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CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

POWERING
Our
MEMBERS.
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Our
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THAT'S
Our
COOPERATIVE DIFFERENCE

YEAR OF THE
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