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Energy & Service Center Project Reaches Major Milestone

Crow Wing Power continues to make meaningful progress on its proposed Energy & Service Center, a project designed to support the Cooperative's future and the growing needs of the members and communities we serve.

Since the 2026 Annual Meeting, members have had opportunities to learn more about the project, ask questions, and share feedback with employees. Crow Wing Power remains committed to keeping members informed throughout the process through ongoing communications and a dedicated project webpage that provides timely updates every step of the way.

Recently, the Board of Directors reached an important milestone by approving the Building Committee's recommendation for both an architectural firm and construction partner. Following the Board's approval, Crow Wing Power officially selected GLTArchitects of St. Cloud and Hy-Tec Construction of Brainerd to lead the next phase of the project.

GLTArchitects brings decades of experience designing functional, efficient facilities that support long-term operations. Their recent work on the new facility for Stearns Electric Association demonstrates their ability to create modern spaces built around the needs of cooperative employees and members. Hy-Tec Construction, a locally based company with deep roots in the Brainerd Lakes Area, is known for quality craftsmanship, strong project management, and a commitment to safety and community investment.

"Hy-Tec Construction is grateful for the opportunity to partner with Crow Wing Power on the Energy & Service Center project," said Mitch Feierabend, General Manager of Hy-Tec Construction. "This state-of-the-art facility represents a long-term investment that will serve the region well into the future. We are proud to work alongside Crow Wing Power and local subcontractors to help bring this vision to life."

Progress continues beyond the

selection of project partners. In June, Crow Wing Power attended the Crow Wing Township Planning and Zoning meeting to request rezoning of the property for the proposed Energy & Service Center. Following a recommendation from Planning and Zoning, the rezoning request was approved by the township board.

The next phase includes regular planning meetings with the project team to develop building designs, site layouts, and traffic access plans before submitting a formal building permit application.

As a member-owned cooperative, Crow Wing Power is focused on balancing long-term planning with fiscal responsibility while continuing to provide safe, reliable electric service. We are excited about what this project means for the future of our Cooperative, our members, and the communities we proudly serve.

Members who would like to receive periodic project updates can sign up at cwpower.com/energy-service-center.

PROJECT TIMELINE & WHERE WE ARE TODAY



THE Current Corner *guest column*

MORE THAN Keeping the Lights ON

BY CHRIS OLSON, SAFETY ADMINISTRATOR



When most people think about their electric cooperative, they think about reliable power. And they should. Keeping the lights on is what we do. But at Crow Wing Power, we believe our responsibility goes beyond delivering electricity. We also have a responsibility to help keep our communities safe.

That's why safety remains our number one priority, not only for our employees, but for our members and our community as well.

This year, our lineworkers and power quality employees took that commitment a step further by designing and building a new electrical safety trailer. The trailer gives us a hands-on way to teach people what electricity can do and, more importantly, how to stay safe around it.

This spring, our crews visited local elementary schools and spent time with fourth-grade students learning about electrical safety. The demonstrations brought important lessons to life. Students saw why birds can safely sit on power lines, learned what can happen when a vehicle comes into contact with a downed line, and experienced the loud sound of a fuse operating during an electrical fault. The goal is simple: help people understand the dangers before an accident happens.

Our outreach extends beyond the classroom. In June, we shared electrical safety demonstrations at Brisket on the Farm, and you'll find us in the community throughout the summer at the Crow Wing County Fair and Morrison County Fair.

We're also working alongside local first responders to improve emergency response involving power lines, transformers, and other electrical equipment. Through this partnership, Crow Wing Power lineworkers are available to respond when electrical expertise is needed at an emergency scene. Having trained personnel and specialized equipment available can save valuable time when every minute matters.

We're proud of the work being done because safety is not just a program. It's a commitment. It's one more way your cooperative is working every day to serve and protect the communities we call home.

Safety First, Always

Chris Olson

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Come make memories, meet a few animals, and enjoy a day that's all about celebrating you. We can't wait to see you there!

Crow Wing Power Welcomes Director Michael McDaid to the Board



Crow Wing Power is pleased to welcome Michael McDaid as the new director representing District 2B. McDaid fills the board seat previously held by Gert Roggenkamp, who retired after years of dedicated service to the Cooperative and its members. Crow Wing Power thanks Roggenkamp for her commitment and contributions and looks forward to McDaid's leadership as he begins his service on the Board of Directors.

McDaid attended his first board meeting in April 2026 and brings a wealth of leadership, governance, and business experience to the role. He currently serves as supervisor for Pelican Township, secretary of the Lakes and Rivers Alliance (LARA) board, and a board member of the Pelican Lake Association. His involvement in these organizations reflects a strong commitment to community stewardship, collaboration, and responsible decision-making.

Professionally, McDaid is a retired executive from IBM and former partner with Ernst & Young. Throughout his career, he gained extensive experience in strategic planning, financial systems, risk management, and organizational leadership. He is passionate about the cooperative model and the important role local electric cooperatives play in

supporting the communities they serve.

"My goal is simple: listen to our members, ask thoughtful questions, and help make decisions that serve the long-term interests of the Cooperative," said McDaid. "I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve the members of Crow Wing Power. In my short time on the Board, I have been impressed by the Cooperative's commitment to reliability, financial stewardship, and member service. I look forward to working with my fellow directors and the leadership team to help ensure Crow Wing Power continues to meet the needs of our growing communities while maintaining the values that have made the Cooperative successful for generations."

As part of a bylaw change approved by members in 2025, McDaid and fellow directors are currently pursuing the Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) program through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. The CCD program consists of five courses focused on governance fundamentals and the essential skills required of cooperative directors. This training helps directors fulfill their fiduciary responsibilities and ensures they are well prepared to serve the best interests of Crow Wing Power's membership.

Board Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 2026

Crow Wing Power's Board of Directors conducted its regular monthly meeting Thursday, April 23, 2026. A quorum of directors was present.

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

The following reports were given:

- CEO Report
- COO Report
- CFO Report
- IT Report

Directors reported on meetings they attended on behalf of the cooperative.

The following actions were taken:

- Approved April Consent Agenda.
- Approved the Minutes of March 26, 2026
- Accepted the April Financial Report.
- Approved Director Expense Reports for March 2026.

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

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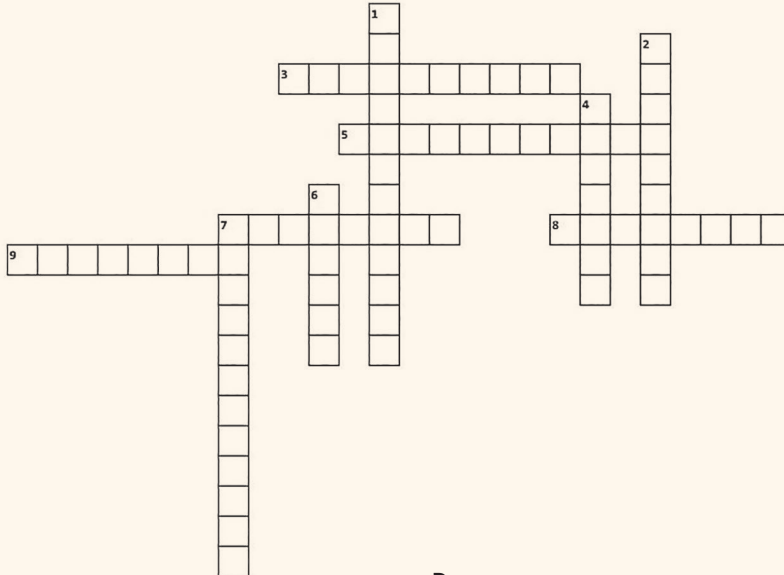
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Q2 Winners: Paul Lindvall From White Bear Lake; John Bahr From Darwin;
Steve Krull From Chanhassen



Across

3. One proof of membership
5. McDaid is a board member of this association.
7. What was requested at the township board?
8. What you will make at Celebrate YOU at the Zoo Event.
9. Improve emergency _____?

Down

1. _____ Cooperative Director (CCD).
2. Board of Directors reached an important _____?
4. Help people understand _____ before an accident happens.
6. Grade that received a safety demo.
7. What you must meet for military service protection.

Name _____

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City / State / ZIP _____

Email _____

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2026 QUARTER 2 ANSWERS:

Across: 1. SmartHub 3. Deciduous 5. Lineworkers 7. Maple 8. Touchstone 9. Property
Down: 2. Brainerd 4. Project 6. Safety 10. Evergreens

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