

## Wright-Hennepin celebrates 89 years at Annual Meeting

Wright-Hennepin (WH) brought members together on April 16, 2026, for its 89th Annual Meeting, celebrating The Power of Membership and the role each member plays as an owner of the cooperative.

More than 640 members attended, with 1,625 pork chop dinners served during an evening of connection and community. Attendees enjoyed informational booths, bingo, children's activities, and time with fellow members.

At the heart of the event was the cooperative's business meeting, where members exercised one of their most important roles, staying informed and engaged. Highlights included WH's 2025 financial results, updates from WH and WH Holding leadership, and the announcement of director election results for Districts 2, 5, and 7. These elections are a key part of what sets cooperatives apart, giving members a direct voice in leadership and the future of their electric utility.

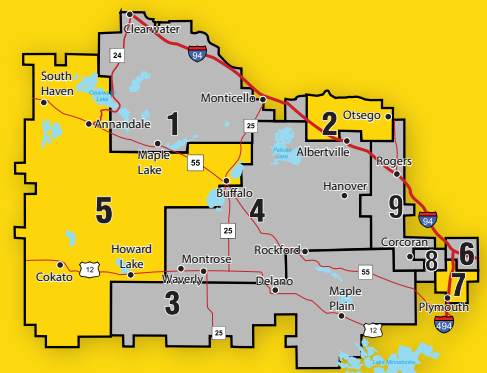
Members who stayed through the meeting received a complimentary pound of butter, and Debra Rodondi of Buffalo won the grand prize: a retired WH fleet vehicle, a 2015 Ford F-150 4x4.

The evening was a strong reminder that at WH, you're not a customer — you're a member-owner. Your participation, your vote, and your voice help power the cooperative today and into the future.



## Congratulations to Board of Directors election winners

The winners of the Board of Directors election for Districts 2, 5, and 7 were announced at WH's Annual Meeting. Twelve candidates ran this year. LeRoy Lindenfelser was elected to represent District 2. Chris Lantto and Audrey Britton were re-elected to Districts 5 and 7, respectively.



**LeRoy Lindenfelser**  
 DISTRICT 2



**Chris Lantto**  
 DISTRICT 5



**Audrey Britton**  
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THANK YOU TO WH'S LINE CREWS



# CEO's Memo

**TIM SULLIVAN**  
**WH PRESIDENT AND CEO**

## New Control Center is an Investment in 21st Century Reliability

Consider: what is reliable electric service really worth to you? Think not about what you pay for it but about its value — especially on demand when you must charge your phone to take that crucial call or to finish drying your daughter's uniform before the big game.

It's difficult to quantify, isn't it? That's because safe, reliable electric service is so essential and foundational to our modern experience that it's challenging to imagine what life would look and feel like without it.

Well, at Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH), we've thought a lot about what modern American life might look like without reliable power because it's our charge to keep the lights on.

One way we honor this commitment is by constantly reinvesting in our electric grid and its support infrastructure to deliver reliability worthy of a best-in-class 21st century utility. An especially noteworthy example is our new Electric Control Center (see photo at right), the updated central hub for WH grid management. Think of it as the WH equivalent of mission control for the space program. How does the membership benefit from this modern nerve center? Consider:

**Technology Upgrades:** Through our new control center, WH staff will monitor and manage a wide array of cutting-edge technology platforms, all designed to make our grid more responsive, resilient and reliable. For example, we will oversee our Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system which allows us to read every meter remotely, updated as often as every 15 minutes. We'll switch power routes and backfeed substations and feeder lines using our new Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, the electronic brains behind our grid. Over the next year, we'll also implement our new Distribution Management System (DMS) which, among other things, introduces advanced automation, analytics, and full network visibility into our evolving grid.

**Specialized Skill Upgrades:** Our new control center also represents a major investment in advancing the skills and knowledge of our talented team. In fact, the new Distribution System Operators (DSOs) who will staff the control center have completed or will soon complete a customized three-year apprentice program, where they will learn everything from the basics of electricity to system power flow to advanced substation protection. In short, WH will be adding tremendous new human capabilities along with new technology solutions.

**Reliability Upgrades:** In the end, however, what you and your family care about most is how this new control center will help keep power reliable. So, think of it this way: the new control center will both reduce the total number of outages our members experience and help us to restore power quicker and safer when outages do occur. In fact, some outages will be avoided altogether because the system will help us identify and diagnose potential problems before they materialize. In addition, before this decade is out, the control center will be upgraded further with a new outage management system and another technology platform that will help us integrate the energy production from member-owned solar arrays and battery systems.

Now, no system — even the most sophisticated — is foolproof. But we can assure you that WH will continue to invest in and deploy the most modern technologies — overseen and managed by talented professionals — that make outages more rare and less impactful.

The new WH Electric Control Center: it's just one more way your local cooperative will ensure the delivery of safe, reliable electricity to you and your family now and well into the future.

As always, thanks for your business.



*WH's newly remodeled state-of-the-art electric control center.*

## PROTECT WHAT MATTERS MOST.



WH members save  
**\$300**  
month

We work with security products every day and understand the technical details so you don't have to. We listen to your needs, then design, install, and maintain a custom security package specifically for you.

Save \$3 every month on 24/7 monitoring – just for being a member of the cooperative!

**Call us to discuss how we can customize a security package specifically for you.**

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# Solar Winners

## FEBRUARY SOLAR WINNERS

**TIMOTHY MCDANIEL** of Hanover wins a credit for 184 kWh, January's output from one of WH's solar panel arrays.

**DEAN JENKINS** of Cokato wins a credit for 53 kWh, January's output from WH's second solar panel array.

## MARCH SOLAR WINNERS

**STEPHEN ERICKSON** of Buffalo wins a credit for 196 kWh, February's output from one of WH's solar panel arrays.

**JONATHAN CAFFERTY** of Howard Lake wins a credit for 63 kWh, February's output from WH's second solar panel array.

Learn more at [whe.org/solar-contest](http://whe.org/solar-contest)

## APRIL REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Wright-Hennepin (WH) and WH Holding Board of Directors held their annual reorganizational meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting. Action taken:

- Accepted the director election:
  - District 2: LeRoy Lindenfelser, Monticello,
  - District 5: Chris Lantto, Annandale and
  - District 7: Audrey Britton, Plymouth
- Approved the election of officers:
  - » WH Electric: Erick Heinz, District 9 as Chairman, Mark Skinner, District 8 as Vice-Chairman and Michael Tieva, District 6 as Board Secretary/Treasurer.
  - » WH Holding: Mark Skinner, District 8 as Chairman, Michael Tieva, District 6 as Vice-Chairman and, Pat Bakeberg, District 3 as Board Secretary/Treasurer.
- Approved the reappointment of the Operation Round Up Directors Ronald Zachman (District 2), Connie Erickson (District 5) and Lindsay Nelson (District 7).



## Summer Energy-Saving Program Reminder

WH reminds members enrolled in Energy-Saving Programs (ESPs) that the switch to summer demand management took place May 1. When demand management is occurring, home cooling will be managed instead of home heating. The summer period runs through September.

Learn more about our programs at [whe.org/explore-all-programs-savings](http://whe.org/explore-all-programs-savings)

# Keep in touch with your cooperative!

## Member call center:

(763) 477-3000 or (800) 943-2667  
Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Monday – Friday

## To report an outage:

Dispatchers are available 24/7  
**Call:** (763) 477-3100 or (888) 399-1845

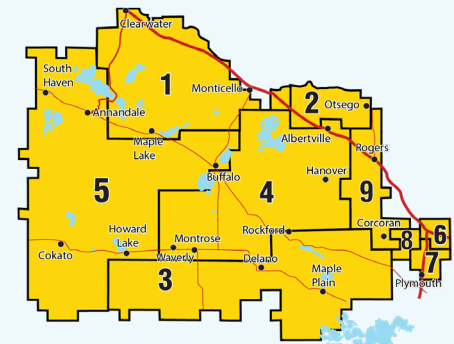
## WH Security monitoring:

Security dispatchers are available 24/7  
**Call:** (763) 477-4275 or (800) 858-7811

**Website:** [whe.org](http://whe.org)

**Email:** [info@whe.org](mailto:info@whe.org)

**Social:** @WrightHennepin



## Board of Directors:

- District 1: Timothy Young, Annandale
- District 2: LeRoy Lindenfelser, Monticello
- District 3: Pat Bakeberg, Waverly
- District 4: Richard Dehmer, Buffalo
- District 5: Chris Lantto, Annandale
- District 6: Mike Tieva, Maple Grove
- District 7: Audrey Britton, Plymouth
- District 8: Mark Skinner, Maple Grove
- District 9: Erick Heinz, Corcoran

**WH President and CEO:** Tim Sullivan

**WH CFO:** Susan Sorensen

*This cooperative is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

## Rate changes for 2026

Based on the typical residential monthly bill of 1,000 kWh, the average bill will increase from \$157.67 in 2025 to \$165.32 in 2026. We anticipate beating Xcel on a typical monthly residential bill by about 8% by the end of 2026.

	2025	2026
Basic charge	\$19.90	\$22.40
Energy rates	\$0.10835	\$0.11295
Average PCA*	\$0.03143	\$0.03234
Average residential bill	\$157.67	\$165.32

\*Power Cost Adjustment

## Distributed generation and small power production notice

In compliance with WH adopted rules relating to small power production, WH is obligated to interconnect with and purchase electricity from small power producers who satisfy the conditions as a qualifying facility. WH is obligated to provide information free of charge to all interested members upon request regarding rates and interconnection requirements. All interconnections require an application and approval to become a qualifying facility. Any dispute over interconnections, sales and purchases are subject to resolution by WH. **Interested members should contact Wright-Hennepin or call (763) 477-3000.**

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# Hotline Update

MAY NEWS FOR WRIGHT-HENNEPIN MEMBERS

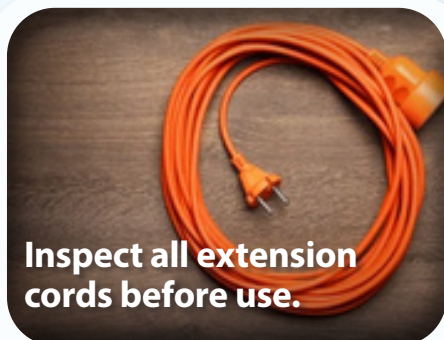
## Lineworker Appreciation Day

April 14 marked Lineworker Appreciation Day. WH's line crews work hard to ensure more than 50,000 WH members have power 24/7/365 no matter the weather! In 2025, WH members averaged just 29 minutes without power thanks to the hard work and preventative maintenance WH crews do on a daily basis. We appreciate their amazing work!



## May is National Electrical Safety Month

Electrical Safety Foundation International reports each year that thousands of people in the United States experience critical injuries from accidents and electrocution in their own homes. Keep yourself and your loved ones safe with these tips!



**Inspect all extension cords before use.**

Do not use an electrical cord if there are any loose connections, cracks or frayed sockets, or loose or bare wires.



**Clearly label your circuit breakers.**

Know what each switch is connected to for safety, maintenance, and repair needs.



**Hire a licensed electrician**

Hire a licensed electrician for safe and proper completion of electrical projects in your home.