

**St. Croix Electric Cooperative Board Meeting Agenda  
January 5, 2017**

- 6:00 p.m.** Meeting Called to Order
- Action 1. Adopt the Agenda
- Action 2. Approve Minutes Regular Meeting December 5, 2016
- Action 3. 2017 Capital & Operating Budget  
-staff presentations
4. Chairman's Report  
-director contacts & correspondence with members
- Action 5. Approve 2017 Nominating Committee Members  
-approve meeting per diem & mileage reimbursement
- Action 6. Appoint Representatives to WECA Standing Committees
- Action 7. Approve Capital Credit Forfeitures to Federated Youth Foundation
- Action 8. Approve 2017 Educational Scholarship Funding
- Action 9. Approve Grant of Easement to Verizon Wireless
- Action 10. Supplemental Funding – Commitment to Community Grant Program
- Action 11. Approve 2017 Annual Meeting Rules
- Action 12. November Financial & Operating Report
13. CEOs Report
14. Dairyland Power Cooperative
15. Affiliated Organizations
16. Safety & Compliance
17. Other Business  
-future agenda topics
18. Correspondence
19. Informational

**3. 2017 Capital & Operating Budget**

The capital and operating budgets have been electronically published and made available for the board's review one-week prior to this meeting. As proposed the budget does not require any increase in rates. The department managers will be present at the meeting to highlight key portions of their budget and answer questions from the board. **Board action to adopt or amend the 2017 capital and operating budgets is requested.**

**5. Approve 2017 Nominating Committee Members**

Nine members, three each from director districts 3, 6 and 9 have volunteered to serve as members of the director nominating committee. The committee's first meeting is scheduled for January 12. **Board action to approve the members of the nominating committee and to pay the half-day meeting per diem for each meeting attended and mileage reimbursement at the IRS rate is requested.**

**6. Appoint Representatives to WECA Standing Committees**

The Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association is asking each cooperative to appoint a director representatives for two standing committees. The committees are Member Services & Education and Legislative. **Board action to appoint one director representative to the Member Services & Education Committee and the Legislative Committee is requested.**

**7. Approve Capital Credit Forfeitures to Federated Youth Foundation**

We have met the legal requirements regarding notification and attempts to deliver capital credit checks by U.S. Mail with a value of \$12,580.06 to 236 former members. If this amount is not deposited into the Federation Youth Foundation account and used for educational purposes, they will be forfeited to the state of Wisconsin. **Board action authorizing the deposit of \$12,580.06 of undeliverable capital credits first issued in 2012 into the Federation Youth Foundation account is requested.**

**8. Approve 2017 Educational Scholarship Funding**

The December 1, 2016 balance in the Federated Youth Foundation account used for educational scholarships is \$25,096. For the last 4 years the board has approved scholarship funding in amounts greater than the capital credit forfeiture deposits into the account. **Board action to approve funding for the 2017 educational scholarships is requested.**

**9. Approve Grant of Easement to Verizon Wireless**

Verizon Wireless plans to install a new cell tower at a site adjacent to the cooperative's property in Baldwin. Standard procedure is for Verizon to provide and maintain copper conductors for the secondary service to their load. Because Verizon will provide and maintain their own secondary wires, they are asking the co-op to grant them a 10 foot wide easement from the transformer to the east edge of the property line. **Board action to approve granting a non-exclusive easement to Verizon Wireless on co-op owned property in the Village of Baldwin is requested.**

**10. Supplemental Funding – Commitment to Community Grant Program**

Last month the board approved moving ahead with a voluntary opt-in program whereby our members could round up their bill each month to the next highest dollar and the money raised would be used as additional funding for the Commitment to Community Grant program. The board further indicated a desire to announce the program prior to the 2017 annual meeting. **Before staff begins work on this project, input from the board is being sought regarding a name for the program and any requirements/ideas for promoting member participation.**

**11. Approve 2017 Annual Meeting Rules**

A draft version of the Annual Meeting Rules are presented for review. The deadline date of March 17 is proposed for members to file resolutions in writing in order for the resolution to be presented at the Annual Meeting. **Board action to approve the 2017 Annual Meeting Rules is requested.**