



Osceola Electric Cooperative

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Take the Quiz

Read through the newsletter and submit the quiz on the back for a chance to win a \$10 bill credit.

OEC Recipes

Submit your favorite Fajita Recipe for consideration to be printed in our August Newsletter. Submission deadline is July 20. Printed recipes are worth \$10 bill credit.

**In observation of
Memorial Day
Osceola Electric will
be closed May 26.**



Annual Meeting Review

The 86th Annual Meeting of the Members of Osceola Electric Cooperative, Inc., (OEC) was held March 22, 2025 at the Osceola Electric Cooperative Inc., office in Sibley. The board and staff served coffee, juice, and rolls prior to the business meeting.

President Terrence Clark called the meeting to order and welcomed members attending the meeting.

Nominating Committee Chairperson Steve Voss reported the following individuals had been nominated as candidates for Director. Area 1: Dayton Remmers & Dean Haspels. Area 2: Jim Sarringar & Terrence Clark. Voting was done by both mail-in ballots prior to the meeting and ballots cast at the Annual Meeting. The results of the Director balloting: Area 1 Dean Haspels, and Area 2 Terrence Clark.

Dean Haspels, Secretary/Treasurer, gave the financial report. OEC had revenue from the sale of electricity \$9,472,620. Other

services, interest, capital credits provided OEC with a total revenue of \$9,586,978. OEC expenses from purchased power were \$6,614,137 or 72 percent of OEC expenses. Other expenses, operations, maintenance, consumer accounting and information, administrative, depreciation and interest expense totaled \$9,208,535 leaving margins of \$378,443 for 2024.

Manager Jeff TenNapel reported on the activities of the Cooperative. Construction Work Plan projects completed and an update on OEC line crew construction for 2024. Legislative and power supplier updates were reported on. Safety milestone of 2,045 days safe – no lost time away from work was discussed.

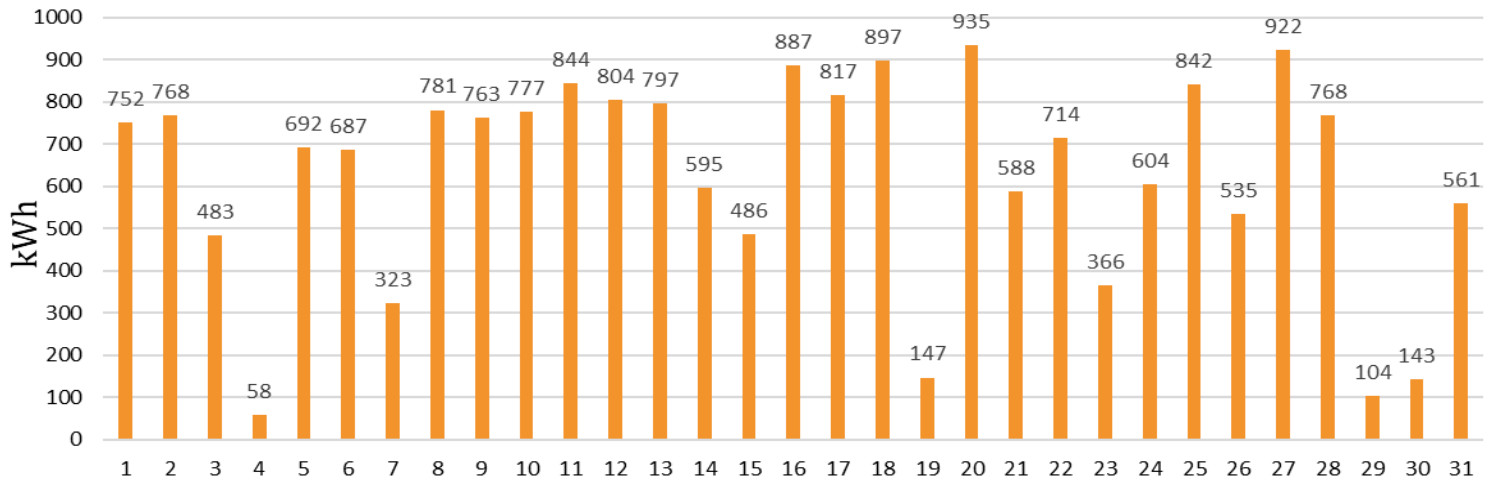
A reorganizational meeting was held. Officers are Terrence Clark as President, Derek Ackerman as Vice President, and Dean Haspels as Secretary/Treasurer. Also, three L&O Directors were elected: Adam Hoekstra, Dean Haspels and Terrence Clark.

May is National Electrical Safety Month

**Four Easy Ways to
Boost Electrical
Safety at Home**



March 2025 Solar Park Production



Conserve Energy During Change of Seasons

During the in-between months of winter and spring, it can feel tricky to manage your home's temperature. It's not cold enough for the heater, but it's also not warm enough to rely on air conditioning. Luckily, there are several ways to save electricity during this transitional period without sacrificing comfort. Here are a few tips to help you make the most of this in-between weather:

Use natural ventilation. Open windows and doors when the outside temperature is comfortable to let in fresh air and create a cross breeze. This can help naturally cool down your home without relying on air conditioning or fans.

Adjust your thermostat. For mild temperatures, you can often get away with not using the heater or air conditioner. Set your thermostat to off or turn it down to a neutral temperature, like 70 degrees, and dress in layers to stay comfortable. A programmable thermostat can automatically adjust to the changing temperature, so you don't waste energy.

Use fans to circulate air. If it's a little warm inside, ceiling or box fans can help move air around and make the space feel cooler.

Place fans strategically to create a cross breeze, and remember to turn them off when you leave a room to avoid wasting energy.

Seal any drafts. Even though it's not freezing outside, drafts can still make your home feel colder than it is. Check windows and doors for gaps and seal them with weatherstripping or caulk to prevent warm or cool air from escaping. This will help maintain a consistent indoor temperature and reduce the need for heating or cooling.

Limit appliance use during peak hours. Appliances like ovens, stoves and clothes dryers can generate extra heat. Use them during cooler parts of the day or in the evening to prevent unnecessary heating of your home. If you're cooking, consider using a microwave or slow cooker instead.

Turn off lights when not in use. As the days get longer, it's tempting to keep lights on longer. Make sure to turn off lights in rooms you're not using, and use energy-efficient LED bulbs to reduce energy use.

By making a few simple adjustments, you can keep your home comfortable without running up your energy bills during those in-between months.

RECare Customer Authorization Form

_____ I would like to make a one-time contribution to RECare.

My check is enclosed.

_____ I would like to contribute \$_____ per month.

I understand that this amount will be billed monthly.

My gift is a matching fund. The matching fund is _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Account # _____

RECare Program

Osceola Electric Cooperative's commitment to the communities we serve continues with the implementation of the RECare program. RECare is a voluntary energy assistance program that offers funds to local families who need assistance with their winter heating bills or in weatherization of homes of low income consumers of Osceola Electric Cooperative.

You can make a one-time contribution, or you may make a monthly contribution that will be automatically added to your monthly electric bill. You may also make your contribution part of a matching fund if you have access to one. Even a dollar a month pledge or contribution of any amount will help others! The program is administered by local community action agencies.

Mail the completed authorization form to: RECare, Osceola Electric, PO Box 127, Sibley, IA, 51249.

What Is 1 MW?

First in a series

Exploding demand for electricity, lingering supply chain challenges and short-sighted public policy aimed at rapidly eliminating fossil fuels from power generation have forced large portions of the United States to confront unprecedented power shortages and soaring costs. This series of infographics will look at the most critical elements at play in this time of transition for our industry and our society. This month, we examine the familiar measurement of 1 megawatt and how much power is needed to supply common facilities in our communities.

Factory

Facilities with heavy machinery can draw 1 MW of power.

Office Building

1 MW can power several medium-sized office buildings.

Big Box Stores

1 MW will power a typical large retail store.

Hospital

1 MW will power a small hospital.

Power Plant

Typical outputs:

Coal: 500 MW to 1 GW

Gas: 50 MW to 1 GW

Nuclear: 500 MW to 1.5 GW

1 MW is 1 million watts of power.

School

0.5 MW will power a medium-size public school.

EV Charging

1 MW can power four Tesla Supercharger V3s simultaneously.

Data Center

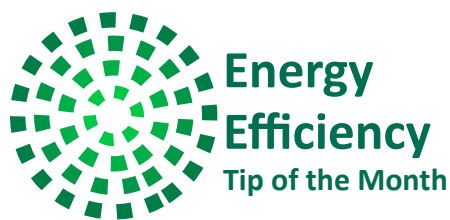
1 MW will power one medium-sized data center.

Other facilities that can draw up to 1 MW of power:

- High-speed rail
- Large farms
- Wastewater treatment
- Stadiums

Residential

1 MW can power 750 to 1,000 homes.



Routine maintenance is important to keep your refrigerator running efficiently. Lint and dirt should be cleaned from the refrigerator coils every six months to a year, and more often if there are pets in the home.

When coils are coated with lint, dust or pet hair, your refrigerator works harder than it's designed to, which can prevent the appliance from cooling properly and efficiently. The additional work can increase the energy costs of the refrigerator by as much as 35% and shorten the life of the appliance.

Source: energy.gov

Rhubarb Custard Bars by Frances Henrichs

Crust:
2 cups flour
1/4 cup sugar
1 cup cold butter

Filling:
2 cups sugar
7 tblsp flour
1 cup whipping cream
3 eggs beaten
5 cups finely chopped rhubarb

Topping:
8 oz cream cheese softened
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 tsp vanilla
1 cup whipping cream whipped

Crust: Combine flour & sugar-cut in butter till it resembles coarse crumbs. Press into greased 9x13 pan. Bake 10 minutes at 350°.

Filling: Combine sugar & flour, whisk in cream & eggs. Stir in rhubarb, pour over crust. Bake at 350° for 35-40 minutes or until set. Cool

Topping: Beat cream cheese, sugar & vanilla till smooth, fold in whipped cream spread over top. Chill and cut into bars. Store in the refrigerator.



Questions or Complaints

Osceola Electric strives to provide excellent customer service to each of our members. If a member has a problem with their service, please write Osceola Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 127, Sibley, IA 51249, call toll free at (888)754-2519, or email us at info@osceolaelectric.com.

If your complaint is related to service disconnection, safety or engineering standards, or renewable energy and Osceola Electric does not resolve your complaint, you may request assistance from the Iowa Utilities Commission by calling (515) 725-7300, or toll-free 1-877-565-445, by writing to 1375 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50319-0069, or by email to customer@iuc.iowa.gov

IOEC Quiz

Send in your completed quiz for your chance to win! Osceola Electric will draw 3 lucky members to receive \$10 credit towards their electric bill. Congratulations to last month's winners: Gary Noble, Lanny Dillingham, and Jessa Wolter.

- To boost electrical safety at home ensure you're using the correct _____ in all light fixtures.
- _____ is a voluntary energy assistance program that offers funds to local families to help with winter heating bills or weatherization of homes.
- 1 MW can power _____ to _____ homes.

Name: _____

Account #: _____

Operating Statistics

March	2024	2025
Billed consumers, farm	1,156	1,153
Billed consumers, non-farm and others	123	125
Kilowatts sold, farm	2,691,118	2,626,633
Kilowatts sold, non-farm and others	4,204,274	6,023,366
Average consumption, farm	2,328	2,278
Average Consumption, non-farm	34,181	48,187
Average statement, farm	\$269.23	\$271.64
Average statement, non-farm and others	\$2,818.22	\$3,746.74
Total minimum bills	20	18
Outage time per consumer—minutes	0	46 1/9
Energy efficiency added per KWH		.22
Annual Meeting		March 2026