

▲ Harvest Safety

Prepare Ahead

- Know the location of guy wires – while not energized, if hit or damaged these wires could bring down power lines.
- Look up and around for electric lines and ensure equipment will stay a minimum of 10 feet away – inspect farm equipment heights now for clearance.
- If you see a sagging or low power line, contact us.

During Harvest

- Use a spotter when operating large machinery near lines, set extensions to lowest setting before moving, and

use care when extending augers or raising truck beds.

- If the machinery you are operating makes contact with a power line, stay on the equipment. Immediately call 9-1-1, warn others to stay away and wait for the utility crew to cut the power.
- If you need to exit the vehicle after contact is made jump off with your feet together and without touching the ground and machinery at the same time. Then, still keeping your feet together, hop to safety as you leave the area.

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Employee Favorite RECIPES



Pam Davis, Accounts Payable Clerk

Pineapple Surprise



1 box white angel food cake mix
1 can crushed pineapple in juice, undrained

Heat oven to 350 F. In a large bowl beat dry angel food cake mix and crushed pineapple on low speed 30 seconds; beat on medium speed 1 minute. Pour into ungreased 10-inch tube pan. Bake 40-45 minutes or until deep golden brown. Cool completely upside down as directed on cake mix box, about 2 hours. Run a knife around the edges and turn cooled cake out onto serving plate. Cut into slices using a serrated knife. Store covered in refrigerator.

Tiger Bars

2 cups flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup shortening

1 cup sugar
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs

1 cup banana slices (approx. 2 bananas)
Chocolate syrup



Heat oven to 350 F. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. In a separate bowl cream shortening, sugar and brown sugar. Blend in vanilla. Beat in eggs. Blend in 1 cup of flour mixture and beat 1 minute at medium speed. Add bananas and mix on high until smooth. Stir in rest of flour mixture and beat 2 minutes. Spread in 11x16 jelly roll pan. Drip chocolate syrup diagonally over cake then use a knife to move through cake the opposite direction to get a marbled look. Bake 35-40 minutes. Cool 1 hour.

Pam says, "If you need something quick, the Pineapple Surprise is my family's pick. If you have a little more time, the Tiger Bars won't disappoint and will disappear quick. Don't forget the Cool Whip!"

Laundry Savings



Washer

- Select the right amount of H₂O for the load
- Better yet, wait until you have full loads
- Use cold water when possible



Dryer

- Clean lint trap between loads
- Scrub filter 1x month
- Use dryer balls to cut drying time

Make your voice heard!

A strong voter turnout in national, state and local elections shows investment in the community and ensures that a diverse number of views are represented. This helps officials chart a course for the future. Democracy is not a spectator sport. Research candidates, learn about issues on the ballot, and get out and vote! Visit www.nationalvoter-registrationday.org.

 **NATIONAL
VOTER
REGISTRATION
DAY**

September 22, 2020

 **HAPPY
LABOR
DAY**

Office closed Monday,
September 7th
for Labor Day

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Our office is undergoing some minor changes to improve the safety and security of our lobby for members and employees. As of the deadline of this publication, we are unsure when our office will be open to members – as always please see our Facebook page for updates.

ELECTRICAL Safety



DO NOT use generic chargers or cords. They could **overheat** or shock or burn you.



DO NOT put your cell phone **under your pillow** or take it to bed with you.



DO NOT use charging cell phones or other electrical devices **with wet or damp hands**.



DO NOT bring a charging cell phone or other electrical devices **near water**, including a **bathtub or pool**.



If you are in a car accident involving a downed power line, **DO NOT** get out of the vehicle unless you see smoke or fire.

If you must exit a burning vehicle near or on a downed power line, make a **clean exit from the car** and **land on both feet**; then **hop** with feet together, **DO NOT WALK**, to safety.

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Board highlights

For full minutes visit www.menard.com or contact the office.

May 26, 2020

- Via Zoom due to Covid-19. Present were Directors D. Jay Frye, Warren Goetsch, Gary Holloway, Gary Martin, Donald McMillan, Michael Patrick, Dennis Ryan, Jodine Tate & Steven Worner; Manager Alisha Anker & Attorney Charles Smith.
- Engineering Manager Brady Smith reviewed 2020 Work Plan.
- Approved Ordinance establishing new Franchise Agreement with Village of Riverton
- Anker: Discussed expenses incurred by co-op for negotiation of Village of Riverton Franchise Agreement. Approved Resolution for CFC Integrity Fund, for reimbursement of portion of costs.
- Anker: Discussed auditing firms. Approved Auditor Engagement Letter with Kevin Kelso.
- Anker: Reviewed operating statement, balance sheet & budget; member services, operations/reliability, irrigation & safety reports; 2019 Prairie State review; Connect newsletter; Covid-19 payment policy waiver changes.
- Appointed Goetsch delegate & Patrick alternate to AIEC annual meeting.

- Anker: Gave April financial report. Year to date margins were \$1,648,213 compared to \$1,158,317 last year. End of April equity 41.31%. Net utility plant \$51,897,898 compared to \$49,625,131 last year. Co-op meets requirements of RUS, FFB, NRUCFC & CoBank.
- Tate: Gave Annual Meeting Committee report. Approved cancellation of 2020 Annual Meeting due to Covid-19 pandemic challenges.
- Goetsch: Gave AIEC report.
- Martin: Gave Prairie Power, Inc. report.
- Anker: Reviewed capital credit estates & 2020 general retirement.
- Next Board Meeting 6/23/20 at 6:00 p.m.

June 23, 2020

- In person & via Zoom due to Covid-19. Present in person were Directors D. Jay Frye, Warren Goetsch, Gary Martin & Michael Patrick, Manager Alisha Anker, Manager of Accounting & Information Systems Chris Hinton & Attorney Charles Smith; by Zoom were Gary Holloway, Donald McMillan, Jodine Tate & Steven Worner. Director Dennis Ryan absent.
- Approved schedule of Board Meeting dates 4th Tues. each month July 2020 – June 2021.

- Approved Committee appointments-no changes from last year.
- Hinton: Reviewed 2020-2023 RUS Work Plan.
- Approved 10-year Financial Forecast.
- Approved Resolution authorizing Anker & Hinton to access RDAApply Intake System
- Entered Executive Session; reconvened.
- Anker: Reviewed operating statement, balance sheet & budget; member services, operations/reliability & IT security report reports; Covid-19 temporary policy variances; UUS board conference call; reviewed sharing success applicants, tabled for next month.
- Anker: Gave May financial report. Year to date margins were \$1,960,298 compared to \$1,371,571 last year. End of May equity 41.64%. Net utility plant \$52,377,112 compared to \$49,753,616 last year. Co-op meets requirements of RUS, FFB, NRUCFC & CoBank.
- Goetsch: Gave AIEC report.
- Martin: Gave Prairie Power, Inc. report.
- Next Board Meeting 7/28/20 at 6:00 p.m.

Ways to pay your bill

So many things are stressful right now. Paying your electric bill shouldn't be one of them. We offer several easy options so you can choose the one that is best for you.

Automatic Payment

Deduct your bill from your savings or checking account automatically on the 10th, 17th or 24th of each month. See the back of your payment stub or www.menard.com for the form. Combine this option with budget billing and deduct the same amount each month.



Online

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Drop Off

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Mail In

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We're here for you

This is a challenging and uncertain time, but we've been through difficult times before. As we did then, we'll continue to serve you anytime, day or night, 365 days a year. You can count on that.

