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Come to the 75th Anniversary Annual Meeting! Nearly 100 door prizes are in store for you at this meeting! See the list below. Awarding these prizes will occur at the close of the meeting. Due to the large number of prizes (thanks to many supportive vendors), prizes 11-96 will be predrawn during the meeting and announced at the end. The top 10 prizes will be drawn live; members must be present to win the top 10 prizes. Members who win the top three prizes can return it to the local store for credit if they do not need that appliance and wish to use the credit toward some other purchase at the local store.

1. Maytag Energy Star Front-Load Washer & Dryer
 2. Frigidaire Energy Star Refrigerator
 3. LG 42" LCD Energy Star Digital TV
 4. Dimplex Stainless Steel Electric Grill
 5. Canon T-150 personal scanner
 6. Ogio Grom Stand golf bag courtesy of General Cable
 7. \$150 Federated bill credit from Murray County Land Improvement
 8. \$135 Welcome TV & Sales Gift Certificate
 9. Great River Energy Crate of Energy Saving Products
 10. \$100 Wal-Mart gift card from Co-Bank
 - 11.-13. \$80 Federated Electricity Gift Certificate
 - 14.-15. \$75 Bergen Meats Gift Certificate
 - 16.-17. \$75 Lakefield Butcher Shop Gift Certificate
 - 18.-19. \$75 Welcome Meats Gift Certificate
 20. \$75 electric bill credit courtesy of Boggs
 21. Black & Decker leaf blower courtesy of NRTC
 22. \$50 Watonwan Farm Service Gift Certificate
 23. \$50 Vet's Whoa & Go, Jackson, Gift Card
 - 24.-27. \$50 Visa gift card by Sensus
 28. \$50 Ace Hardware gift card courtesy of WESCO
 - 29.-30. Federated fabric bag with solar/crank flashlight/radio & cap
 - 31.-32. \$45 Bergen Bar & Grill Gift Certificate
 33. \$45 Hunt & Horse Club, Lakefield, Gift Certificate
 34. \$45 Tri-County Implement, Jackson, Gift Certificate
 35. \$45 Korte's Bar & Grill - Welcome
 36. \$45 Welcome Hardware Gift Certificate
 37. \$45 Godfather's Pizza, Fairmont
 38. \$45 Tami's on the Ave Gift Certificate, Fairmont
 - 39.-43. Carr's Tree Service sweatshirt
 - 44.-47. Loosbrock cloth fishing chair w/attached cooler
 - 48.-49. Bell Lumber sweatshirt
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Federated
Rural Electric

Connecting our co-ops & members to a progressive future



75th Annual Meeting issue:

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This publication focuses on CAP's members, programs and events. As this is the official member publication, member's story ideas, letters-to-the-editor and comments are welcomed.
 Andrea Christoffer, CCC, Editor
 "Owned by those it serves"

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Fluorescents: Recycle me for free!



Recycle up to four fluorescent bulbs from 8:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. November 20 at the Jackson County Central

High School parking lot for free. We will accept:

- compact fluorescent light bulbs,
- *only* four-foot fluorescent lamps or smaller (five, six and eight-foot lamps are too large for our pickups) and
- U-shaped & circular fluorescents.

Bring the bulbs in the replacement bulb's packaging, if possible, to protect it during transit. Broken bulbs cost more to recycle; you must pay the difference of \$2 more if it's a broken bulb. If you bring more than four bulbs, each extra one costs 50 cents.

Look for the two Federated pickups at the southeast entrance of the high school (east of the pool). Drive up to drop off your fluorescent bulbs. After turning in your bulbs and coupon, park your vehicle for the meeting. ♻️

Free fluorescent bulb recycling Nov. 20



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Address _____

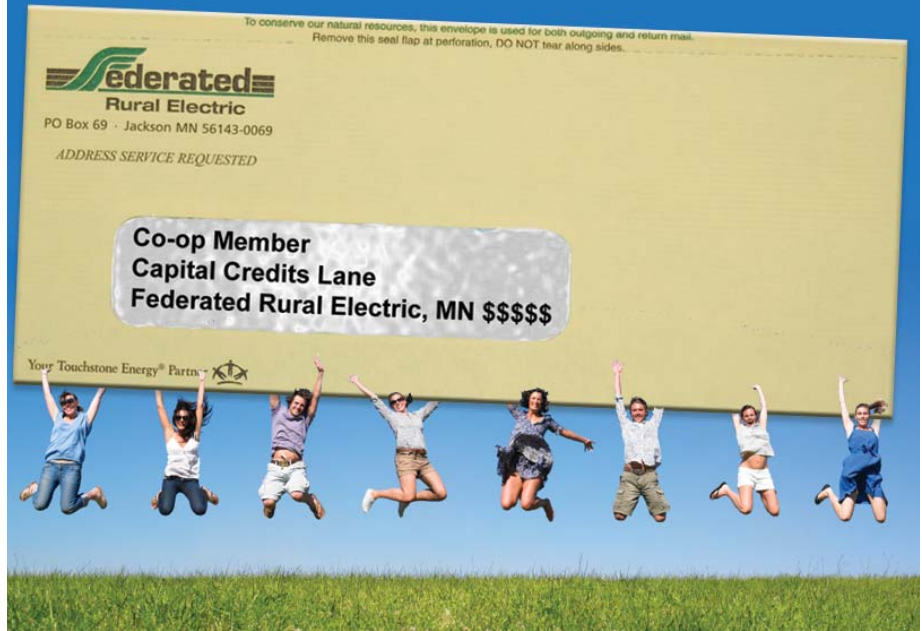
City/state/zip _____

Circle number of bulbs recycled:

1 2 3 4

Coupon valid to recycle 1 to 4 fluorescent bulbs Nov. 20, 2010 at Federated's Annual Meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.
Additional bulbs cost 50¢/bulb.

\$557,000 returned to co-op members as capital credits



Did you see the surprise on your November 1st electric bill? Discover the bill credit from your share of capital credits retirement.

The Board of Directors approved returning more than \$557,000 to co-op members based on their electric use from 1990, 1991 and 2009.

This is the third time that Federated applied capital credits to the electric bills. By crediting your electric bills the cooperative saves money by avoiding the postage, check-writing costs, handling and printing.

Seasonal accounts will receive a check for their credits instead of waiting for a credit on their April bill. In addition, more than 1,400 former co-op customers will still receive a check since they moved off the co-op lines. Plus, current co-op members receiving more than \$500 in capital credits will

still receive a check mailed November 15. These larger accounts typically have numerous locations and need to distribute the refund according to their own tax/accounting requirements.

Federated is returning:

- the remaining balance from 1990,
- 53 percent from 1991; and
- 20 percent from 2009 patronage.

By returning a portion of last year's margins, newer cooperative members also see the benefits of capital credits from their electric cooperative.

Federated puts unpaid capital credits to work by financing line construction. This way the cooperative does not have to borrow as much money; this saves members interest charges that would otherwise be reflected in electric rates.

In the last decade Federated has returned more than \$4.5 million to its member-owners. ♻️



Celebrating our 75th anniversary: proud of our past and prepared for the future

— *President and general manager's annual report to member-owners*

75 years ago getting electricity on the farm was a big deal! The whole family would gather around and watch as the new bulb flickered to life. All it took was the pull of the string as crews energized the new power lines.

Now, 75 years later we flip the light switch without thinking about it. Electricity is an integral part of our daily lives. Federated is proud of the past and is prepared for the next 75 years.

As we celebrate our 75th anniversary Annual Meeting November 20, we hope you come and join us. We will have nearly 100 prizes to give away to you, our member-owners! Instead of serving pancakes, we're serving cookies and beverages and using the saved funds for larger grand prizes like a 42" digital TV, Energy Star clothes washer/dryer set, plus an Energy Star refrigerator. The Jackson County Central High School holiday choir will entertain us beginning at 9:30 a.m. so come and enjoy their great music.

Proud of our past...

I can only imagine what our REA pioneers would think of Federated today. They had a hard time getting Federated started. First, dispelling rumors that REA loans, if they failed, would mean losing the member's farm. Factor in the Great Depression and how tight money was. Then World War II arrived making it tough to secure the poles and wire needed to build the system.

The next big hurdle was power supply. First, Federated bought extra power from local community power plants. Due to shortages, Federated built its own power plant, which produced power from 1950-1985. Finally, Federated joined with other electric cooperatives to build a power plant



David Post
President



Richard Burud
General Manager

in North Dakota in the 1970s. We are sure proud of their persistence and dedication to bringing electricity to rural Martin and Jackson Counties.

Today we still face challenges. Environmental regulations for carbon dioxide could greatly increase your electric rates. Proposals exist to ban electric water heaters and regulate diesel generators. Yet, our mission remains the same — providing reliable, affordable electricity.

Looking back at 2010 again...

2010 was a busy year for Federated. Federated members upgraded their grain drying systems after last fall's wet harvest. Thus, line crews built or upgraded the electrical services for 31 grain systems installed this year.

We also started Phase I for installing our automatic meter reading system, which will cost ultimately \$1 million. The first meters were installed this summer on seasonal accounts and members in the city of Welcome, while the co-op read accounts will be installed this winter. Next year, if all goes well, we'll install these meters on member-read meters as part of Phase II. Imagine never reading your electric meter again! Plus, it will provide hourly readings so you can monitor your electricity use. Once it is fully installed, the system will tell us instantly how many members are affected by an outage, improving our response time. We applied for federal

stimulus funds for Phase II of the project to help defray our costs.

Financially, Federated's part of your electric rate has held steady. However, the power cost adder (PCA) has fluctuated greatly with a high of nearly three cents/kilowatt-hour (kWh) this past summer. The PCA involves the fluctuating wholesale power supply costs that are passed on to you. In the 1990s, the PCA was often negative. Now we are seeing the PCA range from 1 to 3 cents/kWh. As the wholesale power costs make up 80 percent of your electric rate, we work closely with the power suppliers on holding down their costs. In 2011 Federated will not need a rate increase, but we know two wholesale power suppliers' rates will increase so expect PCAs to continue.

Federated stands ready to help you control your energy bills. Federated's money-saving programs (heating, cooling and water heating) can help you use electricity efficiently. Plus, take advantage of Federated's energy-efficiency rebates for lighting, motors, appliances and heating/cooling.

Prepared for the future...

The future — 75 years from now — is hard to imagine. Electricity will still be critical to our lifestyles. We may not rely on coal, but more on renewable power sources — even some that are not yet imagined. We'll see time-of-use electric rates that fluctuate hourly. Each home may have its own mini power plant generating power when and where it's needed. We'll see home monitoring of energy use that quickly responds to price fluctuations, plus our trucks will be in contact with members via the Internet. Yet, I know that Federated's hard-working employees are committed to the mission of serving you with reliable, affordable electricity now and in the future! 🌱

Federated's Board of Directors



Glenn Dicks,
Lakefield
District 1
Board Member
4 years



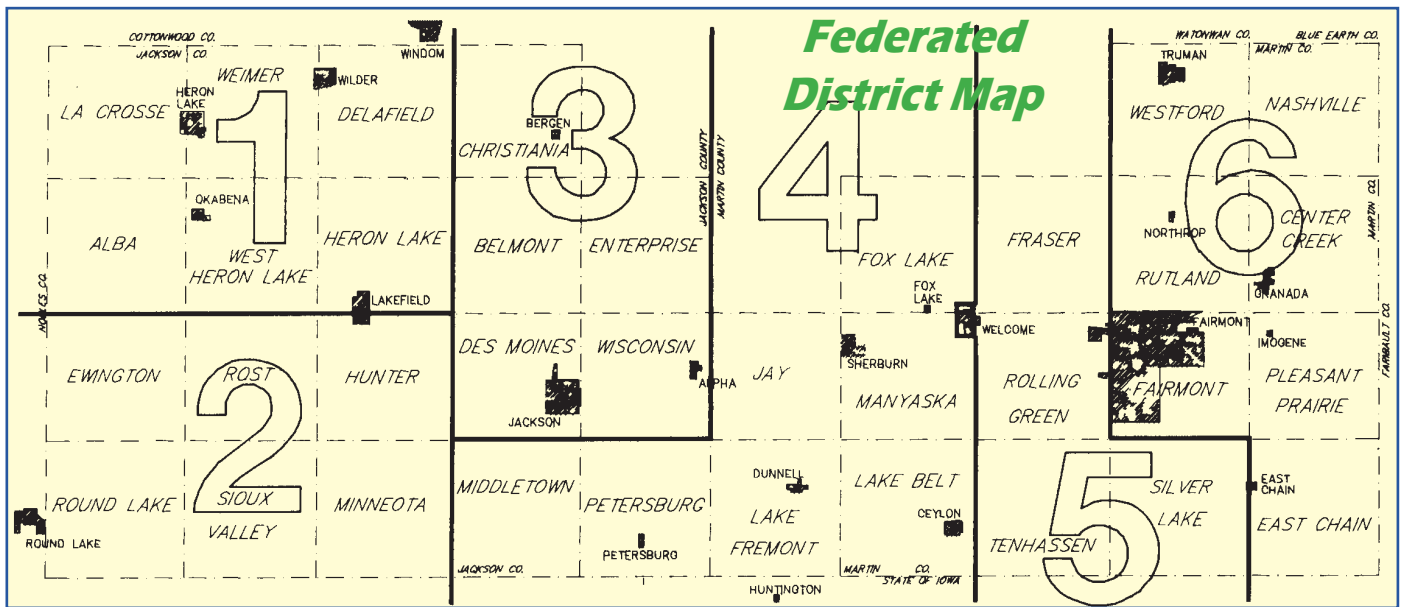
David A. Hansen,
Jackson
District 3
Board Vice President
10 years



Lyle Fisher,
Jackson
District 4
Board Member
18 years



Jim Oltman,
Granada
District 6
Board Secretary/Treasurer
17 years



David Post,
Okabena
District 2
Board President
20 years

Director duties:

- Attend monthly meetings and serve as a delegate at other meetings, as needed. Attend director training.
- Approve policies, procedures and budget. Read reports, policies and other information pertaining to the co-op.
- Evaluate co-op's performance and plans for growth.
- Assure democratic process according to Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.
- Hires general manager
- Responds to member input and concerns.



Jon Saxen,
Welcome
Director At-Large
Board Member
3 years



David Meschke,
Welcome
District 5
Board Member
5 years

Director candidates & sample ballots

District 1 Alba, Delafield, LaCrosse, Heron Lake, Weimer & West Heron Lake



Karl M. Frederickson

Karl Frederickson and his wife, Bonnie, live in Weimer Township where they raise corn, soybeans and custom-feed hogs.

They have two daughters: Krista (husband Andy and granddaughter Annika) and Beth (husband Mark). Frederickson has served on the former Lakefield Farmers Elevator Board, the former Delafield Lutheran Church and at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lakefield. He also served as chairman of the Weimer Township Board. Frederickson enjoys singing with the Windom Area Chordhustlers. Frederickson cites his interest in serving on the Federated board as “working with the board to maintain a sound cooperative while investigating new energy opportunities.”



Glenn Dicks

Glenn Dicks lives in Heron Lake Township with Ruth, his wife. They have four children. He rents their crop land out to his son. Dicks raises

contract-feeds hogs and spring-calving cows, along with some fall cows, using extensive artificial insemination and embryo transplant technology. He helps his son with a custom-hay operation. Dicks is a 15-year director of Old Farmers Co-op Elevator, Lakefield, and a six-year director for the Minnesota State Shorthorn Association. He is an elder at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church. Hobbies include cattle shows/sales and spending time with family. Dicks has served as a Federated director for four years. “I will work for the good of the co-op to keep it strong and going in the right direction with rates as low as possible,” he said.

Federated Rural Electric
2010
BALLOT FOR DIRECTORS
FEDERATED RURAL ELECTRIC
AS A MEMBER, I VOTE FOR:

District 1 — VOTE FOR ONE
4-YEAR TERM

Glenn Dicks Lakefield, MN	NOMINATED BY COMMITTEE
Karl M. Frederickson Heron Lake, MN	NOMINATED BY COMMITTEE

District 2 — VOTE FOR ONE
4-YEAR TERM

Darvin Voss Lakefield, MN	NOMINATED BY COMMITTEE
Richard Erickson Lakefield, MN	NOMINATED BY COMMITTEE

Federated Rural Electric
2010 BALLOT FOR
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
FEDERATED RURAL ELECTRIC
AS A MEMBER, I VOTE FOR:

District 3 — VOTE FOR ONE
4-YEAR TERM

Jason Espenson Windom, MN	NOMINATED BY COMMITTEE
Steve Glidden Jackson, MN	NOMINATED BY COMMITTEE

District 4 — VOTE FOR ONE
4-YEAR TERM

Harold Knutson Jackson, MN	NOMINATED BY COMMITTEE
Chad Schneekloth Jackson, MN	NOMINATED BY COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee candidates’ photos and biographies are found on Page 6.

Here’s your Annual meeting checklist:

- Bring registration card from back cover.
- Bring up to four fluorescents for recycling.
- Visit Federated’s booth to learn about water heating, heat pumps, fireplaces, appliance rebates and more!

District 2 Ewington, Hunter, Minneota, Rost, Round Lake & Sioux Valley



Richard Erickson

Richard Erickson lives on a farm in Minneota Township with Tammy, his wife. He raises corn and soybeans, along with raising a few

hogs. He milked cows for 30 years until 2001. They have five sons: Ryan (married to MaKenzie with grandchildren Braeden and Aubrey), Evan (married to Emily), Austan, Dustin and Quintin. Erickson served on the Lakefield and Jackson County Central School Boards for 15 years until 2003. He also serves on the Jackson County Zoning Board and the Minneota Township Board. He served on various boards at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lakefield. Erickson’s hobby includes fixing old machinery. “I’ve always been impressed with REA and the way it is run,” he stated. “I would like to serve and do what I can to help keep our power as affordable as possible.”



Darvin Voss

Darvin Voss lives in Sioux Valley Township raising corn, soybeans; he also custom finishes hogs. Cheryl is his wife. They have three children: Emily

(married to Dan Becker); Ashley and Dustin. Voss is a member of the Jackson County Corn and Soybean Growers and Jackson County Pheasants Forever. He is a former Federated Nominating Committee member and former 4-H adult leader. Voss attends St. Paul Lutheran Church, Rost Township. He is currently a trustee and formerly served on the Finance Board. He enjoys hunting, fishing and sporting events. “I believe that Federated is one of the best cooperatives around,” Voss said. “I would enjoy participating in the decision-making process. I am interested in our power resources, the future of energy and the government energy regulations.”

Nominating Committee candidates

District 3

Christiania, Kimball, Belmont, Enterprise, Des Moines & Wisconsin



Jason Espenson

Jason Espenson lives in Christiania Township with his wife, Cindy, and two children Alex, age 8, and Elliot,

age 6. He is a crop insurance sales representative for the Phillips Agency, Jackson. Espenson serves as the Fish Lake Association board secretary and was the former chairman. He is also involved in Bingham Lake Wind. Espenson belongs to Alliance Missionary Church in Mountain Lake. His hobbies include water skiing, helping his family with farming and hockey.



Steven Glidden

Steven Glidden lives in Enterprise Township where he has farmed for 39 years raising corn and soybeans. Glidden is married

to Sharon; they have three children (Nicole, Aimee and Gwendolyn) and nine grandchildren. Glidden serves on the Enterprise Township Board. He is a member of the Minnesota Corn and Soybean Growers. He previously served on the board for FCA Co-op, Jackson Co. Variance Board and the Jackson Co. Pork Producers. Glidden likes fishing, golfing and traveling. 🇺🇸

District 4

Fox Lake, Elm Creek, Manyaska, Middletown, Petersburg, Lake Fremont, Lake Belt & Jay



Harold Knutson

Harold "Harry" Knutson lives in Petersburg with Marilyn, his wife. They have two married children: Nathan

Knutson and Kristina Johnson. Harry is an electrician and owns Harry's Electric & Home Repair. He also works alongside his son at Knut Design. Harry belongs to Faith Evangelical Free Church, Spirit Lake; he is involved in the worship team. His hobbies include bow hunting, fishing and singing with the Blue Water Gospel Band. "I feel that after working at Federated for 21½ years it has given me insight on what to look for in candidates that will continue to meet the needs of our members," Harry stated.



Chad Schneekloth

Chad Schneekloth has farmed for 10 years in Middletown Township raising corn and soybeans. He

also sells seed. Kris is his wife; they have two children: Riley and Abby. Schneekloth is a member of the Minnesota Corn Growers Association. He belongs to the United Methodist Church, Jackson. Schneekloth's hobbies include ATVing, waterskiing and attending their kids' sporting events. "I am interested in learning more about Federated and doing my part as a member," Schneekloth said. 🇺🇸

Co-op's 75th Annual Meeting notice posted

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Federated Rural Electric Association will be November 20, 2010, at the Jackson County Central High School gym in Jackson, Minnesota. Registration and the serving of cookies/beverages occur from 8:30-9:50 a.m. The meeting will be called to order at 10 a.m. for:

1. Determination of quorum.
 2. Reading the meeting notice, together with proof of the due publication of mailing.
 3. Presentation and reading of unapproved minutes of previous meetings of the members and the taking of necessary action.
 4. Presentation and consideration of, and acting upon, reports of officers, directors and committees.
 5. Election of directors and nominating committee members.
 6. Unfinished business.
 7. New business.
 8. Adjournment. 🇺🇸
- November 9, 2010

Candidates listed in alphabetical order

Receive attendance gift



Members attending the annual meeting will receive this digital indoor/outdoor wireless thermometer with date and time. 6 AAA batteries not included. 🇺🇸



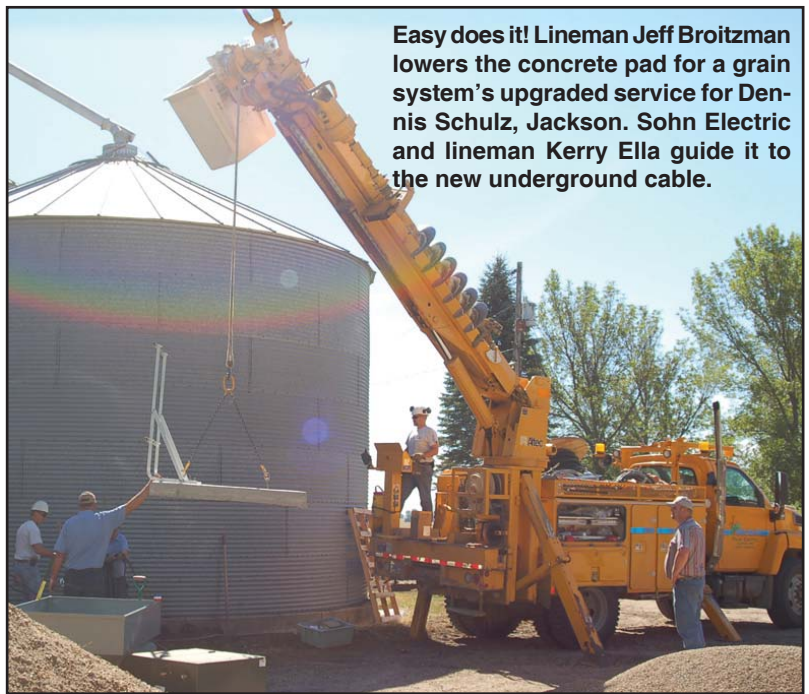
Bin-raising year means crews upgraded services & completed line improvements

No wonder Federated crews have “bin” so busy. Federated members added or upgraded 31 grain bin systems that required upgraded electrical services. It was no surprise thanks to the late, wet, bountiful harvest last year and the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s energy-efficiency program incentives.

Meanwhile, Federated’s planned construction work needed to be completed for approved loans. Thus, two contractors completed 15 miles of line. Loosbrock plowed or bored one-third of a mile at both the West Lakefield substation and south of Dunnell, plus nearly two miles of underground service south of the Interstate 90’s Okabena exit. Highline Construction completed 3.5 miles along County Road 34 in Jackson County and near the Okabena exit of Interstate 90, 1.5 miles east of the Sioux Valley corner, 2.2 miles from Dunnell south and 2 miles from Imogene west.

Federated crews appreciated Mother Nature’s limited involvement over the past year. Crews worked Christmas Day in Jackson County restoring power to 20 blizzard/ice storm outages. Thankfully, two larger wind storms caused only limited outages July 17 south of Okabena and August 16 near Fairmont.

Crews installed 698 electronic meters for the new smart grid project starting at Welcome and the seasonal accounts this summer. The automatic meter reading system will be expanded to co-op read accounts hopefully this winter and all other meters later in 2011, if all goes well. 🌱



Easy does it! Lineman Jeff Broitzman lowers the concrete pad for a grain system’s upgraded service for Dennis Schulz, Jackson. Sohn Electric and lineman Kerry Ella guide it to the new underground cable.



(Above) Nearly done at Dunnell, contractor Highline Construction adds a transformer to this line upgrade in June. Overhead and underground contractors helped out with Federated’s workload rebuilding or upgrading 15 miles of line in both counties.



(Left) A single-phase power line was upgraded to three-phase line for an upgraded member’s grain-drying system, which was north of the Sioux Valley school. Linemen Mike Scheff (in bucket) attaches the wire to the insulator. Linemen assisting with the rebuild project are Kollin VanDeVere, Matt Madden and Jake Soderholm.

Members win with energy savings; score some savings yourself!

Occasionally, savings come in the form of a check or coupon — something you can physically touch.

More often, energy savings can be an invisible effort. You can't see electricity so how can you see the savings? If the savings are great enough, you may notice a smaller electric bill.

Federated will work with you to deliver en-

ergy savings through many different tools. Most members save with Federated's money-saving programs for heating, cooling and water heating. The programs shift energy use during peak times, which helps stabilize Federated's electric rates. Buy an energy-efficient water heater with three inches of foam insulation for \$499, plus tax, which includes installation by Federated. Let Federated cycle your central air or heat pump to receive \$6 cooling credits on the June, July and August electric bills. Inquire about Federated's Dual Heat program if you are interested in upgrading your heating system's efficiency to receive a discounted electric rate.

Federated also offers savings through its rebate programs for farms, homes and commercial customers. Take advantage of Energy Star appliance



Entering the www.mnbrighterideas.com contest this summer was more than a bright idea for Cindy and Mark DeWall, Okabena. They were selected as the Great River Energy statewide winner, earning a \$500 electric bill credit. Sandy Grove, Windom, won the \$100 bill credit as Federated's local winner.

rebates. Upgrade electric motors or lighting to use less electricity and receive a rebate too. Install a new heat pump or central air system to receive rebates as well.

Another way to save energy comes from communicating with you, our member-owners. The *Connections* newsletter and Federated's website offer a wealth of energy-saving ideas and online calculators. Inquire about our brochures with "101 Energy Saving tips," tracking electricity use and handouts on compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Give Federated a call with your energy questions and how you can save energy. We work for you! 📞



Congratulations Joyce Pelzel (right), Heron Lake! She won Federated's 75th anniversary contest for the oldest water heater. Federated installed a free 85-gallon water heater with Marathon water heaters donating half the unit. Thanks Marathon — the water heater that will last a lifetime! Pictured with Pelzel is Andrea Christoffer, Federated's marketing & communications manager.



HitchDoc in Jackson is a shining example of the co-op's lighting rebates. Accountant Brian Hansen has two reasons to smile: the lighting rebate for the new high bay fluorescents and the 15,788 kilowatt-hours of savings on the monthly electric bill from replacing the metal halide lights.

75 years of electric bills: Evolving from hand calculations to computers & web

The flow of electricity remains the same, but billing and payments have evolved since the co-op's inception.

"Almost since day one, Federated members were on self-billing," stated Marvin Johnson, retired Federated general manager. "Each year we would mail out a self-billing book. Each month members would write down the meter reading, subtract it from the previous month and use a chart to see how much their electric bill was. Then members would tear out the coupon and mail in their meter reading and payment for what they used that month."

It continued that way until the first machine arrived for calculating bills. First, Federated used a National Cash Register Billing Post Machine involving ledger sheets for each account and adding machines to balance.

Later equipment used ledger sheets and was output to a paper tape with punch holes. The tape was sent to Minneapolis for data processing. Ledger sheets with magnetic labels read the customer's information. Eventually, punch cards were used for everything.

Federated was one of the first co-ops to put billing on computers using an IBM System 34 in 1982. At the same time Federated switched to self-mailer bills. The machine calculated the bill after the member mailed in the meter reading. This is also when Federated switched from being current with self-billing to bills that are one month behind the electricity use.

"Today checks are scanned and processed electronically with no physical bank deposits," stated Office Manager Sherry Swanson. "Federated also offers



This 1952 Federated photo shows Robert Duffy, the billing machine operator. The National Cash Register sits on the back wall. He's flipping through ledger sheet for all accounts where the meter reading and balance was posted when inserted into the Register.

payment options, such as Auto Pay (payment automatically deducted from bank account or credit card on the due date) and Easy2Pay using Federated's website for electronic payments and reporting meter readings. It's fast, convenient and economical for members.

"With the addition of new technology bringing automated meter readings, Federated hopes to return to current billing over the next 18 months," Swanson added. "Automated meter readings will allow us to take the next step. Meter readings will be accessible daily, which saves you trips out to the meter through deep snowbanks and frigid temperatures. This feature will also help members understand their electrical use showing how much electricity was used at any given time. Stay tuned for details." 📡



Even meter reading and billing has evolved over 75 years, as demonstrated by Office Manager Sherry Swanson. Members at one time used these booklets to calculate the cost of their bill after reading it. Now members can use Federated's website Easy2Pay to submit readings and make payments online.

Gaze your eyes upon the many annual meeting prizes

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- 50. Loosbrock black sweatshirt with denim collar
- 51. Loosbrock denim shirt
- 52. Wesco gray sweatshirt
- 53. Green lady's Stella Jones pullover and cap
- 54. Black Stella Jones shirt and cap
- 55. WESCO gray lady's sweater
- 56. Basin softside cooler with radio, Border States cap & wire nuts
- 57. Maroon Stella Jones shirt & cap
- 58.-61. Fishing lures box from Carr's Tree Service with cap
- 62.-63. Scheels \$25 Gift Card courtesy of FRESCO
- 64.-67. Outback \$25 gift card from Carr's Tree Service
- 68.-70. TGI Fridays \$25 gift card from Carr's Tree Service
- 71.-74. \$25 Wal-Mart gift card from Carr's Tree Service
- 75. \$25 Welcome Café gift certificate

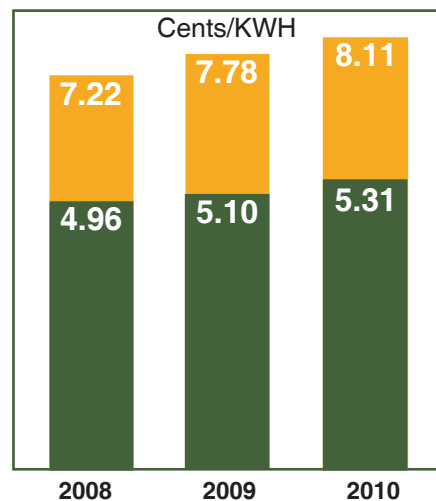
- 76.-79. Chili's Bar & Grill \$20 gift card from Carr's Tree Service
- 80. One dozen Top Flite golf balls with Border States cap
- 81.-83. Fire extinguisher courtesy of Heartland Security
- 84.-85. Dairyland LED magnetic flashlight with WESCO cap
- 86. Basin Electric blanket with Wesco cap
- 87. Basin Electric softside cooler and Border States water bottle
- 88.-89. Border states t-shirt, mug and General Cable cap
- 90 Basin Electric Power Cooperative camo cap, stainless steel thermos and wire nuts
- 91 Basin Electric orange cap, flashlight and wire nuts
- 92 General Cable cap and indoor thermometer
- 93.-96 Poinsettia

All members attending the annual

meeting will receive an ink pen courtesy of Livewire Printing in their annual meeting bag. 🖊

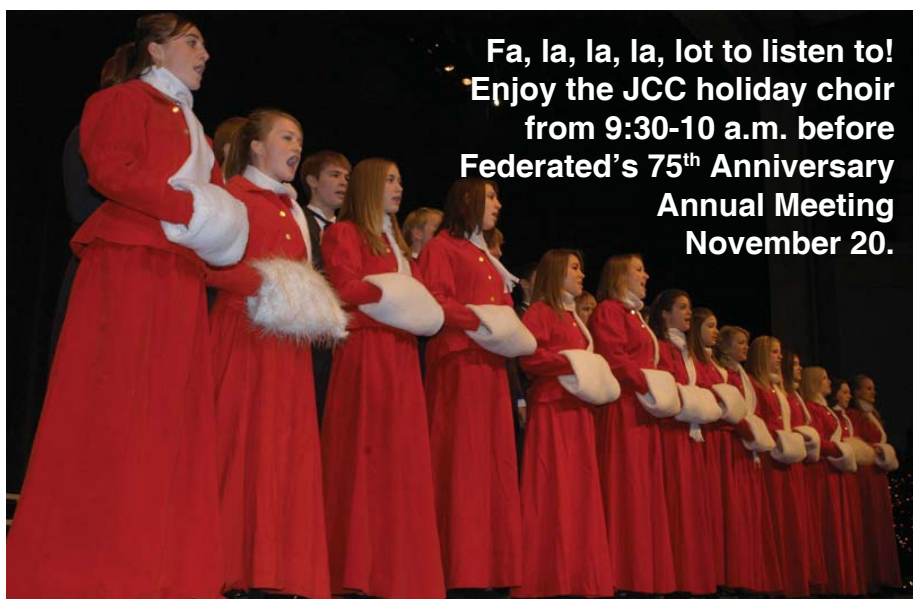


Federated's average residential rates and wholesale power rates



Federated's average residential electric rate was 8.11 cents in 2010 through October. Compare this to the Minnesota average electric residential rate in 2008 of 9.7¢ and average price nationwide of 11.3¢ in 2008. 🖊

Tune in for JCC holiday choir



— Photo courtesy of Jackson County Pilot



Employees: the backbone of your electric service



Richard Burud
General Manager
37 years



Joseph Marthaler
Operations Manager
36 years



Andrea Christoffer
Marketing & Communications
Manager
18 years



Sherry Swanson
Office Manager
11 years



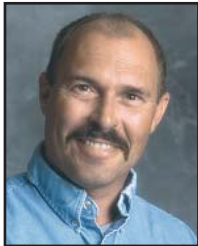
Jerald Hagen
Assistant Operations
Manager
44 years



Chris Gallaway
Chief Electrical Engineer



Kerry Ella
Journeyman Lineman
33 years



Brian Anderson
Warehouseman
24 years



Michael Scheff
Journeyman Lineman
23 years



Jeff Broitzman
Journeyman Lineman
11 years



Chris Borchardt
Journeyman Lineman
9 years



Kollin VanDeVere
Journeyman Lineman
8 years



Matt Madden
Journeyman Lineman
7 years



Kyle Koerselman
Journeyman Lineman
4 years



Timothy Becthold
Journeyman Lineman
4 years



Alan Showman
Part-time Meter Reader
3 years



Brandon Clarke
Journeyman Lineman
3 years



Jacob Soderholm
Apprentice Lineman
3 years



Nina Walter
Senior Accountant
31 years



Julie Edlin
Customer Svc. Rep./Billing
8 years



Angela Ziemer
Member Svcs. Accountant
5 years



Tammy Mayo
Customer Svc. Rep./Billing
1 year



Janet Muller
Executive Secretary



Larry Burmeister
Engineering Aide
30 years



Steve Ruthenbeck
Part-time Communications
Specialist
10 years



Jon Beckman
Marketing Specialist
6 years



Dave Berlin
Master Electrician
5 years

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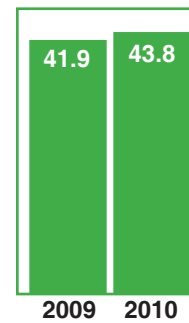


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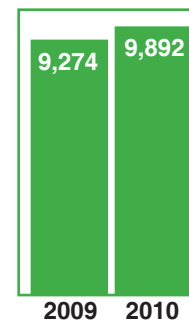
September 30, 2009 and 2010

Assets (What we own)	2009	2010
Cost of system	\$36,458,192	\$38,327,655
Cost of construction in progress	<u>676,901</u>	<u>1,011,626</u>
	37,135,093	39,339,281
We estimate the system has depreciated	<u>10,252,351</u>	<u>10,980,804</u>
This gives our system a book value of	\$26,882,742	\$28,358,477
We have cash and other investments		
Cash and other investments, at market	3,425,675	2,721,239
Cooperative Power/Great River Energy, at cost plus patronage allocation	3,955,967	4,398,426
National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, at cost	716,177	722,101
Other investments, at cost	<u>3,633,172</u>	<u>4,160,085</u>
Total cash and investments	\$11,730,991	\$12,001,851
Members and others owe for electric energy, services, etc., net of allowance for doubtful accounts: 2009, \$13,141; 2010, \$10,991	2,456,506	2,681,708
We have materials and supplies, at average cost	795,667	535,642
We have other assets, prepaid expenses, etc.	<u>108,036</u>	<u>174,733</u>
Total Current Assets	3,360,209	3,392,083
Total Assets	\$41,973,942	\$43,752,411
Liabilities (What we owe)		
Total borrowed (including deferred interest)	\$32,166,304	\$30,911,773
We have paid back in regular payments	<u>13,016,025</u>	<u>12,595,438</u>
We still owe	19,150,279	18,316,335
We owe for power, materials, taxes, etc.	<u>3,915,424</u>	<u>3,908,540</u>
Total Liabilities	22,835,864	22,224,875
Net worth (Members' equity in the Association)		
We have membership fees	11,982	11,931
Your accumulated patronage capital	16,789,330	18,770,007
We have other members' equity	<u>2,336,766</u>	<u>2,745,598</u>
Our total equity in the Association	19,138,078	21,527,536
Total liabilities and net worth	\$41,973,942	\$43,752,411

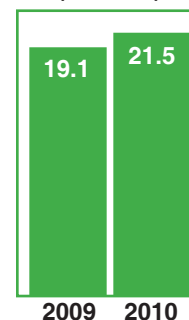
Total Assets
(Millions)



Investment
Per Member
(Dollars)



Members' Equity
(Millions)



Management's comments

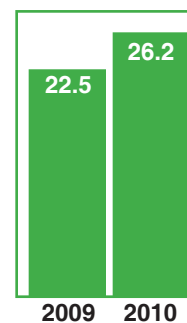
The financial statements for the 12-month period ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 were audited by Eide Bailly in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and government auditing standards issued by the U.S. Comptroller General. The above is a condensed presentation of these financial statements. The complete auditor's report is on file at the cooperative's office. 🗄️

Statement of revenue & expense

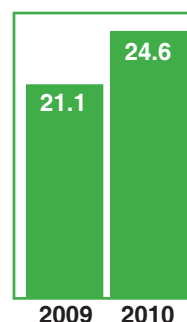
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	2009	2010
Revenue		
Sales of electric energy	\$21,769,585	\$25,500,360
Misc. electric revenues and penalties	188,186	247,288
Nonoperating income	<u>547,718</u>	<u>453,988</u>
Total	\$22,505,489	\$26,201,636
Expenses		
Wholesale power	16,744,591	20,138,518
Operating	2,399,326	2,512,624
Depreciation	1,051,998	1,089,038
Interest	902,008	907,213
Other	<u>773</u>	<u>205</u>
Total	\$21,098,696	\$24,647,598
Patronage capital and nonoperating margins	1,406,793	1,554,038
Capital credits from associated cooperatives	<u>825,707</u>	<u>1,371,787</u>
Net patronage capital (margins)	\$2,232,500	\$2,925,825

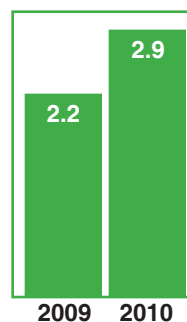
**Total Revenue
(Millions)**



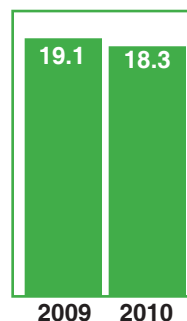
**Expenses
(Millions)**



**Margins
(Millions)**



**Long-term Debt
(Millions)**



We still owe

	2009	2010
Rural Utilities Service:		
.375 (rate fixed through August 2011) through 2040	-	\$2,251,060
2% notes through 2010	\$42,855	8,134
4.125% notes due through 2040	1,550,201	1,524,773
4.375% notes due through 2040	153,572	151,162
4.625% notes due through 2040	487,435	480,124
5% notes through 2031	3,147,054	1,749,346
5.375% notes due through 2031	199,610	194,600
5.5% note due through 2031	600,277	585,443
Advance payments	<u>(2,811,098)</u>	<u>(6,976,732)</u>
	3,369,906	(32,090)
Rural Economic Development Loan	1,310,616	1,245,417
Federal Financing Bank		
3.499% to 4.828% notes due through 2042	9,965,362	9,823,462
Co-Bank Loans		
Variable rate (4.06% at September 30, 2010) note due beginning July 2020 through 2045	-	1,035,000
5-year fixed rate (3.96% through April 2015) note due through 2045	-	900,000
4.52% fixed rate note, due through 2022	-	<u>1,226,603</u>
		3,161,603
Cooperative Finance Corporation		
0% to 6.20% notes due through 2031	4,477,128	4,101,754
Chrysler Financial		
0% note due through 2012	<u>27,267</u>	<u>16,189</u>
Total long-term debt	\$19,150,279	\$18,316,335

2009 Annual Meeting minutes are pending approval

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Federated Rural Electric Association was held at the Five Lakes Elementary School in the City of Fairmont, State of Minnesota, on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 10 a.m. The Jackson and Welcome Lions Clubs served a pancake and sausage breakfast prior to the meeting. CD music was provided. Members received a solar calculator and American Cutlery paring knife as attendance gifts.

Mr. David Post, President of the Association, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. and stated a quorum was present.

President Post called on Pastor EvaLyn Carlson, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Fairmont, to give the invocation. Mayor Randy Quiring was then introduced to the membership. He extended greetings and welcomed the members and guests to the City of Fairmont.

President Post introduced to the membership their directors, the association attorney and guests: former Federated directors Richard Barke, Cordell Kolander, Martin Rose, and Weldon Ziemann; Federated retiree Roger Schmit; and L & O Cooperative Gary Drost.

Secretary Jim Oltman then read a copy of the Notice of Meeting. Said Notice and Printer's Affidavit of Publication are appended to the minutes of this meeting.

President Post asked for a motion to approve the 2008 Annual Meeting minutes as printed in the annual report. A motion was made, seconded and carried approving the 2008 minutes as printed.

A drawing was held for three \$50 electric bill credit certificates. Milo Holmen, Jeff Post and Lorene Bremer won the credits.

A drawing was held for the children's sled and snow toys. Michael Roth and James Deling were the winners. Hunter Feeny and Jack Barke won the balloons.

A drawing was held for co-op members who have been using Easy2Pay, Auto Pay or just signed up for either program from the recent bill insert. David A. Johnson was the winner.

President Post welcomed the members to their 74th Annual Meeting and began by recapping the year for them. Valero purchased the VeraSun ethanol plant in Welcome and brought it to full production this summer. Along with BioFuels Energy in Fairmont, Federated's sales of electricity dramatically increased with these two accounts. The Board approved distribution of \$498,000 in capital credits from 1990 and 2008 patronage. The Board also approved the major project of installing a two-way automated meter reading

system this spring with accounts now read by Federated and on all other accounts the fall of 2010 through winter 2011. President Post reported that Federated's financial forecast never looked better. Members were encouraged to get involved in the Cap and Trade debate by filling out the postcards provided for each Minnesota senator and to have family and friends call, write or e-mail the senators and representatives.

Manager Burud informed members that the largest single issue facing us is climate change or carbon dioxide legislation in the U.S. Congress, which will have tremendous impact on the cooperative and its members. He stated that bills could increase by as much as 50 percent if Congress passes this legislation. Some methods of limiting carbon dioxide output are in place, such as Minnesota's mandated percentage of wind power. Members can help by using CFLs, energy-efficient appliances, Federated's energy-saving programs and by sending in the provided postcard to their legislators. Burud informed members that Federated is not planning a rate increase in 2010, but power supply will increase and that increases the power cost adder on their bills. Federated had significant growth in 2008 and 2009 with the addition of the ethanol plants. Members were informed that CTV completed the transition to digital format in 2009. Burud concluded with answers to members' questions about the high PCA and increased heat pump control.

President Post introduced members of the Nominating Committee and called on Kevin Hugoson, Nominating Committee Vice Chairman, to give the Nominating Committee Report. Mr. Hugoson summarized the minutes of the Nominating Committee meetings, which were printed in the annual report. Steve Sparks was elected chairman and Kevin Hugoson was elected vice chairman/secretary. The committee reviewed the compensation for directors and recommended the per diem be increased from \$250 to \$300.

President Post called for a motion to approve the nominators' report and minutes as printed. A motion was made, seconded and carried.

President Post called for a motion to approve increasing the director per diem from \$250 to \$300. A motion was made, seconded and carried.

The following director candidates were nominated as prescribed by the bylaws:

District Five: Sandy Bulfer & David Meschke

District Six: Jim Oltman & Darwin Peterson
President Post asked three times for nomina-

tions from the floor for director candidates from Districts Five and Six. There being no further nominations, a motion was made, seconded and carried to close nominations. The director candidates were invited to address the membership. David Meschke addressed members and gave reasons he would like to be director. Jim Oltman asked the members for their continued support. Darwin Peterson stated, "If it's not broke, don't fix it" and encouraged members to vote for Oltman. Sandy Bulfer was absent due to a family illness.

Members were instructed to mark their ballots for directorship.

The following Nominating Committee candidates were nominated as prescribed by the bylaws:

District At-Large: Mike Lopau & Mark Shumski

President Post asked three times for nominations from the floor for nominator candidates for District At-Large. There being no further nominations, a motion was made, seconded and carried to close the nominations. The nominator candidates were introduced. President Post instructed the members to mark their ballots for nominator.

President Post asked for any unfinished business. There was no unfinished business.

President Post asked for new business. There was no new business.

The Nominating Committee members and their assistants then collected the ballots.

President Post called on Scott McClure, Trust Board President, to announce the Operation Round Up recipients. While Scott McClure read the 2009 fall recipients, a powerpoint slide show highlighted each organization.

The ballots were still being counted so the drawing for 40 prizes was held, of which two smoke detectors were donated by Heartland Security. Child Bobbi Jo Schuneman assisted with the drawing.

President Post then called on Kevin Hugoson, Nominating Committee Vice Chairman, to give the election report.

The inspectors of election certified the following were duly elected as directors:

District Five: David Meschke

District Six: Jim Oltman

The inspectors of election certified the following were duly elected as nominators:

District At-Large: Mark Shumski

Certificates of the inspectors of election are attached to these minutes.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting. 🍂

— Respectfully submitted by Secretary Jim Oltman

2010 Nominating Committee minutes need approval

A meeting of the Nominating Committee of Federated Rural Electric Association, Jackson, Minnesota, was held at the office of the association on August 12, 2010 at 10 a.m.

Members of the committee present were Gary Beseke, David Bulfer, Peter Hodnefield, Kevin Hugoson, Cordell Kolander, Mark Shumski, and Clayton Williams. Manager Richard Burud and Attorney Steve Handevitd were also present.

Manager Burud reviewed with the committee their duties and responsibilities as outlined in the Bylaws of the association.

Attorney Handevitd then reviewed qualifications necessary for directorship and time necessary to be an effective director.

The general manager of the association also reviewed with the committee the most recent financial report of the association, as well as a review of 2010 and the future for Federated.

The business of election of chairman and recording secretary came before the committee. Kevin Hugoson was nominated chairman. A motion was made, seconded and carried that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot was cast. Mr. Hugoson chaired the meeting thereafter.

Cordell Kolander was nominated vice chairman/recording secretary. A motion was made, seconded and carried that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot was cast.

One responsibility of the nominating committee is to review director compensation and present recommendations to the general membership on the per diem as per the Bylaws.

The committee reviewed and discussed the director compensation. Some directorships receive medical insurance as a part of their compensation, but Federated does not. A motion was made, seconded and carried to recommend to the membership no change in the per diem for directors, noting the average monthly compensation being \$678.00 per month or about \$339.00 per meeting.

The nominating committee was given a "script" of job duties, responsibilities and time required for the offices of directorship, nominator and trust board members.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to set the next meeting for September 7, 2010 at 8 a.m. at which time nominations

will be completed.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn. — *Cordell Kolander, Recording Secretary*

A meeting of the Nominating Committee of the Federated Rural Electric Association, Jackson, Minnesota, was called to order by Kevin Hugoson, Chairman, at 8 a.m., September 7, 2010. Other members of the committee present were Gary Beseke, David Bulfer, Peter Hodnefield, Cordell Kolander, Mark Shumski and Clayton Williams. Manager Burud was also present.

A motion was made, seconded and carried approving the agenda as printed.

A motion was made, seconded and carried approving the minutes of the August 12, 2010, meeting of the nominating committee.

The purpose of the meeting was to complete the nomination of candidates for directors and nominators to be presented for election at the Annual Meeting of the Federated Rural Electric Association on November 20, 2010.

After due consideration, a motion was made, seconded and carried nominating the following candidates for directorship of District 1: Karl Frederickson and Glenn Dicks.

After due consideration, a motion was made, seconded and carried nominating the following candidates for directorship

of District 2: Richard Erickson and Darvin Voss.

After due consideration, a motion was made, seconded and carried nominating the following candidates for nominator-ship of District 3: Jason Espenson and Steve Glidden.

After due consideration, a motion was made, seconded and carried nominating the following candidates for nominator-ship of District 4: Harold Knutson and Chad Schneekloth.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that nominations cease for directors for Districts 1 and 2 and for nominators for Districts 3 and 4.

A motion was made, seconded and carried approving the recommendation to the Federated Rural Electric Board of Directors of the following candidates for directorship of the Federated Rural Electric Trust Board: Ardis Mickelson and Debra Rentschler.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to set August 9, 2011 at 10 a.m. for next year's nominating committee meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and carried approving these meeting minutes as signed by the nominators below.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn. 🍷

— *Cordell Kolander, Recording Secretary*

2010 Nominating Committee



Federated's Nominating Committee develops a slate of candidates for positions on Federated's Board of Directors and next year's Nominating Committee. Seated: Vice Chairman/Recording Secretary Cordell Kolander, District One; and Chairman Kevin Hugoson, District Six. Standing: Peter Hodnefield, District Two; Gary Beseke, District Three; Clayton Williams, District Four; Mark Shumski, At-Large; and David Bulfer, District Five. (See Page 4 for Federated's District map.) 🍷



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The Board of Directors generally meets the last business day of the month at 9 a.m. at the Jackson office. Regular board meetings are open to the membership. Members interested in discussing business items should contact the general manager or president three days before the meeting.

Bring this registration card to the Annual Meeting. Clip it out!

Federated Rural Electric's Annual Meeting Saturday, November 20, 2010

Jackson County Central High School Gym,
 1129 North Highway, Jackson

8:30 a.m.-9:50 registration • 10 a.m. meeting starts

Location # _____ Member # _____
 Print name _____
 Signature _____

Bring this card with you to the Annual Meeting to exchange for Official Ballots, attendance gift and to be eligible for the door prize drawings. Must be present to win the top 10 prizes, but not the rest, which will be predrawn.



75th Annual Meeting Agenda

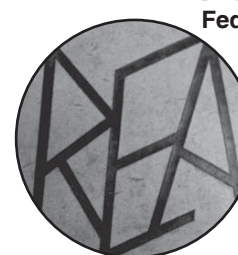
Registration, cookies and coffee ... 8:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. served by Enterprise Earners 4-H Club

Fluorescent bulb recycling in the southeast parking lot of the high school (See Page 2 for details)	8:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.
Operation Round Up recipients slide show	9 a.m.
Jackson County Central Holiday Choir	9:30 a.m.
Call to order and determination of quorum	10 a.m.
Welcome	Roger Schmit, retired Federated Office Manager
Invocation	David A. Hansen, Federated second generation Director
Introduction of guests	Richard Burud, General Manager
Reading of notice of meeting	Jim Oltman, Secretary
Minutes of previous meeting	Jim Oltman, Secretary
President's report	David Post
Federated historical video	
General Manager's report	Richard Burud
Director award	Richard Burud
Nominating Committee report	Kevin Hugoson, Chairman
Election of directors	David Post, President
Election of nominators	David Post, President
Unfinished business	David Post, President
New business	David Post, President
Rural electrification skit	Franklin D. Roosevelt, played by Jim Brennan 1940s farm wife, played by Cissa Tusa Today's teenager, played by Megan Micklos
Report of election tellers	Kevin Hugoson, Chairman, Nominating Committee
Adjournment of meeting	
Door prizes — Announce attendees' predrawn names for prizes 11-94 listed on Pages 1 & 10	Andrea Christoffer, Marketing & Communications Manager
Draw for top 10 prizes — Must be present to win	



Win a Wii video game system at Federated's Annual Meeting (\$200 value). Federated members' children and grandchildren, ages 12 and under, can register to win the gaming system. The child must be present to win. 🗳️

REA flashback



Federated thanks the Jackson County Arts Guild, especially Jim Brennan, Cissa Tusa and Megan Micklos, for showing us how electricity

was used in each era during the rural electrification skit. A special thanks goes to Paul Jones for his project coordination. 🗳️





2009 Annual Meeting
 Five Lakes Elementary School,
 Fairmont, Minnesota
Saturday, December 5, 2009

Registration & pancake breakfast.....	7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Fluorescent bulb recycling in the east parking lot.....	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Call to order and determination of quorum.....	10 a.m.
Invocation	Pastor EvaLyn Carlson, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Fairmont
Welcome	Randy Quiring, Fairmont Mayor
Introduction of guests.....	David Post, President
Reading of notice of meeting.....	Jim Oltman, Secretary
Minutes of previous meeting.....	Jim Oltman, Secretary
Drawing for three \$50 electric bill credit certificates	
President's Report.....	David Post
General Manager's Report	Richard Burud
Report of Nominating Committee	Steve Sparks, Chairman Nominating Committee
Election of directors.....	David Post, President
Election of nominators.....	David Post, President
Unfinished business.....	David Post, President
New business.....	David Post, President
Operation Round Up recipients announced.....	Scott McClure Trust Board President
Report of election tellers	Steve Sparks, Chairman Nominating Committee
Adjournment	
Drawing for door prizes	

**Available from
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 Big CFLS — use in garages,
 machine sheds or shops**
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- 85-watt CFL (equivalent to 340 watt incandescent) \$18.69
- 105-watt CFL (equivalent to 420 watt incandescent) \$25.18



Cart grill with rotisserie

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 handout at Federated's
 booth or stop by our office:**

Loc'N Go Tabletop grill	\$69
Pedestal Tabletop grill	\$95
Cart grill	\$155
Cart grill with rotisserie	\$175
Charbroil Patio Caddie	\$162
Dimplex*	\$450
Dimplex stainless steel*	\$600

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Dimplex \$450

Win door prizes

1. LG 32" LCD Energy Star Digital TV
2. Meco Cart Electric Grill
3. \$135 Welcome TV & Sales Gift Certificate
4. Four 100-count White LED Holiday Lights Strings
- 5-7. \$80 Federated Electricity Gift Certificate
- 8-9. \$75 Bergen Meats Gift Certificate
- 10-11. \$75 Lakefield Butcher Shop Gift Certificate
- 12-13. \$75 Welcome Meats Gift Certificate
14. Smart Strip Energy Saving Power Strip and Kill-A-Watt Electricity Usage Monitor
15. \$50 Watonwan Farm Service, Truman, Gift Certificate
16. \$50 Vet's Whoa & Go, Jackson, Gift Card
17. Loc 'N Go Electric Grill
- 18-19. Fabric Bag w/2 CFLs & solar/crank flashlight/radio
20. \$45 Bergen Bar & Grill Gift Certificate
21. \$45 Hi-Lo Club, Lakefield, Gift Certificate
22. \$45 Horse Barn & Hunt Club, Lakefield, Gift Certificate
23. \$45 Tri-County Implement, Jackson, Gift Certificate
24. \$45 Tami's On the Avenue, Fairmont Gift Certificate
25. \$45 Korte's Bar & Grill, Welcome, Gift Certificate
26. \$45 Welcome Hardware Gift Certificate
27. \$45 Godfather's Pizza, Fairmont, Gift Certificate
28. Coby 7" Widescreen Digital Photo Frame
29. Kill-A-Watt Electricity Usage Monitor
30. Smart Strip Energy Saving Power Strip
31. \$30 Nu-Way Coop, Welcome, Gift Certificate
32. Streamlight LED Headlamp
33. \$25 Welcome Café Gift Certificate
34. \$20 Burger King Gift Certificate
- 35-38. Poinsettias
- 39-40. Smoke detectors, courtesy of Heartland Security

Door prizes galore are in store for you at the Annual Meeting! A drawing for these prizes will occur at the close of the meeting. Members (anyone in the immediate household) must be present to win. In order to speed up the drawing, the first name drawn receives the first prize, second name the second prize and so on, starting from the top of the prize list and working downward.

Give a Federated gift certificate this year

Anyone would welcome one less bill to pay. Purchase a gift certificate for any amount. They are always the right size and are perfect for a "hard to buy for" family member or friend. Call, e-mail or stop at Federated's office.



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