




DISTRICTS 5, 6, AND 9 UP FOR ELECTION

BAYFIELD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SEEKS DIRECTOR CANDIDATES



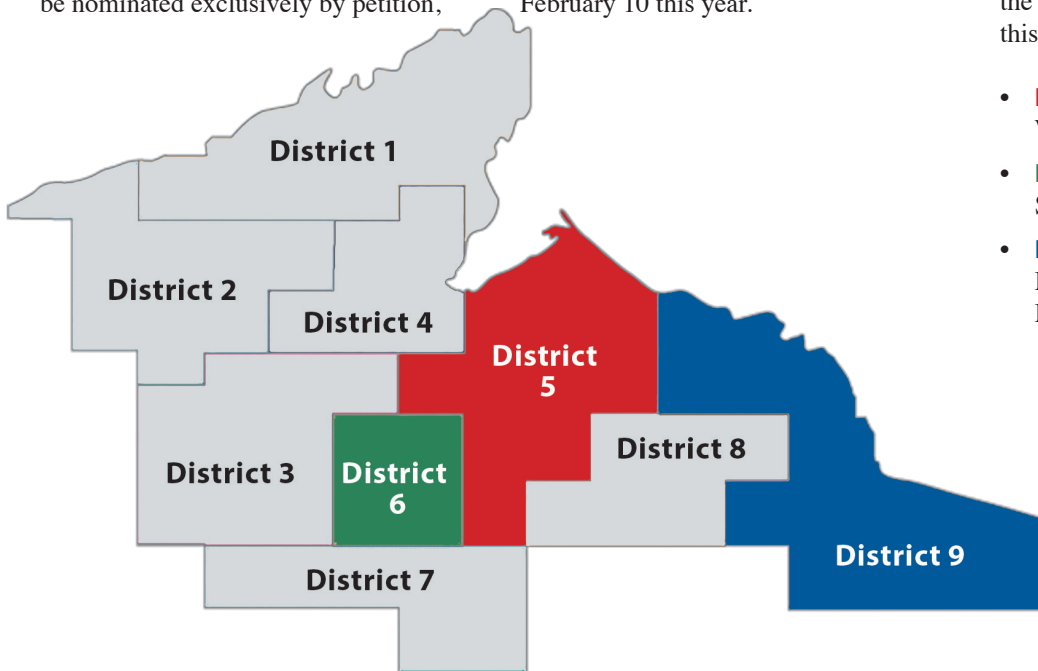
**Bayfield Electric
Cooperative**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

As approved by the annual membership meeting in June 2014, the cooperative Bylaws now provide that all candidates for positions on the cooperative board of directors must be nominated exclusively by petition,

signed by at least 10 cooperative members from the district for which the candidate is seeking election, and filed with the cooperative at least 90 days prior to the annual meeting which would be by February 10 this year.

Interested members, please contact our office for the Verification of Qualification, Declaration of Candidacy and Official Petition Form to circulate for the required signatures. The following are the districts that will be up for election this year:



- **District 5** – Sanborn, Gingles, Kelly, White River, Marengo
- **District 6** – Grand View, Lincoln, Shanagolden, Gordon, Round Lake
- **District 9** – Knight, Carey, Oma, Mercer, Winchester, Pence, Michigan, Saxon, Kimball

BAYFIELD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S 2026 REBATE PROGRAM

BEC members are eligible to receive rebates on energy efficient appliances, lighting, HVAC, water heaters and more! If you install energy efficient products at your property, submit a rebate form, receipt and any other applicable documentation to the BEC office. Forms are available on our website at www.bayfieldelectric.com.



SAVE THE DATE

Bayfield Electric Cooperative
Annual Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2026

MORE DETAILS TO COME SOON



WINTER'S HERE

Be alert for peak alerts

Winter is well upon us, and with that comes the time for peak alerts for cooperative members. A peak alert is likely to occur on colder days during the winter months. On these days, the demand for electricity is highest, which also brings the need to conserve energy use whenever possible.

The level of demand determines a large portion of the cooperative's energy costs during this time. Reducing or delaying your electrical usage during a peak alert helps lower this cost. The key is to reduce your consumption between the hours of 5 and 10 p.m. on these coldest winter days. This helps Bayfield Electric to save on our wholesale power

bill, and this savings is passed along to the members. By turning off unneeded lighting and appliances, the amount saved can be substantial.

You may visit www.bayfieldelectric.com under the Load Management tab to find current times and dates of being controlled. Peak-alert messages also run on the following stations:

- WATW 1400 AM
- WBSZ 93.3 FM
- WNXR 107.3 FM
- WJJH 96.7 FM



What is the Load Management Program?

The Load Management Program helps balance electrical supply and demand. The goal is to keep the amount of electricity used in balance with the amount of electricity generated, which results in a reduced need for future power plants. Load management is energy conservation at work.

Dairyland Power Cooperative, our wholesale power supplier, estimates that the program saves its system 70 megawatts of electricity in the summer and 160 megawatts in the winter—the equivalent size of a small power plant. It does so by reducing the system's total demand during peak use hours, generally between 3 and 9 p.m. If you are interested in participating in the Load Management Program, please contact our office.

We love powering your life.

**From your friends at
Bayfield Electric Cooperative.**

*Happy Valentine's
Day!*





DO YOU DEPEND ON LIFE-SUPPORT EQUIPMENT?

We need to know!

While Bayfield Electric Cooperative strives to maintain the best possible service with a minimum of outage time, occasional outages, either planned or uncontrolled, do occur. We at Bayfield Electric need to know the names and locations of cooperative members who depend on life-support equipment. It is important that this information be current and accurate. We will make every effort to give priority to restoring service to members on life-support systems. If you or a member of your family depends on life-support equipment, please fill out the form at right and mail it to us as quickly as possible.

Yes, I depend on life-support equipment

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Account/Location _____

Type of Support Equipment _____

Do you have an emergency standby generator to operate this equipment?

Yes

No

Mail this form to Bayfield Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 68, Iron River, WI 54847

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WINTER ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP:

Instead of turning up the heat in your home, wear an extra layer of clothing or get cozy under your favorite blanket!

WORD BANK:

- snowflake
- mittens
- scarf
- snowball
- chilly
- icicles
- cocoa
- earmuffs
- fireplace
- blanket

NORTHERN PINES SLED DOG RACE

Come join the fun at Northern Pines Golf Course on February 7, 2026. Watch 50-60 professional & recreational mushers compete. Register online for the kids fun Mutt Run at northernpinessdr.com. There will be a basket Raffle and vendors. Keep warm in the heated spectator area.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

TIP OF THE MONTH

Mid-winter is a great time to ensure you're making the most of your home heating system. Replace or clean filters to keep your furnace or heat pump running efficiently. Listen for strange noises and check for uneven heating—these signs indicate that the system may need servicing. Ensure vents and radiators aren't blocked by furniture or rugs as proper airflow helps your system work less and saves energy. A little maintenance along the way can prevent costly repairs and keep your home cozy through winter.

BAYFIELD ELECTRIC DONATES \$5,000 TO MASON AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE



Curt Berweger, board director for District 6, presented a \$5,000 check on behalf of Bayfield Electric to the Mason Area Ambulance Service. The funds were provided through the Federated Youth Foundation. Also present were Joe Schick, director, and Alexys Kontny, assistant director.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Billing Date: **February 6, 2026**

January Usage

Gross Due After: **February 26, 2026**

Bills Due Upon Receipt

Christopher Kopel, CEO

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