

ROCK ENERGY NEWS

March 2024

Rock Energy Cooperative 88th Annual Meeting



Monday, April 8 • Eclipse Center, Beloit, WI

Please join us on Monday, April 8, for the 88th annual meeting of Rock Energy Cooperative at the Eclipse Center, corner of Henry Avenue and Highway 51 (Riverside Drive) in Beloit, WI.

Sign-in opens at 4:30 p.m. on day of the event.

Members are welcome to participate in the business meeting, which begins at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served after the meeting.

This year, we are bringing back the full-service, sit-down meal for adults. There will be a kids room at the Beloit Library for kids ages 3-12. A pizza meal will be served in the kids room. If your son or daughter will be attending, please let us know when you register. *(More details about the annual meeting can be found in the March co-op magazine.)*

We look forward to seeing you on April 8.

PROGRAM

- Doors open at 4:30 p.m.
- Kids' room (ages 3-12) will be open from 5 to 7:15 p.m. There will be games, activities, and a pizza dinner for the kids.
- Annual meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.
- Dinner served about 6:30 - 6:45 p.m.

There will also be a scholarship presentation, featuring our 2024 youth member scholarship recipients.

ADULT DINNER MENU

- Fresh Garden Salad (Ranch & Italian dressing)
- Stuffed Chicken Risotto with Mushrooms, Parmesan & Herb Butter Sauce
- Garlic Smashed Red Potatoes & Steamed Green Beans
- Chocolate Layered Cake
- Dinner Rolls & Butter
- Water, Coffee, Ice Tea

ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

Register On-Line Or Call Rock Energy To Register:

- Call Rock Energy at 866-752-4550
- Go to: www.rock.coop/annual-meeting
- Scan the QR code to the right

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Make Sure To Watch For Farm Equipment This Spring

With planting season ramping up, more farm equipment will travel rural roads and highways. Motorists are encouraged to slow down, be alert and be patient when encountering farm machinery on roadways this spring.

While farm equipment can mean many different machines, generally in the spring it includes sprayers, tractors pulling planters or tillage equipment and trucks hauling agricultural products. With that in mind, Rock Energy would like to pass along to you some helpful driving safety tips for navigating rural roads this spring.

Safety tips for driving during planting season:

- **ALLOW EXTRA TIME:** Think about how long your trip will take and add extra time for busy farm roads.
- **GIVE THEM ROOM:** Give farmers plenty of room on the road. If a piece of equipment takes up the entire road, pull into a driveway or area and wait for them to pass.
- **PASSING:** When passing, be sure you do so in a passing zone and that there is clear visibility around farm equipment. Watch for oncoming vehicles.
- **GO SLOW:** Farmers in equipment move slowly, so cars going at or over the speed limit will catch up to farm machinery quickly. Please be patient and slow down. Do not assume that a farmer can move over in narrow areas; it is not always possible.



- **MAKE THEM AWARE:** Honk or motion when passing farmers, they may not know you are there.
- **STAY BACK:** Don't tailgate; it makes you hard to see.
- **NO SUDDEN STOPS:** Do not pass and then slow suddenly in front of equipment with implements behind it or farm trucks full of grain. They cannot stop quickly.
- **TURNS:** Farmers make very wide turns; give them plenty of time and room.

Source: SafeElectricity.org



Pictured above, Tri-District Emergency Ambulance Service paramedic Michael Willis (left) is presented with a Safety Grant check from Rock Energy Board Member Ron Richards. The grant was used to purchase a Stryker PowerPro 2 stretcher (pictured).

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE WARMER WEATHER?

CLEAN IT UP

Leaves, weeds and grass collect on the outdoor condenser unit during the fall and winter months, resulting in blocked air flow and reduced energy efficiency. Also, don't forget to change your air filter.



INSULATE

Adding easy-to-use blow-in insulation will reduce the amount of heat that flows from outdoors into the home, which will lower cooling costs and make the home more comfortable.

PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTAT

Homeowners can get a jump start on the summer season by installing a smart thermostat. Smart thermostats can detect when home occupants are away and then automatically adjust to an energy-saving mode.

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE

Effective in March, residential electric rates will increase by approximately 3.5% or \$4 per month. This will be reflected on the billing statement that members receive in April. Many factors have led to an increase, such as: wholesale supplier's clean energy goals, supply chain constraints, world events, weather and inflation. The cooperative continues to remain cost competitive, while maintaining and upgrading the system to accommodate the needs of our current and future members. Please contact the office if you have any questions.