

News from Your Co-op

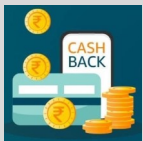
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Did You Know?

Members who sign up to receive electronic billing statements and opt-in for automatic payments from a checking or savings account can save money on their electric bill every month! Eligible accounts can receive a bill credit of \$2 per account every month.

For more information on this bill credit, please contact customer service Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. at 812-384-4446 or 800-489-7362, or email memberservice@udwiremc.com.



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2022 Annual Meeting of the Members—Recap

UDWI REMC held its 86th Annual Meeting of the Members last month. We welcomed members to our headquarters to hear updates on the cooperative's ongoing initiatives, as well as information on what to expect in 2022.

We would like to thank everyone who attended the meeting. It was great to be back together in person after the pandemic made that difficult to accomplish the past few years. And an even bigger thank you to all our members who voted in this year's Board of Directors election. Congratulations to Edward Cullison (District 3) and Shawn Dugan (District 6) on your re-election to the board!

The meeting covered a variety of topics including supply chain issues, capital improvements, safety, and higher power costs. Our goal was to cover as much information as possible to help ensure that our members are up-to-date with co-op news.

A top priority over the next year will be the cost of power. Coal, natural gas, and wholesale electricity prices have more than doubled since November 2021, and this sharp increase will unfortunately likely lead to higher costs for our members. The pandemic is still affecting daily life, including supply chain limitations that impact the materials needed for operations. We will continue our prudent cost management to offset those increases in any way we can.

Other news from the meeting included:

- UDWI and Hoosier Heritage Management are implementing a redesigned vegetation management program that will be more effective than what it currently is without spending more money.
- A new outage management system is launching this summer.
- Electronic DocuSign capabilities will be added to our website and forms.
- The UDWI REMC Community Fund awarded over \$56,000 to 37 charitable organizations in 2021.
- A minimum of six electrical safety training sessions for first responders, local schools, and community groups will be held over the next year, and UDWI will continue to promote safety and job skill improvement training for all its employees.

The past two years have challenged us to rethink how we operate on certain levels, and our team is proud of what we have accomplished together despite the pandemic.

If you could not join us for the meeting, the full presentation is available for review on our website. Please reach out to our office if you have any questions, and we look forward to another great year!

OFFICE INFORMATION



The UDWI REMC office lobby is OPEN for all business. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Masks are encouraged. Visitors should continue to maintain proper social distancing. Let's continue to keep everyone safe & healthy!



Our office will be closed:
Monday, May 30th— Memorial Day
Monday, July 4th — Independence Day
Wishing you safe & happy holidays!

UDWI REMC's Community Fund—Impacting Our Community

The Bloomfield Jr./Sr. High School NJROTC received a UDWI REMC Community Fund grant this past March to help provide equipment and training for the cadets to compete further in the national spotlight. The group is led by retired Gunner Michael D. Lemmons LCDR USN.

“With the local support from great community leaders like UDWI REMC, we had an extremely successful year. Bloomfield NJROTC competed in multiple competitions throughout the year, slowly gaining momentum at each step. The team’s efforts earned second place overall in the state of Indiana!

These young men and women are so full of energy and drive, and for the community to provide unmatched support shows how much they care about the young leaders of tomorrow.

Thank you again for all you do. More success is coming our way!”

– Mr. Lemmons

Keep up the great work cadets!



Smithville & UDWI REMC Partnership Update

The Smithville Fiber Project is nearly complete as crews are underway on Phase 4 of the project and should complete the work by mid-summer of 2022. Below is the status for the various phases:

- ◊Phase 1, 2, 3 – Actively installing fiber for customers.
- ◊Phase 4 – Construction began January 2022 and should be completed Summer 2022.



Know the Difference!

- A **tornado watch** is issued when weather conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes.
- A **tornado warning** is issued when tornadoes are imminent or occurring.

Know Where to Go!

If a tornado warning is issued - seek shelter immediately in a basement, an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor of a building and crouch down close to the floor to protect yourself. Stay away from windows - as they can shatter due to flying debris.

TORNADOES

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT — Miranda Hostetter

How long have you worked at UDWI REMC? 8 years

Current position: Senior Accountant

What is your favorite part of working at the co-op? Serving my community and being close to home

Memorable moment(s) at work: When children & grandchildren of coworkers would come to Trick-or-Treat

What are your hobbies? Being outdoors with my family, jeep cruising, and attending sporting events

What are your pet peeves? Clutter and bad manners

Favorite Food & Drink: Mexican food and very hot coffee (but not together!)

Random fact(s) about me: I used to coach high school volleyball



Meet Miranda

Board of Directors Elections results...



W. Edward Cullison
District 3

Shawn W. Dugan
District 6

The UDWI REMC membership voted to re-elect these incumbent directors to serve the cooperative for another 3-year term.

Meter testing continues

UDWI REMC meter technicians continue with routine meter tests in our entire service territory and will do so over the next few years.

Each employee will be driving a white utility van with our logo placard. Be sure to identify these items before approaching any vehicle that may be in your area. Report suspicious behavior to your local law enforcement office.

“Like” us on Facebook to stay up to date on current testing locations.



Accepting Applications

UDWI REMC is now accepting applications from non-profit businesses and organizations for the next round of Community Fund grants.

The application submission deadline is June 15, 2022.



Construction & Upgrades

Are you building a new house/garage/barn? Wanting to switch from overhead to underground service? Need your service upgraded?

Our Operations Department wants to work with you as you make these changes!

Check out our website to view our Service Pamphlet and Staking Guide to start the process!