



Co-op Chronicle

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UDWI REMC 2024 Annual Meeting of the Members

As a member-owned cooperative, UDWI REMC is governed by a board of directors that represent the membership in individual districts. Directors are elected by the membership to serve on the board for three-year terms.

Voting will open soon for the 2024 UDWI REMC Board of Directors Election. Online voting will begin March 25 at 8:00 a.m. and remain open through April 22 at 11:59 p.m. Members will receive mail-in ballot materials toward the end of March. Voting online is the easiest and most economical way for members to vote. UDWI encourages members to use this free service. Information on each candidate is available through the voting process, whichever method you choose to utilize.

Although a few of the districts in this year's election are uncontested, the cooperative bylaws require candidates to receive a mandated number of votes from the membership to validate the election. We thank you in advance for your time and your vote!

The directors will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Members on April 24 at UDWI's headquarters in Bloomfield. Doors will open at 5 p.m. with the business meeting beginning at 6 p.m. UDWI CEO Doug Childs will provide an annual review of the cooperative. Members are invited and encouraged to attend!

Candidates for UDWI's 2024 Board of Directors Election



Mike Williams
District 5



Dax Collins
District 7



Perry Robinson
District 7



Terry McDaniels
District 7



Sophie Haywood
District 8

Office Information



Our office will be closed in observance
of Good Friday, March 29.
We wish you a Happy Easter!



UDWI Annual Meeting
Wednesday, April 24, 2024
UDWI Headquarters | 6:00 PM

UDWI Fiber Partnership Updates

Smithville Update:

- Stanford Phase 1-6: All complete and open for orders.
- Stanford Phase 7: Presenting project details to our leadership for final approval to design and build
- Greene County SE Phase 1, 2, and 3: Open for orders
- Owen County Switchboard Phase 1: Open for orders
- Owen County Switchboard Phase 2: Open for orders
- Owen County Switchboard Phase 3: Opening for orders within the next few weeks

For more details, please visit www.smithville.com/statusmap/.



South Central Indiana REMC Update:

Drops to homes are ongoing in Freedom West, Freedom Central, and Freedom Northwest. Freedom South's make-ready is complete, and construction is underway. Freedom Northeast's make-ready is underway and should be complete by mid-February. Underground work has already started in the remainder of Freedom Northeast. Once the make-ready crews are finished with Freedom Northeast, they plan to move to Freedom East to begin make-ready there. If you are interested in receiving fiber internet service, please register as soon as possible at join.sciremc.com.

("Fiber make-ready" refers to preparing a utility pole to receive the new fiber attachment.)

Construction & Upgrades

If you are planning any construction projects at your home this spring or summer, including a new garage or barn, UDWI's Operations Department wants to work with you on these projects! Please visit the 'Construction and Upgrades' page on our website to view our resources available to you:

- Service Pamphlet
- Staking Process Guide
- Electrical Installation Process



Scan this code to be directed to our 'Construction and Upgrades' website page!

Employee Spotlight

Alyson Sparks

Current position: **Billing Clerk**

How long have you been employed with UDWI REMC?

- **14 years**

What is your favorite part of working here?

- **The friends that I have made and being able to help members**

What is your favorite food & drink?

- **Chik-fil-A and sweet tea**

What is your favorite TV show?

- **Dateline and The First 48**

What are your pet peeves?

- **When people don't pick up after themselves**

What is your guilty pleasure?

- **Double fudge cookie dough Blizzard**



Meter Testing Continues: UDWI meter technicians continue with routine meter tests in our entire service territory and will do so over the next few years. Employees 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!**

UDWI REMC Community Fund: UDWI's Community Fund is a non-profit organization that provides members with an avenue to make a difference in their communities. The program allows members to round up their energy bills to the next whole dollar to create the funds. Then, the community fund board awards the amount collected to local organizations. Applications are now open; apply by March 13 to be eligible for our next round of grants! **Interested in giving back to local not-for-profit organizations? Call our office to enroll in the round-up program!**