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UDWI REMC Passes Resolution for Redistricting

The Utilities District of Western Indiana REMC Board of Directors passed a resolution to redefine districts in its service territory during its June board meeting.

Districts and their associated board seats are mandated by the cooperative's bylaws to give members local representation on the UDWI Board of Directors. A periodic review is also mandated of the districts and the number of members represented in each to determine if there is a need for any changes.

The last review was conducted in 2018 and no changes were made. The current bylaws state that this redistricting review should take place every six years and within 90 days of the last annual meeting, which was held in April, 2024.

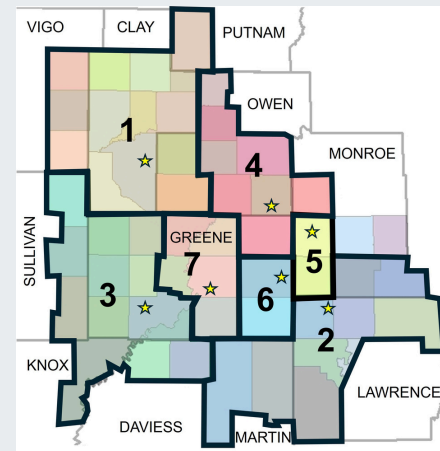
This year's review found that the number of UDWI members in each district varied greatly and were not evenly distributed. This is due to fluctuations in population and new or changing developments in housing. In addition, the current district boundaries often divide townships resulting in two directors representing areas that are traditionally served in whole by other services such as water, sewer as well as police and fire departments.

UDWI serves around 16,000 members across its territory and the current eight districts range from the least populated district with 1,600 members to the most populated district with nearly 2,400 members. The updated districts will balance the number of members; seven districts will now each represent about 2,300 members each and greatly balances the representation across the service territory.

"Our board studied the data over the past couple of months and have determined that the current distribution of our members supports this redistricting, which hasn't been updated since 2008," said Board of Directors President Edward Cullison. "We also know that aligning districts along townships lines will help the UDWI staff members working with the public and providing service to our members."

The new boundary lines will allow members to easily identify their board member and help operations and customer service staff to easily identify specific areas of each district when working with those members requesting information or additional services. This latest redistricting will not affect the election cycle for new directors, and UDWI members will continue to have the opportunity to vote for board member candidates across all districts during the annual meeting process.

Updated district maps can be found on the [UDWI website](https://www.udwi.org)



Air Evac Member Program

UDWI is teaming up with AirMedCare Network to provide financial protection for emergency air medical transport to all of our members at a discounted rate.

[Learn More on the UDWI Website Page!](#)



Office Information



Our office will be closed for Independence Day on July 4th.

Bloomfield First Baptist Church
Boy Scouts of America / Hoosier Trails Council
C2C

Eastern Greene Schools – Special Education Department
Extra Mile Ministries
First Baptist Church (Linton)
Knights of Columbus Council #1166
Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services
Monroe County Humane Association
Open Arms Christian Ministries, Inc.
Pregnancy Choices
Scotland Festival Committee

Please join us in
congratulating this quarter's
Community Fund winners!



Interested in giving back to local not-for-profit organizations? Call our office to enroll in the round-up program!

2024 Member Appreciation Day

On June 21, nearly 275 members came out to enjoy UDWI's annual Member Appreciation Day (double the attendance from our 2023 event)! The event featured live line and pole climbing demos, giveaways, raffle prizes, hamburgers and hotdogs, snow cones, games, a bounce house, face painting and more!

"This is our way to say 'thank you' to our members," said Doug Childs, UDWI CEO, "One way we can let them know we appreciate them."



Congratulations to our Raffle Winners!

Mary Devault Greg Bartlett Beverly Burris Stella Royal
Tasha Hudson Jamie Stoll David Myers Ralph Harris Logan Poindexter



We would like to say **THANK YOU** to all our UDWI employees for their hard work, dedication, patience, and care during the recent storm system in June. Line crews replaced nearly 100 poles (and still counting), repaired miles of line and tree trimming crews cut countless trees to clean up some of the worst damage we've seen this decade. CSRs also answered nearly 500 calls per day! Also, big "thank you" to our members for their support, patience, grace and kind words in the midst of storm outages. We understand how frustrating it can be to lose power for extended periods of time - and we truly believe we have the best members out there!

