

# Co-op Chronicle

March/April 2025



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## **UDWI REMC 2025 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 2025 UDWI REMC Board of Directors Election with two districts up for election— W. Edward Cullison (District 6) and Shawn Dugan (District 2). Online voting will begin March 24 at 8:00 a.m. and paper ballot materials will be mailed out on the same day. Members should receive those paper ballots toward the end of the month. Voting will close at 11:59 p.m. on April 21 and all ballots, whether completed via mail or online, must be received by then. Voting online is the easiest and most economical way for members to vote, and it is encouraged that members use this free service. Information on each candidate will be available throughout whichever voting process you choose to utilize.

Although the two 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 23 at UDWI's headquarters in Bloomfield. The doors will open at 5 p.m. and at 6 p.m. the business meeting will officially begin. UDWI REMC CEO Doug Childs will provide an annual review of the cooperative. All members are invited and encouraged to attend!

## 2025 Board of Directors Candidates



Shawn Dugan
District 2



Edward Cullison
District 6



April 18

Our office will be closed in observance of Good Friday.





#### **IMPORTANT MAINTENANCE NOTICE | MARCH 15**

On Saturday, March 15, UDWI will be upgrading our internal network infrastructure. This will impact the billing and payment systems as well as the outage management system. What does this mean for you?



- You will not be able to access your account online or through the mobile app
- You will not be able to make a payment on your account
- You will not be able to report an outage via text or when using the mobile app or website

If you experience an outage, please call our office at 812-384-4446. Our after-hours call center is fully equipped to handle any issues and provide support until normal operations resume. We anticipate this upgrade to take at least 8 hours to complete. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.

## **Co-op Difference Survey**

Starting on April 28, we will be conducting a survey to help us assess our performance to figure out how to better serve our members. Most UDWI REMC members will receive an email invitation to complete the survey while some members may receive a phone call. Your feedback is important to us. Thank you in advance for your participation!



## **Employee Spotlight**

## **Tanner Reed**

Dispatch/Member Service Representative

Length of time employed at UDWI:

## 2 years

What is your favorite part about working for UDWI REMC?

My favorite part about my role is getting to work with the members and assisting the line crews.



What is your favorite food and drink?

Chinese food & Dr. Pepper

List some of your hobbies:

fishing, hanging out with friends, watching sporting

Favorite TV show: NCIS

## **Meter Testing Continues:**

UDWI meter technicians continue with routine meter tests in our entire service territory. 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.



### **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!

Interested in giving back to your community?
Call our office to enroll in the round-up program!