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a monthly newsletter from Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric

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Steele-Waseca's Nominating Committee announce board candidates for 2023

The Nominating Committee for Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric have announced their selection of candidates for the board seats up for election in Districts 7, 8, and 9 at this year's annual meeting scheduled Tuesday, June 6, 2023.

The committee first met Nov. 9, 2022, at Steele-Waseca's headquarters in Owatonna.

General Manager Syd Briggs reviewed the duties of the Nominating Committee as stated in the co-op's bylaws, the activities and conduct of individual board members policy, the qualifications for eligibility for service on the co-op's board of directors policy, the director election filing form and affirmation of director qualifications, and questions concerning qualifications for director.

Board President Gary Wilson highlighted areas of the board of director position description with the committee. Wilson addressed potential questions a candidate may have, highlighting the time commitment it takes to be a board director.

Briggs reviewed the selection process with the committee. He explained the nominating committee policy and the rotation plan for the committee which works on a rotation system that keeps six experienced members on the committee, and adds three new members each year.

A list of members in each district was provided, and it was suggested that committee members from each district meet together to search for candidates and review the information given to them. District 9 had a potential candidate interested in running for a board director position, and his name was given to the committee for that district.

Nominations for committee chairperson for the January meeting were opened, Denise Bartness volunteered, and Wilson declared her nominating committee chairperson. After no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Nominating Committee conducted their second meeting Jan. 18, at Steele-Waseca's headquarters.

Cooperative Attorney Tricia Lancaster reviewed the director duties, standard of conduct policy, and qualifications for eligibility for service on the board of directors policy.

Briggs reviewed the director position description, highlighting director responsibilities, board-manager relations, board-cooperative member relations, and board-community relations.


The names of the following candidates were announced, and will appear on the election ballot for Steele-Waseca's 87th annual meeting scheduled, June 6, at the co-op's headquarters located at 2411 W. Bridge St., Owatonna:


• **District 7:** John R. Beal (incumbent), Faribault.

• **District 8:** Mark W. Estrem, Nerstrand; Bryan L. Finley, Northfield; and Ronald D. Sommers (incumbent), Northfield.

• **District 9:** Scott J. Carlson, Faribault.

A profile of each candidate will appear in the May 2023 *Sparks* newsletter. Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor during the annual meeting with nominations closing at that time.

This year's Nominating Committee consisted of the following Steele-Waseca members: District 7—Ryan/Jenny Angelow, Faribault; Daniel/Stacy Maas, Faribault; and Dale/Lynn Groskreutz, New Richland; District 8—Glenn/Linda Wiesjhan, Owatonna; Rene/Pam Koester, Nerstrand; and Denise Bartness, Owatonna; District 9—Joseph Haberman, Blooming Prairie; Charlie Peters, Lonsdale; and John/Lyilia Iverson, Medford. 

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48-hour notice required for ALL
 underground cable locations

manager connection

By Syd Briggs,
 General Manager



Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric is among Minnesota's electric cooperatives with the priority of providing sustainable, reliable, and affordable electricity. With that in mind, I want to provide an update on a piece of significant legislation Gov. Tim Walz recently signed.

While there is significant concern about the end result of affordability and reliability due to the changes this bill will cause as we approach 2040, Minnesota's rural electric cooperatives were successful in getting legislators from both sides of the aisle to work with us to add amendments that address concerns for the next few years.

The cooperatives in Minnesota had significant reservations with the original bill, and we are thankful to everyone who reached out to legislators, made our voices heard, and made a difference in the end result that will help address reliability and affordability for several years.

Minnesota's electric cooperatives have long been working and planning toward a sustainable, reliable, and affordable energy future. We want you, our member-owners, to know the heat will be on in the dead of winter, and the A/C available in the dog days of summer. Furthermore, we want the electricity we distribute to always be affordable for your family while being good stewards of our planet.

The Minnesota Rural Electric Association successfully secured changes to the legislation that will provide more flexibility in implementing its mandates. As one example, they sought and obtained language providing greater flexibility in the use of renewable energy credits (RECs) as an option to comply with the carbon reduction mandates.

They also received a reduction in the steep timeline, allowing co-ops to reach 60% carbon-free generation by 2030, rather than 80% at that time. All utilities still need to be 100% carbon free by 2040. However, the legislation contains "off-ramps" that allow utilities to ask the Public Utilities Commission to modify the legislation's requirements, if needed, to protect reliability or affordability.

There were other adjustments Minnesota's rural electric providers advocated for to improve reliability and affordability that did not make it into the final bill, but we remain hopeful additional concerns can be addressed in the future.

In the end, we want you to know electric cooperatives are working to provide an environmentally friendly energy future while keeping the reliability and affordability you expect. We ask you to stay engaged as more legislation moves through the process. If you wish, you can sign up for alerts at <https://voicesforcooperativepower.com/minnesota/>.

Among priorities with electric cooperatives is safety, not only for our member-owners, but also for our co-op's employees. 1077665

If you were asked to associate an image or a person with Steele-Waseca, I believe most would picture a line technician. One of the most visible employees of the co-op, lineworkers work tirelessly to ensure our member-owners receive uninterrupted power as much as possible.

Being a lineworker is not a glamorous or easy profession. It takes years of specialized training, ongoing education, dedication, and equally important, a sense of service and commitment. How else can you explain the willingness to leave the comfort of your home to tackle a challenging job in difficult conditions, when most are sheltering comfortably at home?

This dedication and sense of service to the community is truly what sets them apart. That's why the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) sets aside the second Monday in April to recognize the men and women who work around the clock to keep the lights on.

Our dedicated and beloved lineworkers are proud to represent Steele-Waseca, and they deserve all the appreciation and accolades that come their way on National Lineworker Appreciation Day.

On April 10, and any time you see a lineworker, I hope you'll join me in thanking them for their exceptional service. I also hope you'll remember you have a dedicated team of professionals working behind the scenes at the co-op whose commitment to service runs just as deep.


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lineworker appreciation connection



National Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 10

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) has recognized the second Monday in April as National Lineworker Appreciation Day since 2015. Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric is recognizing our lineworkers for their dedication in serving the co-op and its member-owners. The line crew with their Steele-Waseca experience includes (top row, left to right): Line Foreman Don Bos, May 1991; Line Foreman Troy Pederson, June 1999; Line Foreman Ben Hrcir, May 2012; Line Foreman Kevin Kjersten, October 2012; Assistant Foreman Pete Hines, October 2012; Assistant Foreman Adam Davis, July 2013; (bottom row, left to right) Assistant Foreman Jake Jablonski, September 2013; Assistant Foreman Chad Henderson, July 2015; Line Technician Marshal Madery, September 2016; Line Technician Carlos Cruz, September 2016; Line Technician Tanen Holzem, July 2019; and Line Technician Collin Wenzl, May 2020. 1001061

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cookin' connection

Quick & Easy Pot Pie

Lavonne Krause

Morristown

- 1 pkg. of 16 oz. chicken or turkey stuffing mix
- 2 c. chopped chicken or turkey
- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen broccoli, cauliflower, & carrots, thawed
- 1 jar (12 oz.) homestyle gravy

Heat oven to 375°. Make stuffing as directed on the package. Combine the rest of the ingredients plus 2 spoons of stuffing in a 2-quart casserole sprayed with cooking spray. Cover with stuffing. Bake 30 minutes or until heated through.

Please use a 3 x 5 card when submitting your recipe. The member whose recipe is published will receive a \$7 energy credit.



Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric's solar subscribers will see a 29 kWh credit per panel on this month's statement for energy generated during February 2023. Learn more about community solar and The Sunna Project by visiting Steele-Waseca's website, swce.coop. #swceINNOVATION

Was your account number in Sparks?

Each month five account numbers are printed in *Sparks* and a total of \$35 in energy credits is divided among however many of those numbers are found. For example, if all numbers are found, a credit of \$7 will be applied to the members' following month's electric bills; or, if only one number is found, that member receives the full \$35 credit. Members finding their numbers who have a load management receiver on their dual fuel, electric water heater, air conditioner, or genset will receive an additional \$7 credit. When you find your number, phone our office no later than the 7th of the month following receipt of the *Sparks*, or the amount will be forfeited.

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Numbers found:

Mitchell Ormson

Numbers not found:

Kenneth Kranda
 Jamie Franek
 Kevin Vrieze
 Jay Braaten



Sparks in brief . . .

- **Want easy energy payments?** Sign up for **EnergyPay Plus**, our automatic payment plan, or **Energy Prepay**, our discounted advance payment plan. Contact our office for details. You may also pay your bill online at www.swce.coop. By entering your Steele-Waseca username and password you can also view a 13-month history of your account.

- **If you have changed or added phone numbers**, please contact SWCE to update your contact information.

- **Need a new water heater?** For information about our Westinghouse Electric Water Heater Program, phone Cindy Butterfield at our office between 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., 446-4204 / 800-526-3514.

- **February temps** – The average high temperature for February was 29°F, while the average low was 8°F. This resulted in 1,303.5 Heating Degree Days (HDDs) and 0 Cooling Degree Days (CDDs). They compare to last year's average high of 25°F and average low of 3°F, which resulted in 1,429 HDDs and 0 CDDs.

- **ENERGY STAR® Rebates** – In 2023, all ENERGY STAR refrigerators/freezers (with recycling), electric clothes dryers, dehumidifiers, central air conditioners, air and ground source heat pumps, light emitting diode (LED) bulbs purchased (limit 5) are eligible to receive rebates (may not be combined with special promotions). Rebate request forms must be submitted within 90 days of purchase. Rebate forms are available at swce.coop. For more information or to receive a rebate request form, phone Cindy Butterfield at 800-526-3514.

- **SWCE's tree service contractor** – Carr's Tree Service, Inc., is contracted to do SWCE's tree trimming. To report a tree concern, phone:

507-451-7340 / 800-526-3514

LIVESTOCK OWNERS

If you have questions or concerns regarding stray voltage in your livestock confinement building(s), or are planning an addition, or constructing a new one, call Steele-Waseca at 507-451-7340 or 800-526-3514. Steele-Waseca will work with you and your electrician to eliminate potential stray voltage problems. You may also visit: www.minnesotastrayvoltageguide.com.

health & safety connection

Play it safe: 10 do's and don'ts when using portable generators

by Abby Berry, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA)

Storm season is upon us, which means greater potential for power outages.

If you're planning to use a portable generator in the event of an outage, Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric reminds you to play it safe.

With proper use and maintenance, portable generators can provide great convenience during an outage. However, when generators are used incorrectly, they can be extremely hazardous.

In a 2022 report, the Consumer Product Safety Commission estimated 85 U.S. consumers die every year from carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning caused by gasoline-powered portable generators.

Here are 10 do's and don'ts to keep in mind when using portable generators:

1. **DO:** Install backup CO alarms.
2. **DO:** Keep children and pets away from portable generators at all times.
3. **DO:** Position generators at least 25 feet outside the home, away from doors, windows, and vents that can allow CO to enter the home.
4. **DO:** Ensure your generator is properly grounded. Use a portable ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) to prevent electric shock injuries. 1033636

5. **DO:** Use three-pronged extension cords that are rated to handle the load of the generator. Inspect extension cords for cuts, frays, or other damage before use.

6. **DON'T:** Operate a generator inside your home or an enclosed (or partially-enclosed) space. Generators produce high levels of CO, which can be deadly.

7. **DON'T:** Open windows or doors while the generator is running.

8. **DON'T:** Rely on generators as a full-time source of power. They should only be used temporarily or in emergency situations to power essential equipment or appliances.

9. **DON'T:** Overload generators. They should only be used to power essential equipment. Make sure your generator can handle the load of the items you plan to power.

10. **DON'T:** Connect generators directly into household wiring unless you have an appropriate transfer switch installed. If a generator is connected to a home's wiring without a transfer switch, power can backfeed along power lines and electrocute utility lineworkers making repairs.

While generators provide convenience



Position portable generators at least 25 feet outside the home, away from doors, windows and vents that can allow CO to enter the home. (Photo Source: Honda)

during power outages, they can quickly become hazardous—even deadly—if improperly operated. Before you operate a portable generator, be sure to thoroughly read the owner's manual for important safety information and tips.

If you have questions about proper use of portable generators, Steele-Waseca is here to help. Contact Operations during regular business hours or email info@swce.coop.

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**ALWAYS
CALL 811**
before digging,
building, planting
or installing at
any depth.



SWCE truck for sale

Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric (SWCE) is conducting a sealed bid auction (minimum bid \$5,000) for their 2009 Ford F-150 extended cab (pictured above) with 146,000 miles. Sealed bids must be received at Steele-Waseca's office, 2411 W. Bridge St., Owatonna, by noon Friday, March 31. If you would like to see the truck, please call SWCE at 507-451-7340 to schedule an appointment with Matt. If you have questions, please call SWCE at the phone number above and ask for Matt. The person with the winning bid will be notified by phone by the end of the day Monday, April 3.

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give away

KITTENS/CATS, litter-bx traind. 612-910-0041.

A.R.E. RED TONNEAU FIBERGLASS TOPPER for a 2001 Dodge Ram or similar model year. 334-7177.

FREE ONLINE CLASSIFIEDS, you place & remove your own ad on SWCE's website, swce.coop. These are separate from Sparks & will not appear in Sparks unless mailed, delivered, or emailed to SWCE.

wanted

(2) **GEESE**, any breed. 451-7091.

GLENER F2 COMBINE w/hydrostatic drive. 320-980-2822/Keith/leave message or email: keith.fredrick@mnlcorp.com.

TRACTOR TIRE, 12.4x38. 465-8194.

FORD DIESEL SKID STEER. 330-1849.

JET SKI LIFT, 1000-lb compatibility. 456-0166.

TO HAVE A COUCH REUPHOLSTERED OR SLIP-COVER MADE, near Hope; (2) **CHAIRS**; **WOOD MULCH** near Hope. 612-598-4005.

GUNS; AMMO; JD MOWERS; TACKLE; ESTATES. 279-0431/Mark.

WAGON RUNNING GEAR, can be older & lighter weight, like from old hayracks, etc., will make offers based on quality. 651-214-2357 or email: dwaynev4444@gmail.com.

PRO WAVE 101 ENERGY SYSTEMS. 676-7179.

USED/WASTE OIL, 200-gal. min. 420-7429/Quentin.

BARN, GRANARY &/OR OUTBUILDINGS, 1 remove to repurpose the lumber; **OLD TIN**; **BARN SIDING**; **LUMBER**. 330-0258/Tim.

BACKUP PERSON FOR SNOW REMOVAL, seeking local person for west side of Circle Lake—Forest Twp. 744-2512.

USED OR BAD FENCE POSTS. 676-1009.

USED HEWITT ALUM. DOCK. 465-8244.

PASTURE TO RENT for beef cattle; **SOMEONE TO TAKE DOWN A BARN**, lots of gd lumber. 456-0315.

PASTURE for beef cattle, Summer 2023 & beyond. 744-2873.

All area codes are 507 unless otherwise noted

for sale

JD 450 BULLDOZER, loader/backhoe exc. cond., 500 hrs on new engine, \$9500. 301-4227.

'85 **CHEV. C-50 TRUCK**, cab & chassis, PTO, was set up w/14' contractor dump box (removed), \$2200/obo; **WACKER BS 60-2I JUMPING JACK COMPACTOR**, \$650. 612-910-0041.

(2) **BLK COCHIN BANTAM ROOSTERS**, 2022 spring hatch. 451-7091.

200 RDS WIN 30 LUGER 93 GRAIN, \$80; **20 RDS HORNADY 300 RSAUM 178 GR ELD-X**, \$50; **60 RDS REM FIREBALL 20 GR ACCUTIP-V**, \$100. 461-1191.

GRAVEL TRUCK AVAILABLE for all your trucking needs: delivery of rock, gravel, dirt, etc., 15.5-ton capacity. 456-7774.

HUNTING BLINDS, weather/rodent proof, insulated & more. 330-2452.

MINI STORAGE UNITS, Blmg Prairie. 456-2957.

5-QT VALV. SYNT. OIL, 0-20. \$20; **PRIDE 4-WHEEL GO-GO SPORT ELEC. SCOOTER**, gd cond., \$600. 465-8194.

ALL-NATURAL SOAPS, SALVES & BALMS, nothing artificial, milk soaps, tallow & lard soaps, unscented & scented soaps, www.dandelionnaturals.com, Hayfield. 261-4992.

GRASS HAY BALES, sm. sq. by Waldorf. 327-3672.

MINI STORAGE UNITS FOR RENT, Ellendale. 456-1460.

ROBERDS LK VACATION HOME RENTAL, magnificent sunset views w/all the amenities of home. 651-263-9681.

BARBIE HOUSE W/ELEVATOR, every little girl's dream! comes w/accessories for home, couple of dolls, car, boat, camper, coffee shop, (2) Jeeps, \$80. 383-9149 after 3 p.m.

RENTAL, Izaak Walton League Bldg., 4 mi. south of Owat., seats 100, full kitchen, grill, Wi-Fi, \$150. 451-7946.

560 INT, gas, wide front, Farmhand loader, \$4500. 475-7022.

WESLO TREADMILL, like new, \$215. 744-2709.

BEACHFRONT VACATION CONDOS FOR RENT in Fort Myers Beach, South Padre Island & Mexico, visit www.sandysbeachfrontcondo.com for details & photos. 612-865-9604/Sandy.

(4) **FIRESTONE TRANSFORCE AT2 10-PLY TIRES**, a little under half tread, 265/75/R16, \$200; **1999-2007 SUPER DUTY CHROME BUMPER**, \$100. 323-4362.

MIRROCRAFT BOAT w/40-hp Mercury 4-stroke motor, yacht trailer, new tires, (2) fish locators, exc. cond., \$9000/obo. 528-2763.

SHINGLING & LIGHT CONSTRUCTION; TREE REMOVAL, free estimates. 456-0296.

18.4R38 BAND DUALS w/hardware, Dundas, \$400. 663-1429.

2001 MERCURY MOUNTAINEER, 171,000 mi., new tires, \$2000/firm. 383-5968.

FORTUNE CREEK TRL LOTS, the covenant allows for a pole shed, starting at \$75,000. 638-5033/John.

2004 CHEV. SILVERADO 1500 EXT. CAB Z71, 4WD, \$5000/obo. 475-7005.

VINTAGE 1963 CAST IRON TUB, refurbish or repurpose, gd cond., \$75/obo. 330-3383.

1998 SPARTAN 16' ROLLER BOAT TRAILER, \$800/obo; **50-GAL. WATER HEATER; BOAT/RV STORAGE FOR RENT**. 475-2322.

2007 HONDA SHADOW SABRE 1100, 7800 mi., backrest, windshield, leather saddle bags, driving lights, floorboards, clock, exc. shape, \$4900. 952-652-2279 or 612-208-4421.

13' JD 450 GRAIN DRILL; KOVAR 4-SECTION WIRE DRAG. 583-2026.

STRIKEMASTER 8" DUAL POWER ELEC. ICE AUGER, \$200/obo. 320-219-8316 or 390-1520.

FLARE BOX; HYD. LIFT, 2x8 treated extensions, exc. cond., \$600; **RED CEDAR FENCE POSTS**, 7' long, 10" diameter, \$300/each; **GANDY MEASURE WHEEL**, \$30; **PET PORTER**, large, \$30. 455-3881. (For Sale ads continued on Page 7)

travel

NATIONAL PARKS, Sept. 18-28. Deluxe motor coach, 14 meals, Ogallala Petrified Wood Museum, admissions to Badlands & Zion Nat'l Parks, Mt. Rushmore, & more! \$2,399 pp w/2 per room.

AUTUMN IN NEW ENGLAND, Oct. 5-14. Roundtrip Delta flights, (2) nights at RIU Time Sq., NY City, Broadway performance, 7-night cruise on the Emerald Princess. \$3,799 pp w/2 per room.

SMOKY MOUNTAINS, Oct. 22-29. Motor coach, 11 meals, guided tour of Smoky Mtns, theater/dinner shows, Country Music Hall of Fame, Grand Ole Opry, Dollywood, & more! \$1,799 pp w/2 per room.

Call 4-Seasons at 373-4705 or 373-2473, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, to learn more about their tour information.



Sparks Free Classified Ad Form for all SWCE Members

Ads need to be received in our office by April 5 to ensure being printed in the May Sparks. Please print neatly or type your ad of 20 words or less on this form. We reserve the right to edit ad copy to allow space for more ads. Ads received after the 5th will be printed in the June issue.

For Sale Wanted Give Away

Phone # _____ Account # _____

Name _____

Clip and mail to: SWCE, PO Box 485, Owatonna MN 55060-0485, deliver to the SWCE office, or email your ad to: sparks@swce.coop.

ad connection

(For Sale ads continued from Page 6)

ALFALFA HAY, small squares. 327-4493.

TREE TRIMMING, REMOVAL, & STUMP GRINDING, professional climber & aerial lift to U of M guidelines; **2007 FRONT CHROME BUMPER** for an F-650, like new. 456-1609.

THE RUSTIC MAMAS' MARKET, May 6, 9-3, Four Seasons Centre—Owat., over 100 vendors, food trucks. 456-4024.

DOGTRA SYSTEM to train your dog, remote w/half-mile range, manual included. 451-5121.

AKC BRITISH LABS, dewes, shots, wormed, 26-mth health guarantee, parents fully health tested, blk, red, & yellow. 763-218-2948/please text.

CLIMATE CONTROLLED UNITS FOR RENT, 11'x9' to 16'x10'. 332-4623.

HORSE-COLLAR MIRROR, HORSESHOE PLANT STAND, & METAL HORSE WALL SCONCE, exc. cond., \$300. 330-2738.

GOLDEN TECHNOLOGIES BUZZAROUND XL 3-WHEEL POWER-OPERATED VEHICLE, GB117, like new, \$650. 456-0246.

WINCHESTER 12-GA. AUTOMATIC SHOTGUN, Model 1400, comes w/BSA Red Dot sight & hard-sided case, \$250. 251-7680.

TRANSFERRABLE BUILDABLE RIGHTS in Rice County, Webster Twsp. 612-919-4130 for details.

BLK BALDY BULL, 2-yrs-old; **CRACKER JACK HEREFORD BULL**, 2-yrs-old; **RED BULL**, Hometown, Trust bloodlines. 838-7721.

WOOD DRESSER w/vanity, mirror, & drawers, 62" w, 19" dp, 32.5" tall dresser, vanity 62" w, 13" dp, & 49" tall, \$100/obo; **OAK LEAF EXTENDING DIN. RM TABLE & SET OF 8 CHAIRS**, \$75/obo. 456-5740.

GLENCOE 10' FIELD CULT., 3-pt hitch, \$500; **8' SNOWBLOWER**, 3-pt hitch, hy spout, \$1500; **(1) PAIR JD 4020 FENDERS**, no dents w/lights, \$650. 952-393-1952.

55-GAL. PLASTIC & STEEL BARRELS w/covers, \$5-\$15; **220-GAL. POLY TANK** w/valve in forklift frame, \$75. 421-2521.

SM. GALION ROAD GRADER, \$3500; **3-PT HITCH CONVERSION** for D17 or WD Allis, \$225; **(2) 149X28 WHEELS** for WD Allis, new, \$1200; **12' MOLINE TANDEM WHEEL DISC**, \$900. 330-3945.

ICE HOUSE, 8'x14', 6 hole, 110/12V, sleeps 2-3, new spindle hubs tires wheels. 951-2568/iv. msg.

GERMAN SHEPHERD PUPS, purebred, blk & tan colored. 256-4617/leave message.

JD 6600 COMBINE, 3759 hrs, 404 diesel engine, 443 corn head, 220 bean head, & pickup head also available. 651-600-7815.

4X5 MIXED GRASS HAY BALES. 390-0600.

Ads need to be received in the SWCE office by Wednesday, April 5, to ensure being published in the May 2023 Sparks newsletter.

Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric (SWCE) assumes no liability for the content of, or reply to, any item posted. The party posting any advertisement assumes complete liability for the content of, and all replies to, any advertisement and for any claims against SWCE as a result thereof, and agrees to indemnify and hold SWCE harmless from all costs, expenses, liabilities and damages resulting from, or caused by, any advertisement or reply thereto.

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| ≥ 9.0 HSPF | \$800 | \$1,300 |

Air source heat pumps are a form of low-carbon heating. If you are switching from a coal- or electricity-based heating system, you can significantly **reduce your carbon emissions.**

Effective April 1 - June 30, 2023

 #swceGROWTH

Limited funds are available and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Rebate amounts and programs are subject to change without notice.

member connection



Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric representatives meet with state legislators

Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric board members, spouses, and co-op management met with state legislators at the Capitol in St. Paul Tuesday, Feb. 21, to address legislative issues impacting rural electric cooperatives like Steele-Waseca. Pictured in the top left photo (left to right) is Ruth Sommers, Acting Secretary/Treasurer Ron Sommers, Board President Gary Wilson, District 1 Board Director PJ Duchene, Diane Wilson, District 23A State Representative Peggy Bennett of Albert Lea, Executive Assistant Jenifer Shimpach, and General Manager Syd Briggs. Pictured in the top right photo (left to right) is: PJ Duchene, Ruth Sommers, Jenifer Shimpach, Ron Sommers, District 19B State Representative John Petersburg of Waseca, Diane Wilson, Gary Wilson, and Syd Briggs. 46527

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