

# POWER LINE

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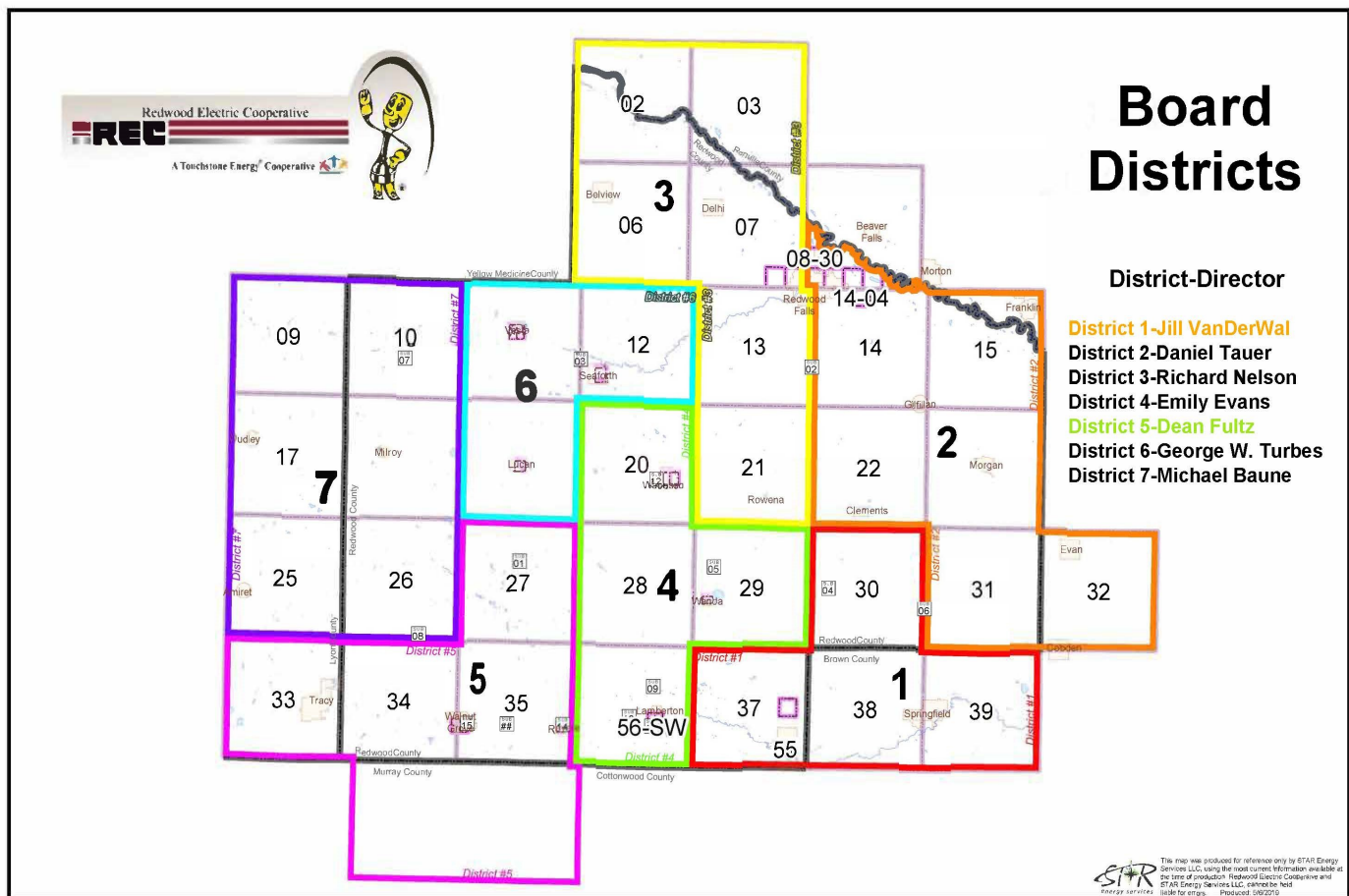
## Redwood Electric Cooperative

60 Pine Street • Clements, Minnesota 56224

## Annual Meeting-April 1st

The Redwood Electric Cooperative 2021 Annual Meeting will be conducted via teleconference call. Due to continued COVID-19 concerns and social distancing restrictions, the Redwood Electric Board decided to hold the meeting using the same call-in option for members that was used this past year.

The election of Directors will take place via mail-in ballot. Members will receive annual meeting materials along with Director ballots in the beginning of March.



## IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION UP TO DATE?

Contact our office by calling 507-692-2214 or email us at [office@redwoodelectric.com](mailto:office@redwoodelectric.com) if:

- You no longer have a landline
- Your cell number has changed
- You have additional numbers you want listed
- You have an email address to add
- You are not sure if your account information is updated



**UPDATE YOUR  
CONTACT INFO**

# WINTER WEATHER

CAN BRING POWER LINES DOWN



## DID YOU KNOW:

### STAY WHERE YOU ARE

You've just been in an accident involving a downed power line. Your first instinct might be to get out and run, but that could cost you your life. In most cases, the safest place to be is inside your car or truck. Wait there until electric utility workers deenergize the power. If your car is on fire or you see smoke, escape as safely as possible by making a clean, solid jump out and hop away with both feet together as far as you can. Warn others not to approach the scene.



- That downed power lines are extremely dangerous and even deadly?
- The current could spread throughout the ground and anything touching the ground?
- Stray voltage spreads like ripples on a pond?
- If you step from one "ripple" (voltage) to another you could be electrocuted?
- Downed lines could be hiding under standing water, ice or debris?

Learn more at:

 **Safe  
Electricity.org**

## ANNUAL LINE & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS

Our linemen are doing their annual inspections. This includes meters, line equipment and looking for proper tree clearances. This means we have marked REC pickup trucks out patrolling line and equipment in addition to our regular lineman trucks. Annual maintenance is completed each year to help prevent unnecessary power outages.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 507-692-2214. Thank you!



### Energy & Money Saving Tips from Willie

During the winter:

- ~Close shades and drapes at night to keep heat in.
- ~Make sure drapes and shades are open during the day to catch free solar heat.
- ~Set thermostats to 68 degrees.



SEND ME YOUR  
FAVORITE RECIPE FOR OUR NEWSLETTER



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Or

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## BEST EVER POTATO SOUP

### Ingredients:

6 bacon strips, diced  
3 cups cubed peeled potatoes  
1 small carrot, grated  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
1/2 teaspoon celery seed  
1 can (14-1/2 ounces) chicken broth  
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
3 cups 2% milk  
8 ounces process cheese (Velveeta), cubed  
2 green onion, thinly sliced, optional

### Directions:

- 1) In a large saucepan, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp, stirring occasionally; drain drippings. Add vegetables, seasonings and broth; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, cover, until potatoes are tender, 10-15 minutes.
- 2) Mix flour and milk until smooth; stir into soup. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly; cook and stir until thickened, about 2 minutes. Stir in cheese until melted. If desired, serve with green onions.





## January 14-15th Winter Storm

The strong winds from last months storm snapped a pole in half. No outages resulted from the damage and the line crew was able to safely replace it.



### Office Hours & Contact Information

Monday-Friday 7:00 AM-3:30 PM

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