

2019 construction budget set at \$13.8 million

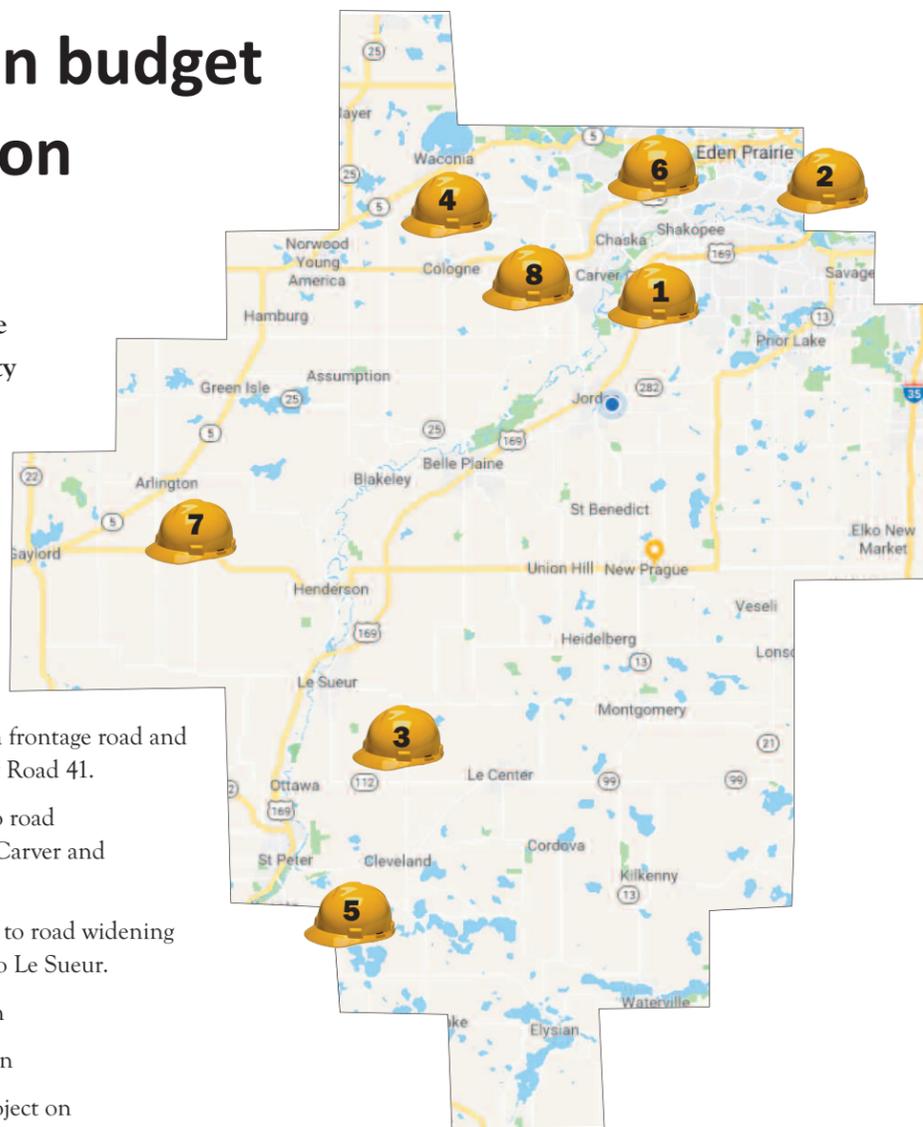


With a construction budget of \$13.8 million, MVEC line crews will be busy increasing reliability and power quality

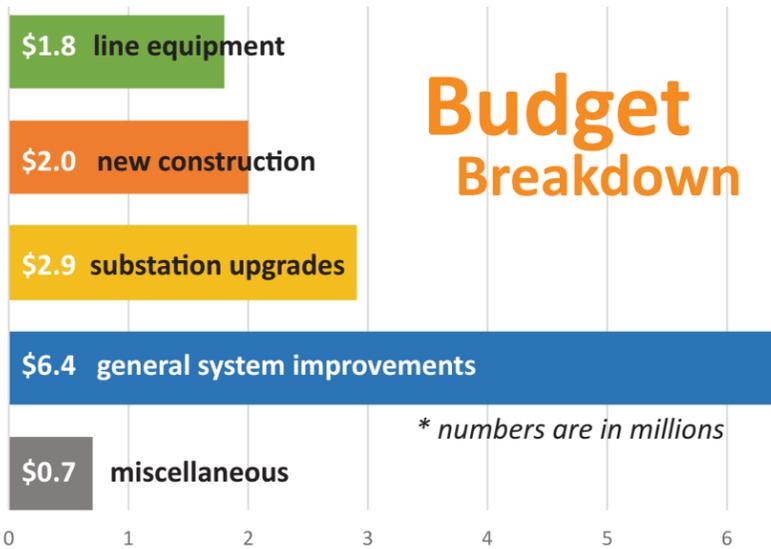
throughout the co-op's service area, as well as conducting general maintenance for MVEC's 42,500+ members.

Here are some of the larger projects:

1. Relocate 1.5 miles of line to accommodate a frontage road and overpass project at Highway 169 and County Road 41.
2. Finish 4.3 miles of underground work due to road reconstruction along Flying Cloud Drive in Carver and Hennepin counties.
3. Relocate 8 miles of overhead power line due to road widening project along Highway 112 from Le Center to Le Sueur.
4. Upgrade capacity at the Waconia Substation
5. Upgrade capacity at the Cleveland Substation
6. Relocate 3 miles of power line for a road project on Lyman Boulevard in Chanhassen.
7. Upgrade 2 miles of overhead power line south of Arlington for increased load in the area.
8. New construction for housing development and commercial load near Carver.



In all, crews will work on 64 miles of power line in 2019; 17 of that is new construction.



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Notice:

Power Cost Adjustment will change in February
A Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) is a line item on your electric bill and occurs when wholesale energy costs come in higher or lower than originally forecast.

The most current PCA of .005 has been adjusted to .006 and is shown under the "Account Details" section of your bill. The PCA is a direct pass through of higher costs billed to MVEC from the wholesale power provider Alliant Energy. MVEC does not retain or benefit from any of this revenue.

January Board Meeting highlights are online at www.mvec.net/your-cooperative

Additional resources available 24/7 at www.mvec.net



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Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative

February 2019

Learn more about the co-op April 9 Annual Meeting coming to Le Center

Learn more about how your cooperative works by attending MVEC's 82nd Annual Meeting, which will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, at Tri-City United Elementary/Middle School, 150 Tyrone Street, Le Center. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.



All registered households in attendance will be eligible for prizes and will receive a \$15 bill credit, to be applied in May.

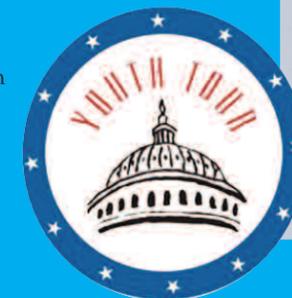
The business meeting will include a cooperative update from General Manager Ryan Hentges. Gerry Mareck, vice president of finance, will present a report outlining 2018 financials.

All three districts have a seat open on the Board of Directors. In District I, incumbent Deborah Erickson of Savage is unopposed. In District II, candidates are Raymond E. Briggs of Prior Lake and incumbent Gary Haberman of Chanhassen. In District III, incumbent James Connelly of St. Thomas is unopposed.

Since there are no races in Districts I or III, ballots will only be mailed to homes or businesses in District II in early March. Use the postage-paid envelope to mail ballots, which must be received by Tuesday, April 9. Voting is also available onsite at the meeting on April 9. See district map and sample ballots on page 2. MVEC's 2019 scholarship winners also will be recognized that evening.

Deadline for Youth Tour trip to D.C. is March 1

One area high school sophomore or junior, whose parent or guardian is an MVEC member, will be selected to represent MVEC in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, an all-expenses paid trip to



A 300 to 500-word essay is due with the application by Friday, March 1.

See Youth Tour on page 2

Notice something new about your bill this month?

Read more about the new layout on page 3.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Is your hot water tank warm to the touch? Consider insulating it to save 7 to 16 percent annually on water heating costs. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations.

source: energy.gov



2019 Board of Director Election

District I - no ballots will be sent

Three-year term:

Deborah Erickson, Savage (*incumbent*)
As of 1/30/2019 no other candidate had filed

2019 Board of Director Election

District II - ballots will be sent

Vote for one: (three-year term)

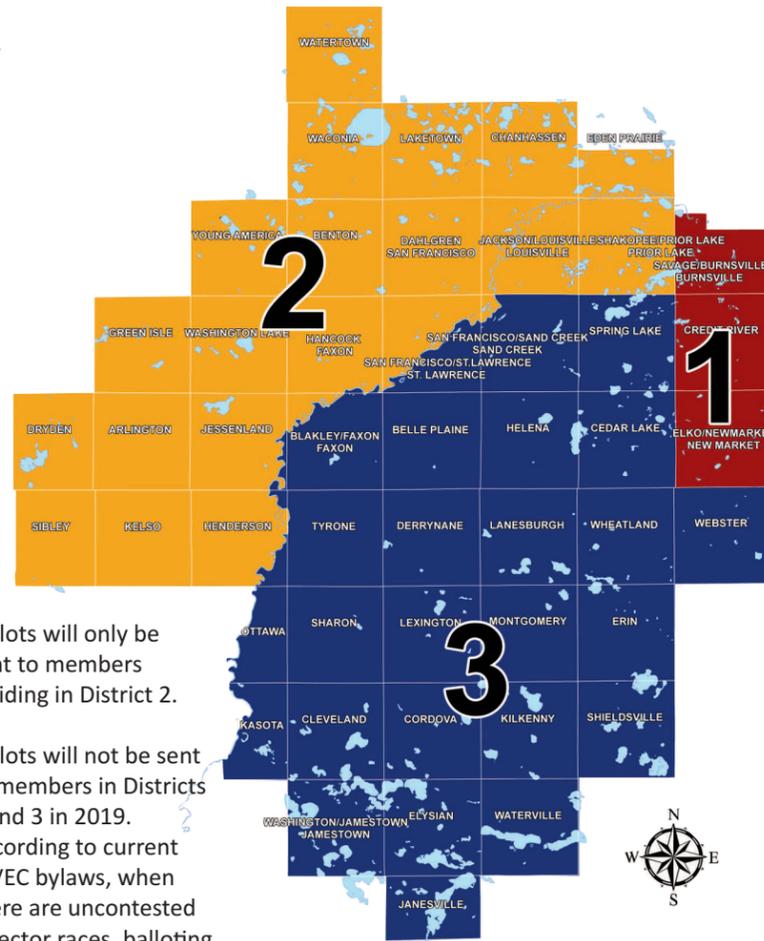
- Raymond E Briggs**, Prior Lake
- Gary Haberman**, Chanhasseen (*incumbent*)

2019 Board of Director Election

District III - no ballots will be sent

Three-year term:

James Connelly, St. Thomas (*incumbent*)
As of 1/30/2019 no other candidate had filed



Ballots will only be sent to members residing in District 2.

Ballots will not be sent to members in Districts 1 and 3 in 2019. According to current MVEC bylaws, when there are uncontested Director races, balloting does not take place.

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Washington, D.C., June 15-20, 2019.

An alternate will also be selected and will receive a \$200 cash prize.

The winner will travel with 40 Minnesota teens from other rural electric co-ops and will

join 1,800 national delegates in the nation's capital for a fast-paced leadership experience.

Trip highlights include:

- Fly from Minneapolis to Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C.

- Stay at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA.
- Tour historical sites, including Arlington National Cemetery, Capitol Hill, the Lincoln Memorial, Mount Vernon, the Smithsonian Institution, the U.S. Supreme Court, Washington National Cathedral, Library of Congress, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, National Archives, Iwo

Jima Memorial, Old Town Alexandria, the White House (outside only) and more.

- Meet Minnesota political representatives and learn more about our local and national government.

- Hear featured speakers who provide insight to the important roles electric cooperatives play in their communities.
- Create lifelong friendships with students from all around the country.

Apply at www.mvec.net/our-community-youth-tour-washington-d-c-trip/.

While on our Youth Tour page, read about the adventures in D.C. of our 2018 representative, Sam Meeker.

“It was a great experience. I’ll never forget it – it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”
– Sam Meeker



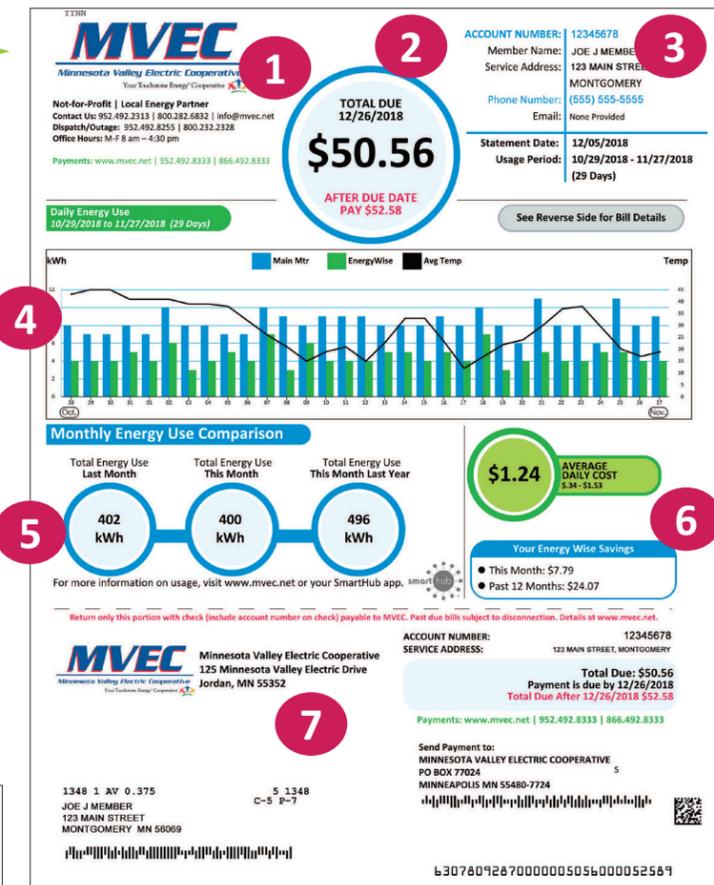
Minnesota's 2018 delegation to the Washington, D.C. Youth Tour. MVEC's Sam Meeker is in the back row on the far left.

Take a look at the new features on your electric bill

You probably noticed your February electric bill has a different look. The new layout features an easier-to-read design and shows your balance details and usage statistics at a quick glance. Use this guide to learn more.

Information on side 1 of your bill:

1. **MVEC Information** – Our main phone numbers and office hours.
2. **Total Amount Due and Due Date** – Summarizes total amount or budget amount due and due date for the service address listed. Bank draft and recurring credit card would be indicated, if you participate in those programs.
3. **Your Account Information** – Your account number, contact information, service address, billing period and statement date for this month's bill.
4. **Daily Energy Use Graph** - Includes your main meter (blue bar) and, if applicable, your Energy Wise meter (green bar). Black line represents average temperature for that day.
5. **Monthly Energy Use Comparisons** - Compares this month's energy use with the previous month and also the same month from the previous year.
6. **Energy Wise Savings** - Shows your monthly and past year's Energy Wise savings, if applicable. If the amount is zero, you do not participate in a money-saving Energy Wise program.
7. **Payment Stub** - If you are mailing your payment, detach this portion and send with your check.



Meter #	Meter Type	From	To	Days	Previous Readings	Present	Meter Multiplier	kWh Usage
12345678	Main Meter	10/29/2018	11/27/2018	29	12137	12537	1.0	240
87654321	Energy Wise	10/29/2018	11/27/2018	29	2356	2416	1.0	160
Basic Monthly Service Charge								\$10.00
Main Meter								\$28.03
Energy Wise Meter								\$7.84
								Total Cost: \$45.87
Account Details								
Power Cost Adjustment								\$1.20
Conservation Program								\$0.24
Sales Tax (6.875%)								\$3.25
								Total Cost: \$4.69
Previous Balance								\$50.28
Payments Received Through 12/05/2018								-\$50.28
Balance Forward								\$0.00
Total Current Charges								\$50.56
								Total Due by 12/26/2018 \$50.56

Information on side 2 of your bill:

1. **Metering Details** – Your meter number(s), meter type, service dates, days in billing cycle and meter readings.
2. **Current Charges** - Includes the Basic Monthly Service Charge (the fixed cost to build and maintain the electric system for all members) and your actual power usage for the month as measured by your Main Meter and, if applicable, your Energy Wise Meter.
3. **Account Details** - If applicable: security light fee, Operation Round Up donations, and other optional and miscellaneous charges and credits.
4. **Billing Definitions**: Explanations of various line items on your electric bill.
5. **Important Messages** - Read important messages about products, services, promotional offers, notices and events.
6. **Free Payment Options** - Instead of mailing your payment, check out these other FREE ways to pay and save a stamp.