

MARCH/APRIL 2024

YOU'RE INVITED

*Join Benco Electric Cooperative for
the 2024 Annual Meeting!*



Saturday, April 6, 2024

Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center
Grand Hall
1 Civic Center Plaza • Mankato, MN

Lunch - 11:30 am
Meeting to Follow

Please bring your registration card; it is your
express check-in, gift and lunch ticket.

Recycle up to 10 fluorescent light bulbs!
Fluorescent light bulbs can be recycled at the truck
parked across the street from the
Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center main doors.

One complimentary gift per membership.

DIRECTOR CANDIDATES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING



Terry Genelin
Incumbent
District 1

I am nearing the end of my second three-year term as District 1 Director, and was eager to file for re-election. I have thoroughly enjoyed working for the membership and hope to earn the right to continue.

My 30 years in the financial services industry and additional years of elected and appointed government positions have prepared me to serve as Director. After being elected I completed several industry courses of study and earned the designation of Credentialed Cooperative Director. These courses were very helpful in understanding this complex energy industry in today's dynamic environment. BENCO has been supportive of the directors and recognizes the need for continuing education.

I look forward to seeing members at our annual meeting on April 6. I ask for your support.

Thank You, Terry Genelin



John Wells
Incumbent
District 4

It has been my pleasure to be District 4's Director. BENCO makes a huge investment in educating your directors and it pays off to have a well informed director. I have obtained my Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate, Board Leadership Certificate and Director Gold Certificate. I have also previously served on the Minnesota Rural Electric Association Board of Directors.

I am a proud veteran and have been Commander of the American Legion Post 616.

Being your Director, I have worked well with the BENCO Board, I use common sense, and have asked tough questions. I have looked out for the best interest of BENCO and our members.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as District 4's Director and would appreciate your support again. Thank you.



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Scott Johnson
Incumbent
District 9

I represent District 9 on the BENCO Electric board. My wife Linda and I live on a farm south of Wells, where I farm in addition to owning and operating a family trucking and seed business. My family includes our daughter Amber and her husband Andy, and their children Kylin, Kenlie and Regan; and our daughter Lindsay and her husband, Jordan.

Being on the board for BENCO has been an excellent learning experience for me. I enjoy working with all the directors as we work for the best interest of our members. I have several years of experience in the electrical field, as well as many years of business management, that have helped me represent BENCO at the local and national level.

I have enjoyed the years representing the members of our rural cooperative, BENCO Electric, and I look forward to being your “voice” as I represent you in the next three years.

what's cooking?

Receive a \$20 credit on your electric bill if your recipe appears in the newsletter.

SWEET POTATO HOTDISH

From the Kitchen of: Barb Peoples

Ingredients:

- 3.5 lbs. sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 Tbsp. packed dark brown sugar
- 1/3 cup finely chopped pecans

Directions: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Mist an 8-inch square baking dish with cooking spray. Bring water to a boil and cook sweet potatoes until tender (about 20 - 25 minutes). Transfer the potatoes to a bowl and let cool. Add honey, egg, 1/2 tsp. cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger and 1/4 tsp. salt. Whip with an electric mixer until smooth. Spread sweet potato mixture in baking dish. Mix brown sugar, pecans and remaining cinnamon in a bowl; sprinkle over potatoes. Bake until hot and edges start to brown (40 - 45 minutes).





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