

Community owned
electric, water, & sewer

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Denison Municipal Utilities
"Essentials for Life"

January 2024

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

2023 has been another busy year as the entire DMU staff continues to make improvements in the electric, water, and wastewater system infrastructure.

Listed below are some of the highlights and larger projects that we worked on or completed for the year:

- * Approved the purchase of a replacement Power Transformer at our West Receiving Substation
- * Approved the participation in the Eagleview Flyover with the City of Denison and Crawford County
- * Made significant progress on the Phase 1 water system improvement project
 - * This project includes the installation of approximately 4,800 feet of 12-inch water main and additional fire hydrants
 - * The construction of a 500,000-gallon replacement water tower on 24th Street that will go into service in 2024.
 - * When complete, this project will increase the water pressure in part of the community.
- * Continued participation in housing projects in the community
- * Completed the annual review of the DMU Strategic Plan with the Board of Trustees and Department Managers
- * Continued progress on the 16th Street underground conversion project which includes the alley by the Safety Zone
- * Continued replacement of equipment and fleet within all three utility departments
- * Plaque presentation to Nancy Bradley for her dedicated service to the DMU Board of Trustees
- * Welcomed Leslie Feekes to the DMU Board of Trustees
- * Approved the fiscal year 2024 Operating Budget and the 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Budget
- * We have made continued progress on the sanitary sewer manhole rehabilitation project

On behalf of the DMU Board of Trustees and employees, I want to thank you, our customers, for your continued support and cooperation throughout the year. We look forward to another year of local control of our public utilities.

Rory Weis – General Manager

ADD A "PS" To Help A Neighbor

Project Share is a plan created by your utility to assist needy households in paying their energy bills. You can add a regular PS contribution to your monthly utility payments or make a direct donation to Project Share. Your PS contribution is voluntary, flexible, and tax deductible. Just fill out this form and return it to :

Denison Municipal Utilities
P.O. Box 518
Denison, IA 51442

Dear DMU:

I'd like to help a neighbor in need with a contribution to Project Share.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Account Number _____

I will contribute \$ _____ per month to Project Share. I understand this amount will be added to my bill.

I have enclosed a \$ _____ donation to Project Share.

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721 Broadway
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College Scholarships Available



DMU, in conjunction with Missouri River Energy Services (MRES), will be awarding 12 scholarships this spring. The materials are now available with applications due by 5 pm CDT, March 15, 2024.

(5) 1,000 renewable scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who meet the following qualifications: Must reside in a household receiving electric service from DMU. Must enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two or four year college, university, or technical school no later than the fall of 2024.

Students planning to pursue courses of study closely related to the energy industry, such as an electrical technician (field service technician, wind turbine maintenance, power plant maintenance, etc.), accounting, electrician, engineering, energy or business management, communications and many more, will be given preference for these scholarships. These scholarships may be renewed for up to three additional years or until a bachelor's degree is earned, whichever comes first. Renewal is contingent upon satisfactory academic performance in a full-time course of study and continuation of the program by MRES.

Additionally, up to seven scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded to students who enroll in a full-time powerline/lineworker program at an eligible technical college. These scholarships are one-time only and not renewable. Applicants do not need to reside in a household receiving electric service from DMU.

Eligible technical colleges include:

- Northwest Iowa Community College - Sheldon, IA
- Dakota County Technical College - Rosemount, MN
- Minnesota State Community & Technical College - Wadena, MN
- Minnesota West Community and Technical College - Granite Falls & Jackson, MN
- Bismarck State College - Bismarck, ND
- Mitchell Technical College - Mitchell, SD

Scholarship forms are available online on the MRES website www.mrenergy.com or at the Denison High School. For more information call our office at 712-263-4154.



Denison Parks & Rec, the Chamber and Development Council & DMU presented our 8th Annual Holiday Decorating Contest and we are proud to announce the winner:

**The Dionico Family
1008 3rd Ave N
Denison, IA**

The family received \$50 off of their DMU electric bill & a \$50 gift certificate from the CDC.

"Thank you" to all who participated in the contest and "lit up our town!"



*DMU will be closed
Monday, February 19th
for Presidents' Day!*

Just for Fun

Word Find

Affordable Assistance Budget Community Cool Electric Energy Essentials
Heat Lineman Lights Meter Payments Power Projects Rebates Reliable
Safety Savings Service Sewer Transformer Utility Water

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