

WESTERN WISCONSIN RENEWABLE ENERGY COOPERATIVE

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WWREC HOSTS ANNUAL MEETING COOPERATIVE MEMBERS RECEIVE \$1 MILLION DOLLAR DIVIDEND

Menomonie - Paul Harrison, President of the Western Wisconsin Renewable Energy Cooperative (WWREC) recently called to order and presided over the 4th Annual Membership Meeting in Menomonie.

With standing room only, Harrison called to order the WWREC's Annual Meeting which was held at the Off-Broadway Banquet Center. During the meeting, Harrison announced to members they would be receiving more than \$1 million in dividends. In making the announcement, Harrison commented, "Our Cooperative members remained positive throughout the plant's approval process. This first dividend return is proof investing in Wisconsin's agricultural economy is the right thing to do."

Invited guest, State Senator Pat Kreitlow also commented on the Annual Meeting. Kreitlow expressed gratitude toward the WWREC's commitment to building the plant, "It is great to see fuel created in Wisconsin and our farmers receiving a dividend check for that work. This is real economic development at work."

In attendance was Steve Rasmussen, Chair of the Dunn County Board of Supervisors. Chair Rasmussen commented on the announcement, "I am so happy to see the creation of jobs and economic prosperity throughout Dunn County. I am proud to have these farmers as my constituents."

In closing remarks, Harrison also commented "This plant and this dividend are proof we no longer need to rely on traditional fossil fuels to power our economy. I look forward to working with all Cooperative members and continuing our mission of growing Wisconsin's economy."

The WWREC received unanimous approval on June 22, 2005, from the Dunn County Board to build the plant. The plant has been in operation since August 28, 2006. The plant is designed to produce fuel grade ethanol which can be used in numerous vehicles being mass produced by automobile manufacturers.

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