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Form **990-EZ**

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2014Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning SEP 1, 2014 and ending AUG 31, 2015	
B Check if applicable: ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return/terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Name of organization WISCONSIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) ONE SOUTH PINCKNEY STREET City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code MADISON, WI 53703
	D Employer identification number 39-1163563
	E Telephone number (608) 258-4400
	F Group Exemption Number ▶
	G Accounting Method: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual Other (specify) ▶
I Website: ▶ WWW.WECA.COOP	
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (6) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527	
K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other	
L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ 58,068.	

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	34,754.
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	23,000.
	4	Investment income	4	78.
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events	6	
	6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
	6b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	
6c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	236.	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	58,068.	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	11,554.
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	10,014.
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	1,047.
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	34,813.
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	57,428.
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	640.
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	14,563.
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0.
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	15,203.

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Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☒

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	121,371.	22	106,319.
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O) SEE SCHEDULE O	3,805.	24	3,973.
25 Total assets	125,176.	25	110,292.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) SEE SCHEDULE O	110,613.	26	95,089.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	14,563.	27	15,203.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☒

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? SEE SCHEDULE O

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

28 TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE TO ITS MEMBERS TO FURTHER THEIR GOAL OF PROVIDING LOW COST ELECTRIC SERVICE.

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ **28a**

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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ **29a**

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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ **30a**

31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) **31a**

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐

32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) **32**

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated - see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV ☐

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
ROBERT GADWILL				
CHAIRMAN	0.50	1,200.	0.	297.
LARRY DOKKESTUL				
VICE CHAIRMAN	0.50	0.	0.	0.
ELAINE ECKENDORF				
SECRETARY-TREASURER	0.50	1,000.	0.	549.
TONY WAGNER				
DIRECTOR	0.50	600.	0.	480.
DIANE ZIMMERMAN				
DIRECTOR	0.50	0.	0.	0.
DAVE PAUDLER				
DIRECTOR	0.50	0.	0.	305.
DALLAS SLOAN				
DIRECTOR	0.50	0.	0.	0.
TIM STEWART				
DIRECTOR	0.50	0.	0.	0.
DAVE STUTE				
DIRECTOR	0.50	0.	0.	0.
STEVE TRUVER				
DIRECTOR	0.50	800.	0.	314.
PATRICIA BERRY				
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER	0.50	0.	0.	0.
SCOTT WARWICK				
DIRECTOR	0.50	600.	0.	232.

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Sch. O to respond to any question in this Part V ☒

		Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33		X
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34		X
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a		X
b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b	N/A	
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	35c		X
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36		X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ <u>37a</u> 0.	37a		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b		X
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a		X
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	N/A	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	N/A	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	N/A	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ <u>N/A</u> ; section 4912 ▶ <u>N/A</u> ; section 4955 ▶ <u>N/A</u>			
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	N/A	
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ <u>N/A</u>			
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ <u>N/A</u>			
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e		X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ <u>NONE</u>			
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ <u>COOPERATIVE NETWORK</u> Telephone no. ▶ <u>(608) 258-4400</u> Located at ▶ <u>1 S. PINCKNEY STREET, SUITE 810, MADISON, WI</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>53703-2869</u>			
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b		X
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?	42c		X
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____			
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ <u>43</u> N/A			
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a		X
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b		X
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c		X
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d		
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a		X
b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b		

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office?
If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Sch. C, Part II

	Yes	No
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48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

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49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

49a		
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b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

49b		
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50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
N/A				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 **▶**

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None." **N/A**

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

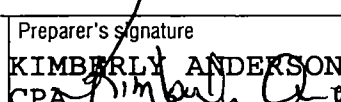
d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 **▶**

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A **▶** ☐ Yes ☐ No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here  **TOM LIEBE, PRESIDENT & CEO**
Signature of officer **TOM LIEBE, PRESIDENT & CEO**
Type or print name and title

Date **1/11/16**

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name KIMBERLY ANDERSON, CPA	Preparer's signature  KIMBERLY ANDERSON, CPA	Date 01/11/16	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P00188889
	Firm's name ▶ CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN LLP			Firm's EIN ▶ 41-0746749	
	Firm's address ▶ 8215 GREENWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 600 MIDDLETON, WI 53562			Phone no. (608) 662-8600	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions **▶** ☒ Yes ☐ No

SCHEDULE O
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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
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Employer identification number
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FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 4, OTHER INVESTMENT INCOME:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

AMOUNT:

INTEREST INCOME

78.

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 8, OTHER REVENUE:

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER REVENUE:

AMOUNT:

MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

236.

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16, OTHER EXPENSES:

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER EXPENSES:

AMOUNT:

ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSE

21,735.

INSURANCE

2,000.

OFFICE EXPENSE

306.

MISCELLANEOUS

161.

MEETING EXPENSE

10,611.

TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16

34,813.

FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24, OTHER ASSETS:

DESCRIPTION

BEG. OF YEAR

END OF YEAR

PREPAID EXPENSES

2,547.

2,715.

INVESTMENT IN FED. RURAL INSURANCE

1,258.

1,258.

TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 24

3,805.

3,973.

FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26, OTHER LIABILITIES:

DESCRIPTION

BEG. OF YEAR

END OF YEAR

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

12,365.

3,729.

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2014)

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FARM REWIRING PROGRAM PAYABLE	96,530.	60,887.
CASH OVERDRAFT	1,718.	0.
DEFERRED FARM WIRING ESCROW ACCOUNT	0.	30,473.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 26	110,613.	95,089.

**FORM 990-EZ, PART III, PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE - TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND
ASSISTANCE TO ITS MEMBERS TO FURTHER THEIR GOAL OF PROVIDING LOW COST
ELECTRIC SERVICE.**

**FORM 990-EZ, PART V, INFORMATION REGARDING PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS:
THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY,
OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.
THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY,
OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.**