



Kilowatt Korner

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Congratulations to WREA's newly elected directors Kelly Sheridan and Shane Phelan for the Rural District and Brett Dearman for the Town of Meeker District. Also, a heartfelt thank you to long time director Bill Jordan who served WREA For over thirty years. WREA will host an open house on October 6, 2022, from 5-6:30 pm at the Smoking River Brewery to celebrate Bill Jordan's years of service and commitment to our community. All community and WREA members are welcome to attend to share in our appreciation and good cheer.

Please also check out WREA's Annual Meeting video at <https://wrea.org/annualmeeting>. The video is less than 15 minutes and includes the Board President and General Manager reports. The video also showcases our operations crew working throughout the system. WREA's financials, years of service awards, scholarship recipients and member survey results are also included in the video and report.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's election with over 500 ballot envelopes returned. Voting in the director's election is a critical part of the cooperative democratic process. Many have asked "why do we have to sign the election envelope?". Colorado cooperative election law and policy require that the ballot envelope be signed by the member, or the ballot is voided and not counted. The WREA election clerks and judges administer the election process whereby the election ballots are removed from the duly signed envelopes, placed aside, and then counted so each member's vote remains anonymous. Please call WREA with questions about the Board of Director election process.

Thank you also to our membership for your patience during our outage on September 14, 2022. Power was out in Meeker and surrounding areas for less than thirty minutes (27 minutes to be exact) but it reminded us just how dependent we are on reliable electricity. A big thank you to our operations team who quickly diagnosed an issue in one of the substations and promptly restored power. WREA appreciates it when members call in to report outages information. Members can also find outage information on WREA's Facebook page and on our website. Please call WREA if you have any questions about the outage.

While WREA no longer holds an Annual Meeting luncheon, the tradition of giving away boxes of 4H meat continues. Congratulations to the following whose names were drawn from the returned election envelopes; Sandra Wambolt, Lavonne Harrison, Charles Stout, BW Ranch LLC, Mintz's Mountain View Ranch, BarbaraSwope-Bickley, Patti and Mike Hoke, Kate Proctor, Westy Murray, Wayne Burri, Jay Purkey, Phil Brown, E Jack Mohnhaupt, Faith Baptist Church, Angelo Theos, and Linda and William Spurvey, Pearl Ellsworth (who then donated to a family in need), and 4M Ranch (who then donated to a family in need).

Fall has arrived which is one of the best times of the year in our valley. It is a great time to utilize WREA rebates for electric power equipment as well as other beneficial electrification products. Don't forget to winterize your home before the weather turns bad. WREA's electric rates have remained stable since 2018 which means the cost of a kilowatt hour remains the same today as it did in January 2018. As directed by the Board, WREA has worked hard to maximize internal efficiencies and do more with less so that it can keep rates stable as the cost of all other commodities continue to rise.

Enjoy fall in the mountains, good luck to all of our hunters and Go Meeker Cowboys. A fun time for fall sports in the valley.

Thank you!

~ White River Electric Association