Krista Rausch and Wes Engbrecht represented CEC at the Real World Camp on March 22. Approximately 150 sixth and seventh graders attended. Rausch and Engbrecht helped students learn how to budget for needs, including their utility bill.

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Join Capital Electric Cooperative for its 73rd Annual Meeting, June 4

BY PAUL FITTERER, CEC GENERAL MANAGER

It’s that time again when we look forward to seeing you at Capital Electric Cooperative’s (CEC) annual meeting. This year’s meeting will take place on June 4 at the Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center in Bismarck. The theme is “Power through Innovation.” Members will hear about the latest programs, technology and initiatives CEC has adopted as your trusted energy partner.

The CEC Board of Directors and employees recognize your time is valuable and want to make sure our meeting reflects that. Additionally, we continue to take steps to ensure we are vigilant in keeping our overall costs down, and the annual meeting is no exception. Here is some of what we have in store for you:

**Bylaw Changes.** Last year, the membership approved some significant bylaw changes to allow for future alternative means of voting and additional options to promote cooperative efficiencies. This year, the CEC Board of Directors unanimously recommends additional bylaw changes. CEC performed a complete evaluation of terminology and language to bring text and references up to speed. Though smaller in nature, most of these proposed changes would clarify existing but sometimes confusing language and modify the overall terminology to be gender neutral (i.e. using “the member” instead of “him”). Some additional recommendations are:

1. to allow for more flexibility on when the annual meeting must be held each year;
2. to establish earlier lead times for posting nominations for those running for the board of directors (to better facilitate future voting by mail/online);
3. to change a couple of references to better reflect the result of last year’s vote to allow for voting by mail/online; and
4. to allow the board to provide an additional stipend to an officer of the board in the event significant additional time is spent on co-op business.

A complete set of the proposed changes can be found at capitalelec.com/content/proposed-bylaw-amendments. You will also receive a full red-lined copy as part of the annual meeting notice booklet you receive in late May. Additional copies will be available at the annual meeting itself. We encourage you to review these proposed changes and contact us in advance if you have any questions.

**Capital Credits Checks.** We are proud to return more than $1,774,000 in capital credits to our current and former members this year. However, we will no longer be handing out capital credit checks at the meeting itself. Instead, CEC will apply capital credits directly to your May electric billing statement, which you will receive in early June. Key motivators for this change are efficiency and cost savings. By making this change, the cooperative will see a savings of more than $10,000. The co-op will save on mailing and printing costs, preparation of the checks before and after the meeting, future advertising and labor on unclaimed checks, etc.

Please note that a prior article in North Dakota Living incorrectly stated that the checks would be passed out at the meeting.

**National Anthem Contest.** CEC is holding a national anthem singing contest in which persons or groups can submit a video recording of their performance of the national anthem. The winner will sing the anthem at the beginning of the annual meeting.

**Door Prizes.** The door prize process will also change. Ron Lipp,
Are you a high school senior or college student interested in what’s happening at your local cooperative?

Attend Capital Electric Cooperative’s (CEC) annual meeting on June 4 for a chance to win a $500 college scholarship!

The scholarship will be given away to a dependent of a CEC member. All you have to do is attend with one of your parents or guardians, and you can register to win! In addition, you will have the opportunity to witness the democratic process in action at a co-op annual meeting.

The annual meeting will be held on June 4, 2019 at the Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center in Bismarck, 800 S. 3rd Street. Registration and dinner will begin at 4:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Don’t miss this chance to start your fall semester off with an extra $500 in your pocket!

Fellowship. Lastly, we will continue to serve a heaping plate of meatballs, mashed potatoes and dessert—no RSVP needed. This is your annual meeting! Bring the quick registration form, which will be mailed in May, from the back of your notice of annual meeting and join your fellow members to enjoy a great evening of fellowship, elect three directors, vote on bylaw changes and perhaps win the grand prize of $1,000. CEC

CEC’s manager of operations and engineering, retired in April, and along with him, your annual entertainment of watching him try to pronounce people’s last names. This year, you will receive a door prize ticket at registration. When you enter the meeting room itself, there will be a bin to drop off the ticket. By doing this, we expect to save time by eliminating the calling of members not in attendance at the meeting. Don’t worry, the beautiful plants will still be among the door prizes.

Scholarship. New this year, the co-op will award a $500 scholarship to a student attending college or trade school in the fall of 2019. To be eligible, the student must attend the annual meeting with a parent or guardian who is a member of the co-op. Every eligible student at the meeting will have an equal (and relatively great) chance to win. To claim the scholarship, the student must be present at the time of the drawing.

Beneficial Electrification. CEC will display electric vehicles and other electric technology. Staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Step into the Spotlight at Your Co-op’s Annual Meeting!

It’s not American Idol, but it’s pretty close…

Capital Electric Cooperative is seeking a vocalist or a group of vocalists to sing the national anthem at its annual meeting on June 4, 2019 in Bismarck. If you’ve got the pipes and the patriotism, show us what you can do! Send a link to a video of you singing the national anthem to wese@capitalelec.com by Wednesday, May 15 for your shot at the spotlight!
Elected to serve three-year terms, the nine co-op members who make up the Capital Electric Cooperative (CEC) Board of Directors set policies and make decisions that provide the membership with safe, affordable and reliable electric service. At this year’s annual meeting on June 4, members will elect three people to serve and carry on the traditions of CEC while planning for the future. The open board seats include those currently held by Sheri Haugen-Hoffart (District 1), Arlene Olson (District 2) and Kyle Hilken (District 3). All three directors are seeking re-election to their respective board seats.

The nominating committee recruited candidates and met on April 9 to review the list of potential candidates. One person was nominated from each district. CEC is pleased to announce that the following candidates have met eligibility requirements and will have their names placed on the ballot at the annual meeting:

- **DISTRICT 1**: Sheri Haugen-Hoffart
- **DISTRICT 2**: Arlene Olson
- **DISTRICT 3**: Kyle Hilken

Candidates will be given a brief time allotment at the annual meeting to introduce themselves and explain their qualifications. Members will then vote for one candidate from each district. Official notice of CEC’s 73rd annual meeting will be mailed to members in mid-May. We look forward to seeing you there!
Who can vote at the annual meeting?

As the annual meeting approaches, Capital Electric Cooperative (CEC) often receives questions regarding who can and cannot vote for director positions and ballot issues during the meeting. To clarify, only members of the cooperative are eligible to vote, and they can cast only one vote for their membership, regardless of the number of accounts the member has with the cooperative. For example, if the membership is in the husband’s name only, only the husband is eligible to vote; he cannot transfer the ability to vote to his spouse or another person.

If the membership is a joint membership, in the name of both the husband and wife, the presence of either or both at the annual meeting is regarded as the presence of one member. A vote of either joint member separately, or both jointly, constitutes one vote. Both joint members are not eligible to vote individually.

If the membership is in the name of a sole proprietorship or a partnership, only the owner(s) of that business may vote. A sole proprietor or partner cannot authorize a non-owner of the business to vote.

In the absence of written notice that a person has been designated to represent a member who is other than a natural person — for instance, a township, school or an incorporated business — the member may be represented by any of its principal officers. If a member who is other than a natural person is not represented by any of its principal officers, the member may designate a natural person to represent it by giving the cooperative written notice at or before the meeting, which shows the named representative has been authorized by the managing board to represent it at the meeting of the cooperative. An authorization form is printed below for this purpose. The form can also be accessed online by going to www.capitalelec.com and clicking on “Forms” and then “Annual Meeting Appointment of Voting Representative.”

An individual may represent only one non-natural member, and may also vote as an individual if he or she is a member.

Voting by proxy will not be allowed because the presence of as many members as possible is desired at all meetings of the membership. Proxy voting has the tendency to discourage actual attendance at membership meetings.

A complete version of the membership voting rules can be found in Article III, Section 5 of the CEC bylaws. If you have any questions, call (701) 223-1513. We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting on June 4!

APPOINTMENT OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVE FORM

A membership in Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CEC) may be held in the name of a corporation, church, school district or other political subdivision, cooperative, association or other organization. If your organization is to be represented at our annual meeting, complete this form and deliver it to CEC anytime prior to noon on June 4, or authorized representative present this completed form at the registration desk at the meeting.

This certifies that ______________________________ is appointed the voting representative for the following organization ___________________________ (full legal name) which has service at ___________________________ and is authorized to cast the vote of, and otherwise represent this organization in all matters at the _________ (year) annual meeting of the members of Capital Electric Cooperative Inc. or any adjournment thereof.

This is not a proxy statement. Residential and privately owned business customers (i.e. sole proprietorships, partnerships, etc.) cannot use this form. They must vote in person at the annual meeting.

Mail forms EARLY to:
Capital Electric Cooperative Inc.
RE: Annual Meeting
P.O. Box 730, Bismarck, ND 58502-0730

Organization Name (Print) _____________________________________________
Is Organization a Corporation? _________________________________________
Name of Officer/Official (Print) _________________________________________
Title ___________________________ Date ________________________
Officer’s Phone # ________________________________________________
Officer’s Signature ________________________________________________

*Must be signed by officer or authorizing official
Capital Credit Claims Notice of Redemption
by Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc.

(701) 223-1513.

Please keep in mind that not all of the capital credit amounts are large. However, we desire to get the money due to those who earned it and clear up our records.

We will redeem capital credits for those members on the following list who notify us prior to Dec. 1, 2019. Notice is hereby given that any of the aforementioned unclaimed capital credits outstanding after Dec. 1, 2019 will be forfeited pursuant to Section 10-15-34.1 and 10-15-23 of the North Dakota Century Code.

1st Notice - May 2019

Achenberg, Aaron
Aduddele, Mary E
Agard, Maurice
Aguilera
Albin, Terry R
Al-Khallal, Ratap
Allen, Lee H
Allergy, Sherry L
Anderson, Dale O
Anderson, Mark
Anderson, Pamela J
Anderson, Richard D
Appelgate Scott
Arline, Sara Jean
Aus Mitt V
Bachmeier, Darren
Bachmeier, Tamasa
Bad Mccaskey Sidney Jr
Badland Express
Bailey, John A
Baker, George
Barber, Troy
Barnes, Cindi L
Barrett, Michelle
Barth, Reynolds
Bathie, Lincoln
Bauer, Lloyd S
Baumann, Terence T
Bean, Gary L
Beattie, Lowell L
Benham, Esther R
Benjamin, Gladys
Bennett, Michael
Bercier, Ernestine
Berg, Suzette
Berger, Carl J
Bergman, David L
Besci, Sullio
Benson, Tara K
Beyer, Ronald L
Bibedorf, Mike
Bickel, Cassandra
Big Valley Gravel Supply
Birkbeck, Bob
Bismarck Msa Ltd Partnership
Bitz, Darcy L
Bitz, Debbie
Bjornson, Scott K
Blair, Julie
Blandford, Emma
Blake, Mary
Blastridge, Michael A
Blair, James
Blattner, Lewis D
Bluebird, Athel
Bob's Trucking
Boehm, Eileen
Bolihan, Jason
Bolles, Eugene W
Bolte, Mark
Borchert, August
Borgen, Karen M
Borth, Lydia
Botner, Michelle
Bournival, Michael L
Braaten, Carly
Brackett, Brenda
Braley, Cynthia
Brandner, John
Brandner, Kim
Brattvet, Randy
Braunberger, Mindy
Braveheart, Dolly
Briedbach, Elizabeth
Bridges, Deborah E
Broichel, J E
Brunelle, Lee
Brusven, Jessica
Buchholtz, Chris
Budeau, Garry
Buren, Jodi
Burghart, Amanda
Burley, Aimie
Caen, Gerald S
Caen, Taunni
Carsen, Carol
Carson, Doreen
Carter, Kay
Casper, James
Casteel, Jennifer
Chenoweth, Sharmar
Chester, Jared
Christensen, Jean
Christiansen, Vern
Clark, Becky
Clark, Sarah L
Clenenden, Tiffany
Clooten, Joann E
Commercial Interior Sup of MT
Conner, Bertha
Cook, Pamela J
Cook, Susan G
Connell, James F
Crawley, Melissa
Creative Products
Crisler, Jennifer Lynn
Dakota Trust
Daniel, Patricia L
Davenport, Susan
Davis, Earl
Davis, Paul C
Davis, Thomas M
Davison, Jody
Delfs, Theodore M
Dennis, Katherine L
Dillow, Joan L
Dixon, Cheri
Dockter, Jessica
Dockter, Marilyn
Dorsch, Marie
Doullbery, Colleen
Dreimann, Thomas R
Drenson, Rhonda
Dunkel, Jamie
Duppong, Timothy L
Dupre, Roland L
Dyak, Petr
Elkins, Erik
Ellington, Darren
Emter, Dawn
Enders, Lee
Engelhard, Richard G
Ennen, Barbara
Enwert, Jody Lean
Erickson, Calvin L
Erickson, Elsje
Erickson, Ross D
Erickson, Yvette D
Erickstad, Keith
Faber, Tina
Farstad, Teresa
Faull, Mark
Feist, Lisa J
Feist, Rebecca
Felten, Rachel
Fettig, Brian
Fettig, Leo
Finnegan, Shella
Fischer, Diane
Fleck, Jenny J
Fontaine, Bradley J
Foote, Georgia
Fonter, Neakiska
Foss, Gloria
Fox, Karen M
Frankl, Amy J
Franklin, Sandra
Franklin, Troy
Franklund, David L
Friedrich, Leona
Friedrich, Brenda
Frey, Heather
Fricker, Lee S
Fried, Arnold
Fristad, Nancy
Fritz, Tom
Gaebe, Josh
Garceau, Laron
Garnier Graphics
Gartner, Dave
Geigele, Brian
Genoreau, Susan
Gerich, Michelle
Geyer, Shirley
Glaser, Todd R
Glatt, Michael
Gobell, Kristie
Gondaras, Nick
Gorden, Gwyn
Gotye, Janice R
Gr Graphics
Graber, Kim A
Grad, Glen
Green, Chris
Green, Saline
Green Point Credit
Greendquist, Greg
Grundvigt, Nelse
Gruber, Cynthia
Gulen, Yelena
Guntner, Krista
Haas, Jeff
Hagen, Twilla A
Haidar, Airlin
Hall, Jodie
Halsey, Jonelle
Hansen, Donald T
Hansen, Stan
Hardy, Linda
Harsch, Cheryl
Hastings, William L
Hauger, Ellen
Haxen, Allen
Hayes, Sheila
Hegel, Jacob
Heid, Roger G
Heidt, Teddi M
Heinen, Vickie
Helweg, Martin
Hendrickson, David
Hertel, Elisabeth
Hessein, Allyn M
Heupel, Jim
Heupel, Raymond J
Heupel, William L
Hildebrand, Nancy L
Hilliard, Howard
Himelman, Linda
Hodnefield, Susan
Hoerner, Marcy
Hoffman, Michele
Hoffman, Tonya
Hooper, Maury
Hornor, Robert D
Hurley, Yolanda
Ihs, Julian, Ann K
Inga, Samuel
Iverson, Lynn
Jacobs, Phyllis
Jahnker, Shawn
Jans, Sandra
Janssens Rossouw, Kristi
Jenner, Lori
Jesu, Cheryl
Jochar, Gardell
Joehn, Kari M
Johe, Richard
Johnsen, Travis
Johnson, Boyd M
Johnson, Carol L
Johnson, Edward
Johnson, Howell
Johnson, Jeff
Johnson, Jonathon
Johnson, Julie
Johnson, Keith E
Johnson, Kelly
Johnson, Melanie L
Johnson, Nadean
Johnson, Roxanne
Johnston, Paul
Jones, Marty
Joyce, Alice M
The Board of Directors of Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc., held its regular meeting on Thursday, March 28, 2019, at the Grand International Hotel in Minot, N.D., pursuant to due notice to all directors. All directors were present at that time except Richard Koski. Director Sheri Haugen-Hoffart arrived 20 minutes after the meeting commenced, following the reorganization meeting of Central Power Electric Cooperative (CPEC). Also present were Manager Paul Fitterer, Business Manager Luke Steen, Operations Manager Rick Dressler, Energy Services Supervisor Josh Schaffner and Attorney Carol K. Larson of Pringle & Henigstad, P.C., who acted as recording secretary.

**Financial Review:** Prior to the board meeting, Directors Dave Charles and Richard Koski reviewed the February 2019 check register and expenditures. They reported all checks were in order. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve February expenditures in the amount of $5,138,011.66.

**Management Reports (Business Department, Operations and Engineering, Member Services, and Public Relations/Communications):**

**Business Department Report:** The business manager presented the February 2019 financial and statistical report to the Board. Total kWh sales for February was ahead of budget by 7.3 percent. The actual monthly electric revenue was ahead of budget by 3.8 percent. CEC’s load factor was above budget, leading to a cost savings of $107,700. The total operating margin for February was $541,079, versus the budgeted amount of $18,189. The total margin for February was $572,478, versus the budgeted amount of $49,512, ahead of budget by $18,189. The total operating margin for February was ahead of budget by 7.3 percent. The actual monthly electric revenue was ahead of budget by 3.8 percent. CEC’s load factor was above budget, leading to a cost savings of $107,700. The total operating margin for February was $541,079, versus the budgeted amount of $18,189. The total margin for February was $572,478, versus the budgeted amount of $49,512, ahead of budget by $18,189. The total operating margin for February was ahead of budget by 7.3 percent. The actual monthly electric revenue was ahead of budget by 3.8 percent. CEC’s load factor was above budget, leading to a cost savings of $107,700. The total operating margin for February was $541,079, versus the budgeted amount of $18,189. The total margin for February was $572,478, versus the budgeted amount of $49,512, ahead of budget by $18,189. The total operating margin for February was ahead of budget by 7.3 percent. The actual monthly electric revenue was ahead of budget by 3.8 percent. CEC’s load factor was above budget, leading to a cost savings of $107,700. The total operating margin for February was $541,079, versus the budgeted amount of $18,189. The total margin for February was $572,478, versus the budgeted amount of $49,512, ahead of budget by $18,189. The total operating margin for February was ahead of budget by 7.3 percent. The actual monthly electric revenue was ahead of budget by 3.8 percent. CEC’s load factor was above budget, leading to a cost savings of $107,700. The total operating margin for February was $541,079, versus the budgeted amount of $18,189. The total margin for February was $572,478, versus the budgeted amount of $49,512, ahead of budget by $18,189. The total operating margin for February was ahead of budget by 7.3 percent. The actual monthly electric revenue was ahead of budget by 3.8 percent. CEC’s load factor was above budget, leading to a cost savings of $107,700. The total operating margin for February was $541,079, versus the budgeted amount of $18,189. The total margin for February was $572,478, versus the budgeted amount of $49,512, ahead of budget by $18,189. The total operating margin for February was ahead of budget by 7.3 percent. The actual monthly electric revenue was ahead of budget by 3.8 percent. CEC’s load factor was above budget, leading to a cost savings of $107,700. The total operating margin for February was $541,079, versus the budgeted amount of $18,189. The total margin for February was $572,478, versus the budgeted amount of $49,512, ahead of budget by $18,189. The total operating margin for February was ahead of budget by 7.3 percent. The actual monthly electric revenue was ahead of budget by 3.8 percent. CEC’s load factor was above budget, leading to a cost savings of $107,700. The total operating margin for February was $541,079, versus the budgeted amount of $18,189. The total margin for February was $572,478, versus the budgeted amount of $49,512, ahead of budget by $18,189. The total operating margin for February was ahead of budget by 7.3 percent. The actual monthly electric revenue was ahead of budget by 3.8 percent. CEC’s load factor was above budget, leading to a cost savings of $107,700. The total operating margin for February was $541,079, versus the budgeted amount of $18,189. The total margin for February was $572,478, versus the budgeted amount of $49,512, ahead of budget by $18,189. The total operating margin for February was ahead of budget by 7.3 percent. The actual monthly electric revenue was ahead of budget by 3.8 percent. CEC’s load factor was above budget, leading to a cost savings of $107,700. The total operating margin for February was $541,079, versus the budgeted amount of $18,189. The total margin for February was $572,478, versus the budgeted amount of $49,512, ahead of budget by $18,189. The total operating margin for February was ahead of budget by 7.3 percent. The actual monthly electric revenue was ahead of budget by 3.8 percent. CEC’s load factor was above budget, leading to a cost savings of $107,700. The total operating margin for February was $541,079, versus the budgeted amount of $18,189. The total margin for February was $572,478, versus the budgeted amount of $49,512, ahead of budget by $18,189.

**ERC Loans:**
CPEC has been working to locate members who have unclaimed capital credits from the 2013-2018 general retirements.

**Allocation Notices:** Allocation notices will be mailed prior to May 1, 2019.

**Member Concerns:** Two member concerns were discussed.

**Audit of 2018 Financial:** Brady Martz will review the results of the 2018 audit at the May meeting.

**FCCU Resolution:** Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the First Community Credit Union Resolution for additional banking security options.

**RUS Work Order Inventories:** Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried to approve the work order inventories.

**WAPA Wheeling Rate:** Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried to approve the 2019 wheeling rate.

**McLean Sheridan Rural Water Rate:** It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the rate revision 30.

**IRSM Form 990:** Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried to approve the execution of form 990.

**Lien Release:** All three of the co-op’s lenders have approved the requested lien release should the sale of the corner lot go through.

**Estate Retirements:** Following review of the financial condition of the cooperative and recommendation by management, it was moved, seconded and carried to authorize payment of capital credits to the following deceased members’ estates:
- Earl C Erickson $641.40
- Ronald J Leno $1,607.47
- Clay F Sorensen $3,115.73
- $3,401.60

**Engineering and Operations Report:** Dressler reviewed the written report from the engineering and operations department. CEC completed four work orders this month, adding two new members to the system.

**Public Relations/Communications:**
**Management Reports (Business Department, Operations and Engineering, Member Services, and Public Relations/Communications):**

**Safety Report:** There were no lost time accidents in February.

Clarence Kesler, NDAREC, visited CEC’s shop the week of March 11 to film CEC employees for the “I WILL” video.

Without objection, the safety report was approved.

**2019 Capital Credit Retirement:** Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried to approve the capital credit retirement in the amount of $1,774,384.32.

**CPEC:** Haugen-Hoffart reported on CPEC matters.

**Basin:** Fitterer reported on Basin Electric Power Cooperative matters.

**Statewide Report:** Director Deon Vilhauer reported on NDAREC matters.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the meeting, without objection, the regular meeting was adjourned.

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