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A shelf cloud marks the gust front (outflow) of a severe thunderstorm. A shelf cloud usually indicates a wind shift and leading edge of potentially damaging wind. (Courtesy of NOAA/NWS)



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Capital Electric joins Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador initiative

BY WES ENGBRECHT



At the upper air inflation building at the National Weather Service in Bismarck, the balloon is inside the building, with the string coming out along the ground to the radiosonde (weather instrument) that is on the post in the foreground. (Courtesy of NOAA/NWS)

an you think of a season in North Dakota when the weather doesn't pose a significant threat to people and property? You may wonder whose job it is, other than the National Weather Service, to monitor and notify us, as residents, of those upcoming weather events.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has initiated the Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador initiative, which includes multiple partners, such as the media, the emergency management community, businesses and various levels of government, who collaborate in preparedness messaging and serve as examples of implementing best practices relating to weather emergencies. These organizations make up what's called an Integrated Warning Team (IWT) and "force-multiply" messages from the National Weather Service (NWS).

"It is great to have my electric cooperative on board as a Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador, helping to reduce the number of weather-related deaths and injuries and helping the cooperative itself and its membership be better prepared to deal with the impacts of harsh weather and water events," said John Paul Martin, warning coordination meteorologist with NOAA's NWS in Bismarck.

"By reaching one entity, Capital Electric, we can force-multiply messages by reaching all employees. For the most impactful weather and water events, we can reach the membership as well. What a wonderful public-private partnership between a federal agency, the NWS, and an electric cooperative. Nothing but good can come from it," Martin added. "We will never be weather-proof, but we can certainly be ready to deal with severe weather when it hits, and not be caught off guard as it rolls in. The Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador initiative helps us to get closer to meeting that goal, and in so doing, maybe we can reduce some of the frustration that comes from being unprepared."

Capital Electric is always at the ready to help its member-owners, and now is even better situated to do that with respect to crippling blizzards, debilitating ice storms and damaging thunderstorm winds through its partnership with the NWS.

Capital Electric's Energy Services Technician Jared Nygaard attended the NWS's annual training to learn more about what it is doing in our area.

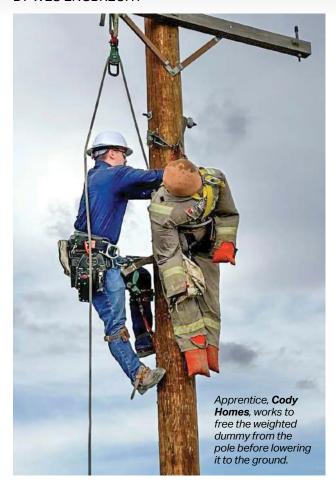
"I had always planned to attend this meeting to gain insights on how advanced severe weather information would benefit our members. Following the training, I was approached with the opportunity to join the ambassador program," Nygaard said.

Providing weather event data to primarily our rural members would help them plan for upcoming situations that are almost certain to occur. If you are interested in learning more about our involvement in the program or how to sign up for notifications, please call Nygaard at 701-223-1513 or email jaredn@capitalelec.com. You can also watch for updates on our social media accounts, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. ■



Lineworkers prepare for real-life scenarios

BY WES ENGBRECHT



apital Electric Cooperative's members have developed an appreciation for high-quality service they receive from their cooperative. One group receiving a high level of praise is our team of dedicated lineworkers, who are called on through any weather conditions to repair our distribution system and restore power to homes and businesses.

To a lineworker, training is vital to provide safe and effective service when it comes to our electrical system. Onsite training has proven to be effective in maximizing each lineworker's skills.

In May, the safety staff at the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC) held its annual poletop rescue training at our new location north of Highway 1804 in Bismarck.

Pole-top rescue is an important safety procedure in the electrical industry and a vital skill for lineworkers to know. When a lineworker has become unconscious or unresponsive and is not able to climb down the pole on their own, a pole-top rescue will be necessary. Lineworkers take their turns climbing the pole and lowering a weighted "dummy" to the ground safely. This process takes both skill and practice, so they are prepared to handle it in the field.

Operations Manager Rick Dressler sees the exercise as necessary.

Capital Electric lineworkers and staff appreciate continued support from the community and will continue to do their best to keep your lights on and be safe while doing it. ■







Manager of Engineering Services **Greg Owen** is presented with his leadership award by Leadership Committee Chair **Brenda Nagel** and Chamber/EDC President and CEO **Brian Ritter**.

Owen sharpens leadership skills

BY WES ENGBRECHT

edication to personal growth and dynamic leadership skills with the intent to inspire is a quality of a successful leader. Capital Electric Cooperative's Manager of Engineering Services Greg Owen took a step toward this goal by completing the Leadership Bismarck-Mandan program. This program was created and is organized through the Bismarck Mandan Chamber/EDC.

Owen's journey through the program was both challenging and rewarding,

"The leadership program brings awareness to a wide range of topics as well as champions numerous causes within the Bismarck-Mandan community. After many of the sessions, classmates would share how we didn't know these issues and/or organizations existed, and we'd be amazed at the work these folks were doing. While agriculture and energy sessions were my personal favorites, the class collectively noted how prevalent the impacts of mental health are across the spectrum of the community," he said.

The leadership program is designed to educate and inform the student business leaders on a variety of civic topics, with a goal of preparing them to actively involve themselves in improving community progress. It is a months-long foray into the intricacies of "how

things work" in our area and how to make things even better than they are today.

The final piece to the program's curriculum is a field project carried out by groups of classmates participating in real-life scenarios addressing community needs. Owen's team tackled the proposed creation of a sledding hill, which would result in a multipurpose winter recreation space in Mandan that could also be utilized for summer recreation.

"Our group's project proposal looked to fill a need for programmable outdoor recreational space in Mandan, especially to provide an outlet for activities in the winter months. The dedication of a sledding hill in Sunset Park would be the first phase, followed in future years by additional amenities, such as a conveyor belt to bring sledders back up the hill, a warming house with restrooms for when breaks are needed, and the options for tubing lanes and snowmaking equipment," he said.

The University of Mary hosted a graduation ceremony on May 17 to honor the dedicated group who participated in this year's program. Contact the Bismarck Mandan Chamber/EDC at 701-223-5660 if you have an interest in this program. ■



A group of the ditch-cleaning crew assembles by a Capital Electric Cooperative truck as they wrap up the morning's work.

n a busy office north of 71st Avenue in Bismarck,
 a group of dedicated Capital Electric Cooperative
 employees put their busy workday on hold to
 maintain the beauty of a stretch of Highway 83
 heading south of their office.

"We have adopted the highway between 57th and 71st Avenue, since it is adjacent to our new office on Yukon Drive. For years, our cleanup area was along Highway 83 going north from 43rd Avenue to 57th Avenue," General Manager Paul Fitterer explains. "Most of our employees are from hardworking rural

families and are not afraid to get their hands dirty to pick up trash."

The employees' efforts did not go unnoticed by community members passing by, as many honked or waved to show appreciation.

Contributing to a greener and cleaner environment is positive in many ways.

We hope you notice the improvement along the highway as you drive by the new office and consider how a few employees can make a difference in this community.

Operation Round Up open for grant applications



eeds are prevalent in all communities and organizations, and Capital Electric Cooperative's Operation Round Up program is here to help where the funds it collects can make a difference.

The Operation Round Up program has been donating funds to organizations and individuals in need since 1997. In that time, the trust has handed out more than \$800,000 to those who are merely looking for a leg up on projects, health care needs and many other situations.

Operation Round Up is funded by Capital Electric members rounding up their monthly utility bill to the nearest dollar and donating their pennies to a charitable trust.

The next application deadline is Aug. 31. Any person residing in Burleigh or Sheridan counties may apply to receive an Operation Round Up grant. To request an application, call Capital Electric at 701-223-1513 or visit the co-op's website, www.capitalelec.com/forms.

Your spare change could save lives

Join others in rounding up your monthly utility bill to the nearest dollar and make an impact in the communities in which you live, work and play. To opt into Operation Round Up, call Capital Electric at 701-223-1513. ■



Capital credit claims

Notice of redemption by Capital Electric Cooperative Inc.

Listed below are names of former Capital Electric Cooperative Inc. members who had capital credit checks mailed to them in June 2017. These checks have been returned to Capital Electric by the postal service, because it could not locate the members at the address on file. A further search by Capital Electric personnel has not turned up their whereabouts.

If you received electrical service from Capital Electric any time during 2000 and your name is on this list, please contact our office. If you know of the whereabouts of members on this list who received electrical service from Capital Electric any time during the year 2000, please have them contact our office at 701-223-1513.

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

We will redeem capital credits for those members on the following list who notify us prior to Dec. 1, 2023. Notice is hereby given that any of the aforementioned unclaimed capital credits outstanding after Dec. 1, 2023, will be forfeited pursuant to Section 10-15-34.1 and 10-15-23 of the North Dakota Century Code.

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The regular meeting of the board of directors of Capital Electric Cooperative was held on Thursday, May 25. The meeting was held in person at 7401 Yukon Drive, Bismarck, pursuant to due notice to all directors. All the directors were present at that time, except Kayla Pulvermacher and Rex Hollenbeck.

Also present were: Manager Paul Fitterer, Business Manager Luke Steen, Operations Manager Rick Dressler, Engineering Services Manager Greg Owen, Energy Services Manager Josh Schaffner, Manager of Communications and IT Wes Engbrecht and Attorney Zachary Pelham of Pearce Durick PLLC, who acted as recording secretary.

Financial Review: Prior to the board meeting, Directors Charles and Straley reviewed the April 2023 check register and expenditures. They advised that all checks and expenditures were in order. The financial review was approved as presented.

North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC): Vilhauer reported on the North Dakota Living Committee, which met in May to discuss solutions and challenges involving North Dakota Living.

Management Reports (Business Department, Operations Department, **Engineering Services, Energy Services,** and Communications/IT):

Business Department Report: Steen presented the April 2023 financial and statistical report to the board.

Revenue was in line with the budget for April, as \$3,096,692 was generated in comparison with the budgeted figure of \$3,108,444 (unfavorable variance of \$11,752 or 0.4%).

Capital Electric's April load factor was behind budget by 4%.

The operating margin for April was -\$35,037, ahead of the budgeted amount of -\$153,713. The total margin for April was \$1,249, which was ahead of the budgeted amount of -\$143,545.

Capital Electric began billing 18 new services in April, bringing our active services to 22,031 versus 21,699 at this time last year, or a net increase of 332 accounts over the last 12 months.

The cash flow statement and power costs were reviewed and the accounts receivable balances as of May 24 were reviewed.

Estate Retirements: Following review of the financial condition of the cooperative and recommendation by management, payments of four capital credit estate retirements totaling \$1,910.07 were authorized.

South Central Regional Water: Steen reported a billing error that was discovered, and has since been corrected, that resulted in an underpayment by South Central Regional Water.

Board minute excerpts MAY 25

Operations Report: Dressler reviewed the written report from the operations department. Dressler reported that the recent energizing of the Gibbs substation will increase capacity for east Bismarck and provide additional options for line switching, crews continued to transition overhead line to underground lines on the 43rd Avenue road construction project and two employees attended the tree-trimming workshop in Bottineau.

Safety Report: There were no lost-time accidents in May. Jeff Holzer attended the spring safety coordinator's meeting on May 10 and NDAREC's safety instructor, Brian Lakoduk, held a safety meeting on mayday procedures and pole-top rescue. Without objection, the safety report was approved.

Engineering Services Report: Owen reviewed the written report from engineering services. One work order was completed in April. Owen reported on ongoing and upcoming projects, including the 43rd Avenue road construction project, the Ash Coulee road construction project and the building of a third circuit at the Gibbs

Property Update: Owen reported a purchase agreement has been signed for the former administrative headquarters building, closing is contingent on zoning changes and closing is anticipated in the fall.

Capacity Reservation Request: Owen reported on ongoing discussions with data mining companies. A capacity reservation request form that will aid in orderly development of potential data mining locations within Capital Electric territory was approved.

Audit Presentation, Brady Martz: Tyler Richter, of Brady Martz, provided the board a presentation on the 2022 financial audit for the cooperative, agreed-upon procedures for Operation Round Up and the benefit plan. The opinion of the auditors was unqualified (clean). Richter reported no concerns related to accessibility of information from staff. The 2022 audit report, procedures for Operation Round Up and the benefit plan audit were approved.

Energy Services: Schaffner reviewed the energy services report.

Twenty service orders were completed in April. Schaffner reported on meeting with the Sterling, Menoken and Apple Creek school boards concerning the conversion to the coincident peak (CP) rate, plans to commence drilling for geothermal heat for the shop addition, and the upcoming June 29 EV Tailgate Party Capital Electric is hosting at the North Dakota Capitol.

Communications and IT: Engbrecht reviewed the communications and IT report. Engbrecht reported on the mail-in and online balloting for the upcoming June 20 annual meeting, videos for the candidates

for board positions and the Capital Electric ditch cleanup on 57th Avenue.

Policies: Steen reported on proposed amendments to bill collections Policy No. IV-6 related to increases in costs, which was approved as presented. Steen also reported on proposed modifications to rate Policies IV-1 relating to grid capacity look-back periods. It was approved to modify the grid capacity look-back period for rate classes 20 and 24 for a 12-month look-back period beginning on May 1, 2023, rather than June 1, 2022.

Board Conduct Committee: Discussion on a draft board code of conduct policy occurred and no action was taken.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative: Fitterer reported on Basin matters.

Central Power Electric Cooperative: Straley reported on the May board meeting, supply chain and increased cost issues, and Basin Electric Power Cooperatives's rate stabilization fund.

Industry Update: Fitterer reviewed materials related to power markets and general cooperative news.

National Information Solutions Cooperative Board Meeting: Fitterer reported on the April board meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. ©

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