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Your Capital Electric Cooperative

annual meeting

apital Electric Cooperative will be hosting your annual meeting for the 77th time on June 20 at the Bismarck Event Center. The annual meeting represents an opportunity for members to learn more about what's happening at their cooperative and to ask questions they may have. Throughout the 77 years of meetings, the co-op has appreciated the participation and feedback from you. We are also pleased to have you share in the group meal, which is a North Dakota way of life, as you all know by now.

We hope you will join us again this year, as we move forward into yet another new era of energy production and distribution. Your understanding of these changes will be vital, and we have noticed considerably more member involvement with all co-op issues.

This year's meeting will begin with registration, dinner and live entertainment by local country singer, Savanah Benz, at 4:30 p.m. The business meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. and will include the election of three board members, one from each district. All members will be entered to win a \$1,000 grand prize and we will again be drawing for a \$500 college scholarship to a dependent of a Capital Electric member who is in attendance.

We hope to see you at this year's meeting!

Meet the candidates



Dave Charles
District 1

What makes you a good candidate for the Capital Electric board of directors? I am a retired electrical power engineer, with over 35 years of experience in distribution utility operations management, regional transmission operations and N.D. Public Service Commission work. As a lifetime member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, I stay well informed of all current power and electrical engineering issues. I have been honored to serve as an active Capital Electric District 1 director for two terms (six years). To be an effective director, I have attended all National Rural Electric Cooperative Association director certificate training programs to achieve the highest level, Director Gold Credential. With my past experience and ongoing education, I am well positioned to provide insight and direction for the challenges facing the power industry, Capital Electric and all of us as members.

If elected, what are your priorities?

My top priorities are improving membership communication and education, support for safety, best use of new technologies and cost control. I will continue to be committed to hearing and representing your concerns, and to give the time and effort needed to represent you well to ensure the safe, reliable and affordable energy we have come to expect from Capital Electric, while always upholding our cooperative values.



Dwight Hinkel District 1

What makes you a good candidate for the Capital Electric board of directors? I have been a member of electric cooperative(s) my whole life and I value the quality of life they bring to their members. As an engineer and businessman, I understand the complex issues facing the future of any energy-related business and would be well qualified to suggest solutions to other board members and the Capital Electric

If elected, what are your priorities?

management team

Being a team player to move forward the goals of reliable low-cost energy to its members. Discussing in layman's terms complex technical and business-related issues to other board members.



Bryan Klipfel District 1

What makes you a good candidate for the Capital Electric board of directors? I am confident I have the skills, experience and qualifications to make me a valuable candidate for the position. I am a strategic thinker with a proven track record of success in each organization I have had the opportunity to serve. I have almost 46 years of experience working for the state of North Dakota. I have held executive level positions with the N.D. Highway Patrol, Job Service of North Dakota and Workforce Safety & Insurance. During more than four decades of state service, I have improved the lives of citizens and team members alike by developing strategies that focus on customers.

If elected, what are your priorities?

My main priority on the board would be to learn about the cooperative business model and represent the needs of the co-op's member-owners. As a member of the board of directors, I would help set policies and provide guidance for all consumerowners. As a director, I would provide guidance to the co-op's management team with strategic plan development to meet operational and financial goals and alignment with serving our member-owners. I would provide advice on developing and implementing a foundational philosophy of servant leadership. Servant leadership principles are important for a successful organization with engaged employees, as the Capital Electric staff are what makes the organization successful.



David Straley
District 2

What makes you a good candidate for the Capital Electric board of directors? I believe my top qualities include my diversity of education, the experience working in the energy industry, the ability to continue to learn and make educated decisions, my self-drive and determination for improvement and my communication skills. Using these qualities and being open-minded to new thoughts and ideas make for great board members. I also am not afraid to speak up for what I believe. I enjoy being connected with other cooperative members.

If elected, what are your priorities?

If re-elected to serve on Capital Electric's board, I will continue to focus on keeping the main thing the main thing. For the last three years, I have continued to promote policies that achieve the cooperative's goal to provide affordable and reliable electric service in the safest manner possible to its members. It is also in the best interest of Capital Electric for its board members to listen to the concerns of members and act if necessary. My priorities will be to ensure the members of Capital Electric Cooperative receive what they deserve.





Bret Weiland District 2

What makes you a good candidate for the Capital Electric board of directors? My bachelor's degree in energy management combined with more than eight years of working in the energy industry have provided me with real-world experience relevant to the role of a director. From being the person who has fielded phone calls and listened to the concerns of the end users of electric power, to calling out the lineworkers at all hours, I bring a unique perspective and understanding of the needs of the consumer and the cooperative.

If elected, what are your priorities?

If elected, I have three priorities. First, to protect the cooperative and its members by ensuring we keep local control local. Second, to ensure the lineworkers and engineering staff are properly equipped with the latest technology to keep the lights on and the lineworkers safe. Third, to continue to provide the members of our cooperative with affordable, reliable power.



Kyle Tschosik District 3

What makes you a good candidate for the Capital Electric board of directors? I worked for Great River Energy at the Stanton station for more than 35 years. I was a union member for more than 29 years and in management for more than six years, retiring in 2017. My last position was leader of plant operations. I understand Capital Electric Cooperative's objectives and union concerns. I am familiar with the power grid and how power is distributed. I currently serve on the Capital Electric board and I'm a past mayor of Wilton, so I'm experienced in leadership roles.

If elected, what are your priorities?

With the challenging markets and with alternative power sources in the industry today, I would like to be part of the decision-making process. Capital Electric has seen steady growth over the last few years, and I would like to help this trend continue. My primary goal is to keep the cooperative strong and viable and to provide safe, reliable and affordable power to its customers. ©



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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 Inc. was held on Friday, April 21. The meeting was held in person at Capital Electric, 7401 Yukon Drive, Bismarck. All directors were present.

Also present were: Manager Paul Fitterer, Business Manager Luke Steen, Operations Manager Rick Dressler, Energy Services Manager Josh Schäffner, 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 Vollmer and Tschosik reviewed the March 2023 check register and expenditures. They advised that all checks and expenditures were in order. The financial review was approved as presented.

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

Business Department Report: Steen presented the March 2023 financial and statistical report to the board. The total kilowatt-hour (kWh) sales for March were ahead of budget by 6.7%. The monthly electric revenue was ahead of budget by 2.9%. Capital Electric's March load factor was ahead of budget by 6.2%. The operating margin for March was \$76,691, ahead of the budgeted amount of \$18,234. The total margin for March was \$259,641, which was ahead of the budgeted \$72,236. Capital Electric began billing 46 new services in March, bringing our active services to 22.018 versus 21.685 at this time last year, or a net increase of 333 accounts over the last 12 months. The monthly cash flow statement and power costs were reviewed. Accounts receivable balances as of April 20 were reviewed.

Estate Retirements: Following review of the financial condition of the cooperative and recommendation by management, approval was made to perform six estate retirements totaling \$5,154.74.

Write-offs: After discussion, write-offs totaling \$2,594 for the first quarter

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of 2023 were approved. The total 12-month write-offs are \$14,253.

Operations Report: Dressler reviewed the written report from the operations department. Crews are working to install new meters in the Skyway/ Park Village area, monthly substation inspections were completed in Wing and Bismarck, and line materials have been arriving in advance of the summer construction season.

Safety Report: There were no losttime accidents in April. A North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC) safety instructor, Jeff Tweten, held training on defensive driving, tree trimming and chipper safety. The safety report was approved.

Engineering Services Report:

Dressler reviewed the written report from engineering services. No work orders were completed in March. Dressler reported on ongoing and upcoming projects.

Utility Relocation Agreement:

Following discussion, a utility relocation agreement with the city of Bismarck for the Ash Coulee road reconstruction project was approved.

Inventory 508 508A RUS219:

Following discussion, the board approved the submission of work order inventories 508 and 508A to the Rural Utilities Service.

Property Update: Fitterer reported on continued efforts to market the administrative building.

Energy Services: Schaffner reviewed the energy services report. Twenty service orders were completed in March, Schaffner reported on education efforts for the upcoming rate changes, HVAC equipment for geothermal projects being delivered and work related to potential solar grant projects.

Communications and IT: Engbrecht reviewed the communications and IT report. The Nominating Committee recently met and there are six director candidates, preparations for the annual meeting are ongoing, and work on the website to provide information on the upcoming rate changes has been completed.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative:

Fitterer reported on Basin Electric matters.

Central Power Electric Cooperative: Straley reported on the April board meeting.

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

NDAREC: Vilhauer reported on the April board meeting.

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Legislative Conference: Fitterer reported on the conference.

CoBank: Fitterer reported on the Sharing Success program.

Mid-West Electric Consumers Association: Fitterer reported on the quarterly Mid-West Electric Consumers Association membership update.

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

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