

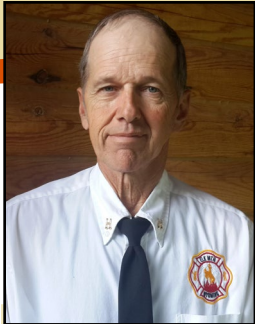


# Carbon Light Lines

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March 2018

**NOMINATION DEADLINE - FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2018**



WILLIAM SHERWOOD  
 District 2 Director

## Board Actions JANUARY 2018

### Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved WO #535 for \$252,094.94.

Approved 2018 Scholarship Awards Committee Recommendations.

Approved Dick Clifton to be the delegate for Tri-State's Annual Meeting and Director Curry as the alternate.

President Laurie Forster presented Director Sherwood with his certificate for CCD (Credentialed Cooperative Director) program.

### DIRECTORS UP FOR RE-ELECTION THIS YEAR ARE:

**District 1**  
 Gary Jacobsen

**District 2**  
 Kenny Curry

**District 3**  
 Jim Rogers

As a Member-Owner of Carbon Power & Light, you're eligible to run for our Board of Directors. Our Board makes important decisions that impact our communities.

**A**s an electric cooperative, Carbon Power & Light is guided by an elected Board of Directors who represent it's members' best interest when making important decisions. Being a Member of the Board is an incredibly important position in our community. A director's decisions will impact issues, such as service rates, rights-of-ways and work plans. This position holds great responsibility and requires men and women who understand their community's needs to serve in the best interest of the cooperative's membership.

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If you would like to submit your name as a candidate to the Nominating Committee or inquire about more information, please contact Russell Waldner by email at [rwaldner@carbonpower.com](mailto:rwaldner@carbonpower.com) or call 1.800.359.0249 or 307.326.5206 before April 9, 2018.

**Nominations are being accepted  
 for Carbon Power & Light's  
 Board of Directors**



# Member-Owned Service Proud



[ RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER ]



I bet the wind has been blowing! Something safe to start an article with that hits your mailbox in March. It was great to start fresh with a clean slate, zero outages. Our crews have been outstanding through the first month of the year. If we can keep this up, we will end the year with an average of 63.2 minutes per Member-Owner meter. That would be a 15 fold improvement. You may have noticed our information on becoming a Board member last month. We have our Nominating committee meetings all scheduled. If you are interested, please contact me.

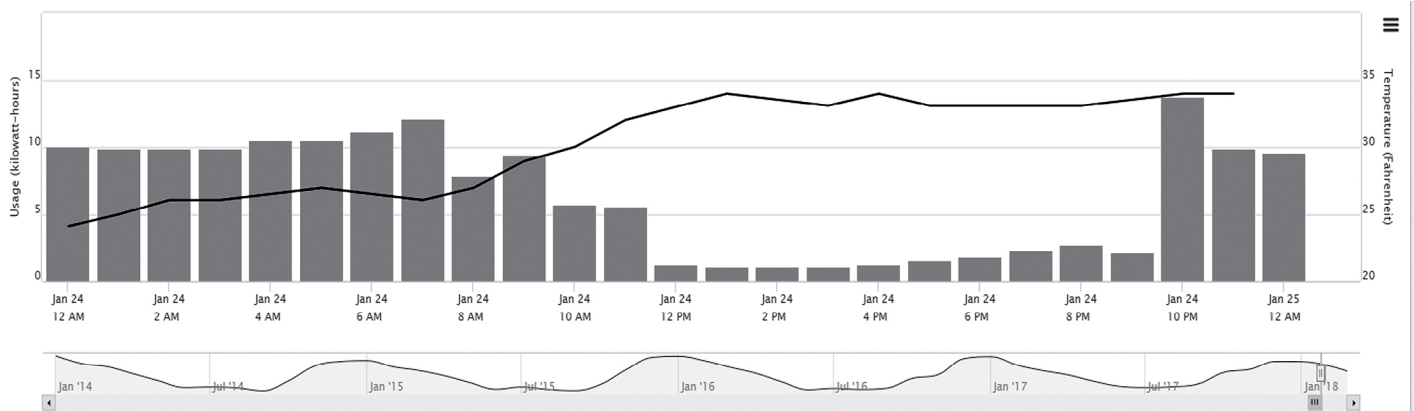
Media creating Facebook posts for us in 2018. We will have a daily post to provide information you can use as a Member-Owner of Carbon. Remember to follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CarbonPowerLight/> If you have not checked out our Smarthub app you are missing out on a very useful tool to keep track of your electrical usage and pay your bill if you like. Below is a chart showing a day of my usage and I check to make sure I'm in the ballpark often. When there is an issue, I usually can track it down quickly.

*Stay Safe!!*



Thanks to Wyoming Rural Electric Association (WREA) we have ARC

Russell



**April 18th, 2018 will be...**

## **National Lineman Appreciation Day**

Every day there are men and women who enter extreme peril to protect our lives, and bring us all the conveniences of modern living. They dangle dozens to hundreds of feet above the ground on precarious harnesses, dancing between snakelike wires that, if improperly handled, can easily erase their lives in a massive jolt of electricity while simultaneously blacking out entire sections of the city. Lineman Appreciation Day celebrates those men and women who put their lives at risk to keep the power flowing through our communities.

## **History of Lineman Appreciation Day**

Linemen have existed for as long as electricity has been a standard part of modern living. Without them there would be no power lines carrying electricity to our homes and businesses, keeping the lights on and the furnaces going, and ensuring that we have the warm glow of the TV to curl up around \*M C Wagner\* as the night creeps in. Linemen are often called to do their jobs in the most dangerous of conditions and facing the worst weather the world has to offer. After all, we rarely lose power on a windless sunny day, now do we?

Of course, even the best of conditions leaves them handling wires that carry thousands of volts of electricity pushing thousands of Amps (that's the stuff that kills you) every day. But when the chips are down and Mother Nature is doing her worst, these are the people who will be out there restoring power, setting up emergency systems to carry us through, and putting life back in order when the storms have finally passed. There are 115,000 linemen in the US alone, which puts the fact that 67,000 of them responded to Superstorm Sandy into perspective.



**William Sherwood**, a member of the Board of Directors serving District 2 for Carbon Power & Light, was recognized at the February Board Meeting in Saratoga for his commitment to education and his completion of the Credentialed Cooperative Director program. A certificate was presented to him by Board President Laurie Forster.

NRECA, the national service organization for the nation's more than 900 electric cooperatives, provides various levels of training for directors. The NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) program requires attendance and a demonstrated understanding of the basic competencies contained in five core courses.

Sherwood has served on the Board of Directors for Carbon since June of 2017 and is one of three directors who represent the cooperative's District 2 service area.

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for  
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1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

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Member Statistics Report	Jan 2017	Jan 2018
<b>Financial</b>		
Total Utility Plant	\$41,717,903	\$42,998,097
Cost of Purchase Power	\$904,967	\$728,715
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$487,485	\$492,420
Tax & Interest Paid	\$69,523	\$78,805
Interest Received on Investments	\$4,077	\$7,789
<b>Energized Line &amp; Consumers</b>		
Miles of Energized Line	1,965	1,969
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.2
<b>Meters</b>		
Total Meters	6,217	6,253
Residential/Rural	4,989	5,001
Irrigation	50	49
Large Power/Commercial	1,119	1,142
Other	59	61
<b>kWh Usage</b>		
Total kWh	11,683,450	10,086,700
Residential/Rural	5,082,296	4,446,048
Irrigation	14,860	12,089
Large Power/Commercial	6,281,259	5,339,595
Other	305,035	288,968
<b>Averages</b>		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	1290	889
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$175	\$131

Carbon welcomes any comments or questions members may have. If you have a question on any part of the cooperative business, please write or email the cooperative and we will see that your question is answered. Mail comments to Carbon Power & Light, Inc. P.O. Box 579, Saratoga, WY 82331, ATTN: Newsletter or email [info@carbonpower.com](mailto:info@carbonpower.com).

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 Edited by Joe Parrie

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3
Dan Hodgkiss	Jerry Rabidue	Dick Clifton
Gary Jacobsen	Kenny Curry	Clay Thompson
Laurie Forster	Bill Sherwood	Jim Rogers

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# 2018 Nominating Committee Members

*The 2018 Nominating Committee, as appointed by the Board of Directors, per Article IV, Section 3, NOMINATIONS of the cooperative bylaws.*

*Three Member-Owners from each District forming this year's Nominating Committee are:*

## District 1

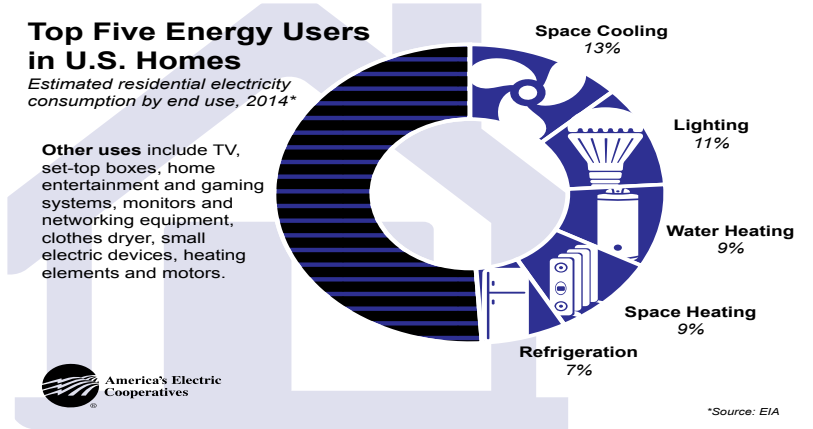
Cris Fournier 307.326.5755  
 Rocky Fiedor 307.326.5330  
 Mary Martin 307.329.8773

## District 2

Rodney Thornburg 307.378.2828  
 Gerald LeBeau 307.378.2329  
 Bobby Heward 307.379.2558

## District 3

Nita Engen 307.742.9585  
 Raymond Leach 307.699.4461  
 Orville Johnson 307.760.6605



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**MAY - SEPTEMBER**  
 Monday - Thursday ☞ 7 AM - 5:30 PM

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 Monday - Friday ☞ 8 AM - 4:30 PM

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