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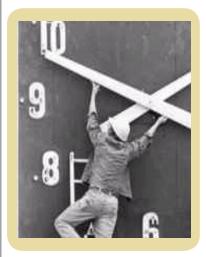
KENNY CURRY

Board Actions DECEMBER 2018

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved Work Order Inv. #540 for \$86,830.39.

Approved voting delegates for CFC, NRTC at the NRECA Annual Meeting in Orlando.



REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ON MARCH 10, 2019

TIFFANY MOORE

CARBON POWER & LIGHT'S

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



The *Employee of the Year Award Program* recognizes and rewards exemplary performance by Carbon Power & Light's employees based both on performance of their responsibilities and on their specific contributions to the mission, goals, values, and strategic plan of the cooperative. These attributes have earned *Tiffany Moore the Employee of the Year award for 2018*. Voting takes place in November and is open to all employees to be voted on by all employees. As the employee of the year, Tiffany and her husband were offered a trip to Orlando to represent Carbon Power & Light at NRECA 's Annual Meeting.

Tiffany was awarded the 2018 Employee of the Year certificate by Carbon Power & Light's Board President Laurie Forster on December 19, 2018.



Member-Owned Service - Proud



RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER



At Carbon we continually look to service offerings and process improvement to serve you, our Member-Owners better. Some of the newest and most exciting technologies are out of our reach for implantation. This is not always a monetary difficulty it often has more to do with the ongoing resources required for continued operations. This is why we have joined forces with several cooperatives to maintain cost saving measures. Here are a few we belong to and the benefits they provide us to continue our service to you the most valued Member-Owner.

NISC- National Information Solutions Cooperative provides us with billing software that includes all billing services

from bill calculation, bill printing and bill presentation through SmartHub. They also provide our accounting software that helps us to know not just the dollars and cents but also cost per vehicle and each piece of equipment. They list their utility offerings as Accounting, Customer Care & Billing, Cybersecurity, Engagement, Operations, and Technical Services. We also receive Capital Credits as a Member of NISC.

Federated Rural
Electric Insurance
Exchange is our
insurance cooperative
and provide safety
services to make sure
we are minimizing our
exposure to claims and
they also provide us
with capital credits as a
Member

NRECA- National
Rural Electrical
Cooperative Association
our everything employee
and national political
association. Their CEO
Jim Matheson put it
this way, "Working
together, our electric coop members accomplish
things that would be
costly, difficult, or even
impossible to do alone.

That's the cooperative way, and it's how we at NRECA strive to be the trusted resource, champion the cause, and inspire the future of the electric cooperative movement every single day."

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Our power provider. They provide us all the power we need for you our Member-Owners and all that goes along with that endeavor. They are 70 percent of our expenses and without them we would have no power. They also provide us with capital credits. As always contact us with questions or concerns.

Russell

CLOSED

Carbon Power & Light will be closed February 18, 2019 for President's Day.

In the event of an outage or service interruption, call 307.326.5206 or 800.359.0249 24 hours a day, every day.



Interested in serving on Carbon Power & Light's board? Great! The board is an energetic group of folks who work together to assist and advance the cooperative.

Here's what you need to know about becoming a Carbon Power & Light (Carbon) board candidate.

Qualifications: To be an eligible Carbon candidate, the candidate must be a member-owner of the cooperative, must be a resident of the district they seek to represent, and a natural person. The candidate cannot be employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances.

Highlighted Responsibilities: Carbon board members are expected to meet in person at Carbon's monthly board meetings, annual meetings, and/or special meetings. This equates to approximately 20 days a year that candidates would be committing himself or herself to.

Board members participate in board discussions, committees and programs advocating for Carbon's standards and goals.

Board members assist and work with other directors through attention to effective discussion during meetings.

Board members encourage effective appraisals of board performance that insure continuing and systematic attention to responsibilities concerning the present and future operational needs.

Board members accept and work with, or on, any committee or other special assignment.

Board members inform and advise the general manager on matters concerning the member's interest which may be brought to the attention of the board members.

Board members recognize the general manager as the operational official through whom all complaints, problems and other matters should be communicated when concerned with matters of the cooperative or its employees.

Board members should possess personal characteristics such as leadership in the community, have high integrity, high ethical standards and have respect for the community. *Rebecca Strickland* Have the ability to exercise sound judgment and logical reasoning

Terms: A board member is elected to a three-year term. Terms are staggered to ensure continuity.

Nominations: Member-Owners may nominate themselves or another member-owner to serve on the board to the nominating committee on or before April 8, 2019. The nominating committee, in their sole discretion and by majority vote, shall have the authority to determine if the

candidate is a qualified nominee. If more than three candidates seek to represent the same district, the nominating committee shall select from those candidates that are the most likely to serve the interest of the cooperative and its members by a majority vote. If less than three candidates are nominated, and the nominations committee deems it necessary, they may request one or more additional nominees. If you would like to submit your name or the name of another member-owner as a candidate to the nominating committee, please contact:

Russell Waldner rwaldner@carbonpower.com 1.800.359.0249 or 307.326.5206

Deadline: The deadline to submit a nomination is April 8, 2019.

Elections: Once the candidates are selected by the nominating committee and if more than one candidate is running in the same district, each member-owner votes by a mail-in ballot. Ballots are mailed in the June edition of the WREN Magazine.

Annual Meeting of the Membership:

Directors and candidates are elected by a simple majority vote of returned ballots. Election results for new directors or re-election of incumbent directors are announced during the business meeting at the Annual Meeting of the Membership on June 22, 2019 in Saratoga, WY.

For more information, call the office Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM at 1.800.359.0249 or 307.326.5206.

Member Statistics Report	Dec 2017	Dec 2018	
Financial			
Total Utility Plant	\$42,887,968	\$44,574,869	
Cost of Purchase Power	\$744,437	\$874,815	
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$374,342	\$386,939	
Tax & Interest Paid	\$23,706	\$39,044	
Interest Received on Investments	\$5,112	\$12,695	
Energized Line & Consumers			
Miles of Energized Line	1,969	1,974	
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.2	
Meters			
Total Meters	6,255	6,291	
Residential/Rural	5,001	5,030	
Irrigation	50	49	
Large Power/Commercial	1,143	1,151	
Other	61	61	
kWh Usage			
Total kWh	10,005,551	11,195,334	
Residential/Rural	4,535,971	4,888,412	
Irrigation	13,598	13,093	
Large Power/Commercial	5,168,360	5,987,747	
Other	287,622	306,082	
Averages			
Avg. Residential kWh Used	907	972	
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$132	\$139	

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.

Visit our website at: <u>www.carbonpower.com</u> Edited by Joe Parrie

IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH YOUR POWER: Please check your breakers. If you can determine that your neighbors are also without power, call Carbon day or night at 307.326.5206 or 800.359.0249.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

For online bill pay or ACH: www.carbonpower.com
For more information,
please call the billing dept.

REMEMBER you can also pay your bill at the following location:

ANB

3908 Grand Ave

Laramie, WY



Energy EfficiencyTip of the Month

When streaming online content, use the smallest device that makes sense for the number of people watching. Avoid streaming on game consoles, which use 10 times more power than streaming through a tablet or laptop.

Source: energy.gov





Carbon's bucket truck decorated for the Laramie parade. Picture provided by Bruce Manore





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If you find your name in *asterisks* in this newsletter, contact Carbon Power & Light to receive a \$30 credit on your electric bill.



CARBON POWER & LIGHT

Office Hours

 $\frac{\text{MAY - SEPTEMBER}}{\text{Monday - Thursday}} \sim 7 \, \text{AM - 5:30 PM}$

OCTOBER - APRIL

Monday - Friday ~ 8 AM - 4:30 PM

