

# Sun River Electric Cooperative

## Ripples

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Be sure to check your breakers before reporting outages.

FEBRUARY 2018

## Annual Meeting set for Friday, March 30, 2018

It is time to inform our membership of our upcoming annual meeting, and remind our members that cooperatives are democratic organizations that maintain their strength through member participation. Sun River Electric Cooperative's annual meeting will be on Friday, March 30, 2018, in the Fairfield Community Hall. We sincerely hope each of you will mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. This year, the three (3) districts looking for nominations are: District 3 (Brady – Collins – Dutton), District 4 (Dupuyer – Conrad – Ledger – Valier), and District 5 (Fairfield - Greenfield – Vaughn). The following language is taken directly from the Sun River Electric bylaws. The first section explains the procedure for nominating candidates for trustee and the second section specifies the qualifications necessary for a member to be a trustee.

### FROM SUN RIVER ELECTRIC BYLAWS

#### ARTICLE III, SECTION 7: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES:

The Board of Trustees shall appoint, not less than forty (40) nor more than seventy (70) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which trustees are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than three members from each voting district, in which a trustee is to be elected in accordance with Article IV Section 2. No member of the Board of Trustees may serve on such committee. Each such committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least thirty (30) days before the meeting, a list of nominations for trustee, for their respective district, which shall include one or more candidates. Any fifteen (15) or more members, residing within their respective district, acting together may

make other nominations by petition, not less than twenty (20) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. No member of the Cooperative can be nominated to become a trustee of the Cooperative unless he or she has been a paying member for five consecutive years, and a resident and property owner in the district he or she is to represent. The Secretary shall mail with the notice of the meeting or separately, but at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of trustees to be elected and the names and addresses of candidates, specifying separately the nominations made by the committee and the nominations made by the petition, if any. The ballot to be used at the election shall list the names of the candidates nominated by the committee and the names of the candidates nominated by the petition, if any. The chairman shall call for additional nominations from each respective district from the floor and nominations shall not be closed until at least one minute has passed during which no additional nominations have been made. No member may nominate more than one candidate. Each member of the Cooperative present at the meeting shall be entitled to vote for one candidate from each district. The candidate from each district receiving the highest number of votes at the meeting shall be considered elected as trustee.

#### ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2: QUALIFICATIONS AND TENURE.

At the annual meeting of the members for the year 1940, the trustees from districts 3, 4 and 5 shall be elected



for a three-year term, trustees from districts 2 and 7 for a two-year term and trustees from districts 1 and 6 for a one-year term. In the years thereafter,

beginning with the board members' next term, all trustees shall be elected for a three-year term. All trustees elected shall hold office during the respective terms for which they were elected and until their successor shall have been elected and shall have qualified.

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a trustee or to hold any position of trust in the Cooperative who:

- (a) is not a member of the Cooperative and a bona fide resident of the particular district which he or she is to represent or
- (b) is in any way 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, fixtures or supplies to the Cooperative, or is an employee of the Cooperative.
- (c) upon establishment of the fact that a trustee is holding office in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, it shall immediately become incumbent upon the Board of Trustees to remove such trustees from office.

Nothing contained in this section shall affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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# Co-op Mutual Aid

On December 29, 2017 Sun River Electric Cooperative (SREC) received a call from Missoula Electric Cooperative asking for assistance to help repair power lines damaged from a heavy, wet snowstorm in the Seeley Lake area. We sent two linemen, Robbie Dockter and Scott Schlosser, along with a bucket truck to lend a hand removing trees from overhead power lines and repairing broken conductors. Due to the amount of snow the Seeley area received, the damaged lines were only accessible by large tracked snow machines. The linemen worked long, hard hours to restore power, and came home on January 2nd. SREC was glad to help out our neighbors to the west as Missoula Electric came to our aid in the spring of 2016 to help repair lines damaged by an ice storm. Thank you, Robbie and Scott, for your efforts. Another great example of co-op helping co-op to get a tough job done.



Sun River Electric Lineman Robbie Dockter in chest-deep snow.

# Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Consider insulating your hot water pipes. Doing so can reduce heat loss, allow you to lower the temperature setting and save an additional 3 to 4 percent per year on water heating. Source: *energy.gov*



## Hidden numbers

If you find your account number hidden in this issue, it is worth a \$50 credit on your next statement. There is one number hidden in every issue. Give us a call if you are the lucky consumer.

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## REBATES

Remember that SREC has appliance and water-heater rebates. Go to [www.sunriverelectric.coop](http://www.sunriverelectric.coop) for details.



**Reminder:** Bills not paid by the 10th of the month will be charged a \$10 late fee.

## Board of Trustees

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## Swap Column

**FOR SALE:** 30 tons CRP hay, \$100/ton obo, string tied, can load. Dick Preputin, 788-1986.  
**FOR SALE:** Direct-vent black double-wall stove pipe, 1 piece 6"x16", 1 piece 6"x18", 6" wall thimble, \$75; 4 chrome slot rims, Ford or Chrysler, 6"x14", \$15 each; Kinkade mirror sliding tub enclosure, \$40; 205-70-R 14" tires, \$10 each; golf clubs, bag & pull-cart, \$10; mirror extensions with mirrors, \$15; pair of Lake

Placid ice skates, \$10; pressure cooker, \$10. Ken Sheldon, 965-2269.  
**FOR SALE:** 1974 GMC 6500 Grain Truck, 5 speed, 366 motor, with 17' dumpbox; 10" x 50' Farm-king swing auger; Freedom Fountain hog waterer. John Silvernale. 470-2957

If you would like to place an advertisement in the Ripples Swap column, please contact Sun River Electric at 1-800-452-7516 or 467-2527, or email Kathy at [kscott@sunriverelectric.coop](mailto:kscott@sunriverelectric.coop) by the first of the month.

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