

Sun River Electric Cooperative



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87th Annual Meeting set for March 29

THE Sun River Electric Cooperative's (SREC) Annual Meeting will be held on March 29th at the Fairfield Community Hall. This year will mark the 87th year of the annual meeting of the membership.

Section 8 of the Sun River Electric bylaws cover the order of business for the annual meeting: 1) Report as to the number of members present in order to determine the existence of a quorum; 2) Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication of the mailing thereof, or the waiver or waivers of notice of the meeting, as the case may be; 3) Approval of the unapproved minutes of previous meeting of the members; 4) Presentation and consideration of reports of officers, trustees and committees; 5) Election of trustees; 6) Unfinished business; 7) New busi-

ness; 8) adjournment.

The co-op continues to grow as new people have moved into our service area.

Irrigation projects are a big part of our energy users, and we continue to help our ag producers grow their irrigation systems, as well as improve those systems already in use. We welcome those adventuring into new small business ventures as well.

A great meal will be served to our members attending the annual meeting. A wonderful door prize will be given to each member as they come through the door, along with a chance to be drawn for additional giveaways donated by our suppliers and other businesses. The dinner will be served at noon on Friday, March 29 with the business portion starting at 1 p.m. RM



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The SREC Board participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new warehouse. | SREC PHOTO

WAREHOUSE PROJECT COMPLETE

SOME of you may have already noticed the new building that was constructed this past year at our current warehouse location on the north edge of Fairfield.

The main warehouse that was being used was built in the late '40s or early '50s and it was time to build a new warehouse.

The new warehouse consists of six bays to keep trucks inside, out of the elements, along with adequate space to store materials used for construction. There is also a training/conference room that can accommodate more than 50 people, including tables, chairs and TV used for training purposes.

There is a locker room for the linemen to use, along with a small kitchen and breakroom. There are a couple of rooms upstairs that can be used as the future dictates.

The new building has the newest lighting, heating, ventilation and plumbing available, along with other amenities to make everything comfortable and convenient. The new building will be equipped with 3-Rivers' fiber that allows the use of the latest technologies.

The new warehouse also allows the crews to load materials and stock



The SREC management team: Robert Anderson, Shelley Batson, Chris Christensen and Brad Bauman pose inside the new warehouse main parking and storage area. | SREC PHOTO

trucks inside, which makes it quicker to respond to outages or just be ready for the next day's duties.

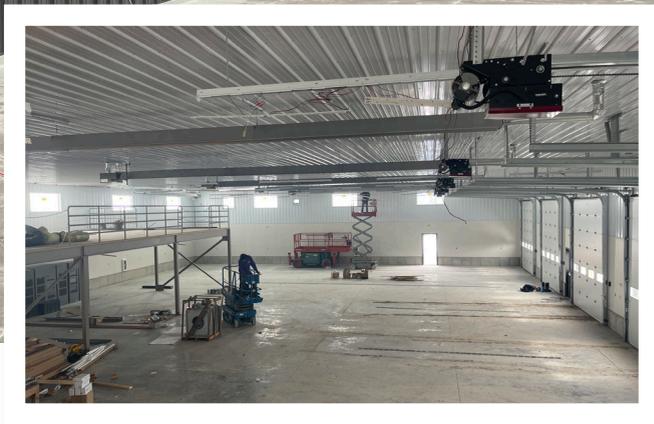
EJ Carpentry from Fairfield was the lead contractor on the building. Eli Stolfus and his brother David did an amazing job. There are always issues that seem to come up with material availability and changes in the weather, but Eli and his crew were able to help us stay on schedule and on budget.

There were many local contractors that helped as well, and we are glad to have these talented people as part of our community: 7 Electric, At Home Flooring and Pat's Paint just to name a few.

We are very proud of the finished product, and we are anxious to show it off. Sun River will set a date later this year to invite our members and the public to come and check out our new warehouse. RM



The new warehouse sports six bays, a training/conference room, locker room and more. | **SREC PHOTO**



Job Well Done! Thank you Chris Christensen

By **BRAD BAUMAN** | SREC Manager

SUN River Electric Cooperative (SREC) just completed a new warehouse building. The new building has been a long time coming, and is a facility to be admired and be proud to own. The management team and employees thank the board of trustees and the membership for approving this facility upgrade. 366757

When a decision is made to take on a project of this magnitude, a major concern is keeping the project on

schedule and on budget.

The warehouse project was assigned to Chris Christensen, our member service/engineering manager, and he did an outstanding job in monitoring it.

EJ Carpentry was the general contractor on the job and with all the material delivery concerns, labor shortages, and weather implications the project was performed on budget and on schedule. Kudos to Chris and to the contractor team, Eli and David Stoltzfus, for being able to complete this project in fine order. RM



Member Service/Engineering Manager Chris Christensen oversaw the warehouse project.

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