

Sun River Electric Cooperative

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SREC Trustee Leonardson receives the CCD certificate

EMELIA Leonardson joined the Sun River Electric Board in March 2025. During the past year she has taken the necessary courses to receive the Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

An ever-changing business environment has imposed new demands on electric cooperative directors, requiring increased knowledge of changes in the electric utility business, new governance skills and a solid knowledge of the cooperative principles and business model. SREC has a commitment to work through NRECA to sharpen this body of knowledge for the benefit of our electric cooperative members.

The NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) program requires attendance and demonstrated understanding of the basic competencies



contained in five core courses:

- Director Duties and Liabilities
- Understanding the Electric Business

- Board Operations and Process
- Strategic Planning
- Financial Decision Making

Congratulations Emelia! 

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OFFICERS

Mitch Johnson, President.....406-467-2109
 Chris Music, V.P.406-600-8375
 Bryce Johns, S/T406-289-0730

TRUSTEES

Russ Bloom..... 406-431-0168
 John Burgmaier..... 406-463-2522
 Emelia Leonardson..... 406-231-1596
 Robert Pasha..... 406-799-2292

MANAGER

Brad Bauman.....406-467-2526



Sun River Electric Cooperative's 89th Annual Meeting of the members was March 27. CEO Brad Bauman gave the business operations report to the gathered members at the event. | SREC PHOTO

SREC Annual Meeting

Sun River Electric celebrates 89th year

THANK you to our members who attended the 89th Annual Meeting which was held Friday, March 27, in the newly remodeled Fairfield Community Hall.

All members received a registration gift; this year it was a rechargeable flashlight. They also were served a full-course meal prepared by the Tumbleweed Bar and Grill.

This year, capital credit retirement refund checks for the remaining balance of 2007 and 100 percent of 2008 were mailed out on the day of the meeting. If you were on the system one of these years and did not receive a check, please contact the office.

The business meeting was held after the luncheon. Board President Bob Pasha and Manager/CEO Brad Bauman gave reports on the business operations for 2025, and did a nice tribute to all of the employees. Melissa Soldano of Douglas Wilson & Co. gave an audit report.

Guest speakers Mark Lambrecht, CEO of Montana Elec-

tric Cooperatives' Association (MECA), and Jim Sands, Manager/CEO of Central Montana Electric Power Cooperative (CMEPC), gave reports on legislative issues and costs of wholesale power, and how these issues affect our membership.

Both incumbents, Russ Bloom, District #2, and Robert "Bob" Pasha, District #7, were re-elected for another three-year term.

Employee service awards were presented to: Brad Bauman and Robert Anderson for 35 years; Scott Steyee for 25 years; John Schwenke and Chris Christensen for 20 years.

Several nice door prizes were handed out, and a grand prize of \$150 bill credit was won by Karen King of Fairfield.

Following the meeting, the Board of Directors voted for officers for the upcoming year.

Mitch Johnson was elected President, Chris Music - Vice President, and Bryce Johns - Secretary/Treasurer. RM

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SUN RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 89TH ANNUAL MEETING



The SREC Board from left: Vice President Chris Music, Russ Bloom, Emelia Leonardson, Robert Pasha, Manager Brad Bauman, President Mitch Johnson, John Burgmaier and Secretary/Treasurer Bryce Johns. 363984 | **SREC PHOTO**

SERVICE AWARDS

Awards presented by Mitch Johnson



Brad Bauman, 35 years



Robert Anderson, 35 years



Scott Steyee, 25 years



Chris Christensen, 20 years



John Schwenke, 20 years



Central Montana Electric Power Cooperative CEO Jim Sands spoke about the cost of wholesale power. | **SREC PHOTO**



MECA CEO Mark Lambrecht speaks at the Annual Meeting. | **SREC PHOTO**



Karen King of Fairfield won the \$150 bill credit door prize. | **SREC PHOTO**