

Sun River Electric Cooperative

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MAY 2025

SREC ANNUAL MEETING

88th Annual Meeting of the Members a success

THE 88th SREC Annual Meeting was attended well by the members, if you were unable to attend, hopefully you will join us next year. Members receive a gift just for attending. This year it was a travel extension cord with charger outlets. Members were also served a full-course meal, which was prepared by The Log Cabin in Choteau.

Board President Bob Pasha and Manager Brad Bauman gave reports on the business operations for the past year, and financials were presented for the year 2024. Guest speakers Jim Horan from Mid-West Electric shared information about the Pick Sloan Plan, Protecting the Federal Power Program and the value of hydropower. Gary Wiens from Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association gave a cooperative legislative update.

Long-time Board Member Leonard Sivumaki retired after 27 years of service. Emelia Leonardson from Fort Shaw was elected to fill his position for District #1. Mitch Johnson, the incumbent for District #6 was re-elected to serve another 3-year term.

Each year the board approves a capital credit general retirement in



ABOVE: The Sun River Electric Annual Meeting was March 28th. **BELOW:** Sun River Electric Trustees and Manager Brad Bauman at the Annual Meeting.



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Be careful around power poles with oversized farm machines

It's that time of year again when the countryside starts turning green, and the trees return to their full glory again. It also means the farmers are back in the fields getting crops planted.

A lot of what we have and what we enjoy in Montana starts with the ag producers and ranchers. You could say they are the "meat and potatoes" of what makes up the electric cooperative.

At the cooperative we enjoy seeing the farmers and ranchers have a successful season. We also like to see everyone stay safe. There is a lot of big farm equipment moving in close proximity of our poles, wires and other equipment.

Please be mindful so you do not run into or clip any of these poles and wires. If you happen to clip or just bump something, please call the office and let someone know. It might look as if no damage was done but it is important for the co-op to do an inspection to make sure we can keep delivering power to everyone in the safest, most reliable way.

If everyone can slow down and pay attention to the potential danger that surrounds us, we can look out for everyone and keep each other safe. Wishing everyone a safe and prosperous growing season.

FARM EQUIPMENT SAFETY TIPS



- 1** Maintain a 10-foot clearance around all utility equipment in all directions.
- 2** Use a spotter and deployed flags to maintain safe distances from powerlines and other equipment when doing field work.
- 3** If your equipment makes contact with an energized or downed powerline, contact your co-op immediately by phone and remain inside the vehicle until the power line is de-energized. In case of smoke or fire, exit the cab by making a solid jump out of the cab, without touching it at the same time, and hop away to safety.
- 4** Consider equipment and cargo extensions of your vehicle. Lumber, hay, tree limbs, irrigation pipe and even bulk materials can conduct electricity, so keep them out of contact with electrical equipment.

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conjunction with the annual meeting. This year the retirement was for the remaining 62 percent of 2005, 100 percent of 2006 and 82 percent of 2007. If you were a member of Sun River Electric in any of those years and did not receive a check, please contact the office. 365694

At the end of the meeting, there were drawings for several nice door prizes. This year there was a special drawing for a \$150 bill credit and the lucky winner was Bergen Farms.



Taylor DeBruycker, SREC, presents Polly Bergen of Bergen Farms the lucky winner prize of a \$150 bill credit.

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