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SUN RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ANNUAL MEETING 2022

85TH MEETING OF THE MEMBERS WAS A SUCCESS

SUN River Electric Cooperative (SREC) held its 85th Annual Meeting on March 25, 2022, at the Fairfield Community Hall. Members from across the SREC territory received a gift for registering and a meal prepared by the Cozy Corner Café, and were updated on the business activities of the cooperative for the year 2021.

During registration, capital credit checks were handed out to members who lived on the system from 1999 to 2001. The total retirement for those three years was \$1,097,739.64. Elections were held for District 1 (Lower Sun River, Fort Shaw and Sun River) and District 6 (Choteau, Pendroy and Bynum).

Leonard Sivumaki and Mitch Johnson were both re-elected to serve three more years on the

SREC Board.

Chris Christensen from NorVal Electric Cooperative in Glasgow was the guest speaker. Chris is currently the President of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Board.

Every year at the annual meeting employees are recognized for their years of service. This year Robbie Dockter and Jay Pogreba, both linemen in the Conrad area, received a 20-year plaque and Chris Christensen, the SREC member service manager, received a 15-year plaque.

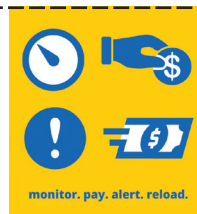
During the meeting, door prize drawings were held and at the end of the meeting Alvin Bartsch was the lucky winner of the \$100 grand prize. This year a special door prize donated by Border States Electric Supply, a very nice cooler, was won by Jackie Weist.



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Being a Cooperative Board Member

EVERY year at the membership annual meeting, board members are elected or re-elected to serve on the Sun River Electric Cooperative Board. As this time of year comes around, you may ask yourself what is a board member required to do?

Here are a few guidelines:

- Regularly attend board meetings and related local, regional, state, and national events.

- Know, understand and promote the cooperative's mission, vision and strategic objectives; be familiar with the cooperative's organizational structure, business lines, financial information, key risks and risk-management strategy; solicit and relay cooperative member comments, suggestions and questions; communicate positions of cooperative members, but vote in the cooperative's best interests; when voting, be adequately informed, exercise independent judgment and avoid or address conflicts of interest.

- Think systematically, conceptually and analytically to determine effective solutions.

- Participate in training and education to increase knowledge and understanding of industry and governance issues.

- Understand the cooperative's operations and finances.

- Come to meetings prepared, having reviewed materials and



SREC Board Members: Bryce Johns, Mitch Johnson, Chris Music, Bob Pasha, Leonard Sivumaki, Russ Bloom, John Burgmaier, and CEO/Manager Brad Bauman. 366041

formulated questions for clarification of issues.

- Actively participate in board discussions, periodic evaluations and planning efforts.

- Build a productive working relationship with other directors that contributes to moving the cooperative forward.

- And above all, follow the seven Cooperative Principles: Voluntary and Open Membership, Democratic Member Control, Members' Economic Participation, Autonomy and Independence, Education, Training and Information, Cooperation Among Cooperatives and Concern for Community. RM

The Sun River Electric Board members have stayed committed to taking training and education courses to help them better serve the members.

Credentialed Cooperative Board Member

John Burgmaier
Leonard Sivumaki
Bob Pasha
Russ Bloom
Mitch Johnson

Board Leadership Program

John Burgmaier
Leonard Sivumaki
Russ Bloom

Director Gold Program

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