

# Sun River Electric Cooperative

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**NOVEMBER 2022**

## PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

**T**HE Sun River Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees will be proposing a bylaw change to Article 3, Section 7: Nomination and Election of Trustees.

The board is recommending that changes be made to the nomination and election process, which will be more consistent with the voting bylaws of other co-ops in the state of Montana.

The changes being proposed would make the nomination and election process consistent and transparent for all candidates.

The three-person nominating committee would be eliminated, and be replaced with requiring candidates

### MESSAGE

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

COLUMN BY **LEONARD SIVUMAKI**

to solicit a minimum of 10 signatures from members in their district. They would have to submit the signatures to the cooperative no less than 30 days prior to the annual meeting, so they can be placed on the voting ballot. This would open the door for more communication between the candidates and the members.

The removal of the nominations from the floor is also being proposed.

This would ensure that the membership was notified, prior to the meeting, of those candidates who are running for a trustee position.


You will be receiving a mailing in January, which will show the current bylaw wording and the proposed bylaw wording. Any change in the bylaws requires a vote of the membership.

This will be brought before the membership at our Annual Meeting, which will be held Friday, March 31, 2023, at the Fairfield Community Hall.

Please be watching the mail for this very important information, and I hope to see you at the annual meeting in March. RM

★ VETERAN'S DAY ★  
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED  
— ★★ —

Sun River Electric office will be closed Friday Nov. 11



HAPPY  
Thanksgiving

Sun River Electric office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25.



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

Pay as you go with  
**prePAY**  
electricity from SREC. It is easy!  
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# LOW-INCOME ENERGY PROGRAMS

**T**HE state of Montana, through the Department of Public Health & Human Services, offers two programs aimed at helping low-income individuals reduce their heating costs. The programs run from October 1 through April 30 of each year. LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) helps with payment of the primary source of heat in the home. Both renters and homeowners may apply. Below are the income limits, according to family size.

## LIHEAP INCOME LIMITS BY FAMILY SIZE

| FAMILY SIZE | INCOME LIMIT |           |          |           |           |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
|             |              | <b>5</b>  | \$54,108 | <b>11</b> | \$91,185  |
|             |              | <b>6</b>  | \$71,422 | <b>12</b> | \$98,265  |
| <b>1</b>    | \$28,136     | <b>7</b>  | \$73,046 | <b>13</b> | \$105,345 |
| <b>2</b>    | \$36,793     | <b>8</b>  | \$74,669 | <b>14</b> | \$112,425 |
| <b>3</b>    | \$45,450     | <b>9</b>  | \$77,025 | <b>15</b> | \$119,505 |
| <b>4</b>    | \$45,450     | <b>10</b> | \$84,105 |           |           |

The **WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM** through LIEAP helps participants improve the heating efficiency of their homes, thus reducing their energy consumption. Applications are ranked according to the degree of need and placed in "priority groups." Special priority is given to older adults and disabled individuals. Once approved, an energy auditor will set a time to visit with you about the most cost-effective weatherization measures for your home within the dollar limits allowed.

Another organization, **ENERGY SHARE OF MONTANA**, is aimed at helping Montanans faced with emergencies meet their energy needs and move toward self-reliance. It is to be used only after an applicant has been considered for LIEAP. There are no specific income limits; however, if a household has sufficient resources available to meet the needs, it will be ineligible for assistance. Energy Share is a loan program, so others may utilize the funds once they are paid back. Applicants must fill out an application available at Opportunities Inc.; 905 1st Ave. N; Great Falls, or receive one by mail by calling either 761-0310 or toll-free 1-800-326-0955. Applications may also be available at your LIEAP office or through your energy provider. 273243

For more information about saving energy in your home, visit <https://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/energyassistance> and select "What Can I Do to Save Energy in My Home?" <sup>RM</sup>

## HIDDEN NUMBER

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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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### OFFICERS

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Robert Pasha, V.P. .... 406-799-2292  
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Russ Bloom.....406-431-0168  
John Burgmaier.....406-463-2522  
Chris Music .....406-600-8375  
Bryce Johns .....406-289-0730

### MANAGER

Brad Bauman..... 406-467-2527

## LIHEAP CONTACT NUMBERS

### OPPORTUNITIES, INC.

**Serves:** Cascade, Chouteau and Glacier  
905 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N  
PO Box 2289  
Great Falls MT 59403  
(406) 761-0310  
(800) 326-0955

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

**Serves:** Broadwater, Jefferson and Lewis & Clark  
648 N Jackson  
PO Box 1717  
Helena MT 59624  
(406) 447-1625  
(800) 356-6544

### NORTH CENTRAL AREA AGENCY ON AGING

**Serves:** Pondera, Teton and Toole  
311 S Virginia, Ste 2  
Conrad MT 59425  
(406) 271-7553

### BLACKFEET RESERVATION

Tribal Energy Assistance  
PO Box 850  
Browning MT 59417  
(406) 338-7977

## SWAP COLUMN

**FOR SALE:** Valve grinder and attachments \$150, electric chainsaw sharpener \$50, 12-ton floor press \$100, 5-speed heavy-duty drill press \$75, 20th century 240 amp welder with leads, \$125. All located in Fairfield. Cash only, you haul. Please call Linda at (406) 799-5292 or email for further information or pictures. smudge2227@yahoo.com

**FOR SALE:** 64 Hard bound Zane Grey books - \$640.00; 26 Time Life Old West Books with index - \$130.00; 1950's Store Doll by Delux Reading - \$50.00; Vintage Atari - \$100.00; Wheel barrow - \$50.00; Metal, behind mower yard cart - \$75.00; Clip on roller skates with key - \$25.00  
Contact Barb at 406-590-5758 or 406-264-5758