

Sun River Electric Cooperative Ripples

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FEBRUARY 2017

Annual Meeting set for Friday, March 31, 2017

It is time to inform our membership of our upcoming annual meeting and remind our members that cooperatives are democratic organizations that maintain their strength through member participation. Sun River Electric Cooperative's annual meeting will be on Friday, March 31, 2017, in the Fairfield Community Hall. We sincerely hope each of you will mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. This year, the two districts looking for nominations are: District No. 2 (Upper Sun River – Augusta – Simms) and District No. 7 (Highwood – Armington – Stockett). The following language is taken directly from the Sun River Electric Bylaws. The first section explains the procedure for nominating candidates for trustee and the second section specifies the qualifications necessary for a member to be a trustee.

FROM SUN RIVER ELECTRIC BYLAWS

ARTICLE III, SECTION 7: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES:

The board of Trustees shall appoint, not less than forty (40) nor more than seventy (70) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which trustees are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than three members from each voting district, in which a trustee is to be elected in accordance with Article IV Section 2. No member of the Board of Trustees may serve on such committee. Each such committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least thirty (30) days before the meeting, a list of nominations for trustee for their respective district, which shall include one or more candidates. Any fifteen (15) or more members, residing within their respective district, acting together may make



other nominations by petition, not less than twenty (20) days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. No member of the Cooperative can be nominated to become a trustee of the Cooperative unless he or she has been a paying member for five consecutive years, and a resident and property owner in the district he or she is to represent. The Secretary shall mail with the notice of the meeting, or separately but at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of trustees to be elected and the names and addresses of candidates, specifying separately the nominations made by the committee and the nominations made by the petition, if any. The ballot to be used at the election shall list the names of the candidates nominated by the committee and the names of the candidates nominated by the petition, if any. The chairman shall call for additional nominations from each respective district from the floor and nominations shall not be closed until at least one minute has passed during which no additional nominations have been made. No member may nominate more than one candidate. Each member of the Cooperative present at the meeting shall

be entitled to vote for one candidate from each district. The candidate from each district receiving the highest number of votes at the meeting shall be considered elected as trustee.

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2: QUALIFICATIONS AND TENURE:

At the annual meeting of the members for the year 1940, the trustees from districts 3, 4 and 5 shall be elected for a three-year term, trustees from districts 2 and 7 for a two-year term and trustees from districts 1 and 6 for a one-year term. In the years thereafter, beginning with the board members' next term, all trustees shall be elected for a three-year term. All trustees elected shall hold office during the respective terms for which they were elected and until their successor shall have been elected and shall have qualified.

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a trustee or to hold any position of trust in the Cooperative who:

- (a) is not a member of the Cooperative and a bona fide resident of the particular district which he or she is to represent or
- (b) is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the Cooperative or is an employee of the Cooperative.
- (c) upon establishment of the fact that a trustee is holding office in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, it shall immediately become incumbent upon the Board of Trustees to remove such trustees from office.

Nothing contained in this section shall affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Trustees.

A Farewell and a Welcome

Sun River's billing and collections clerk, Theresa Hadley, will be retiring this spring. Theresa joined our office in June 1988, working first as the receptionist, and then taking on the billing and collections responsibilities. After 28 years, she has come to know many of our members on a first-name basis, and has enjoyed working with the wide range of consumers that we serve. She's looking forward to moving into her new house in Lewistown, traveling more with her husband (visiting every national park is on her bucket list), and

spending more time with her kids and grandkids. Thanks for your many years of service Theresa!

Our newest office employee, Toni Foster, has been training with Theresa for the last two months. Toni comes to Sun River with recent administrative experience in banking and local government. She is a great people-person and is enjoying talking to our members — stop in and say hi the next time you're in Fairfield. In her spare time, Toni enjoys travelling, antiquing and working in her yard. 362956 Welcome Toni!



L to R: Toni Foster and Theresa Hadley.

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Swap Column

FOR SALE: Solar-Storm tanning bed, 24S, plugs into 210, best offer; Amana air conditioner, free standing, best offer. Arlene Morris, 472-3316.

FOR SALE: 1st & 2nd cutting hay, grass/alfalfa mix, irrigated & fertilized, big rounds. Gene Lewis, 590-2321.

FOR SALE: Toro electric snow sweeper, used once, like new, \$50; Thule metal ski rack, used once, like new, \$75, new wood stove, never used, \$400. Leslie Shaw, 467-2268.

FOR SALE: Site-Boss II survey unit, complete, new condition, \$250/offer; Craftsman 10" table saw, good condition, \$100; 4 custom chrome 18" GM wheels, \$200; Hurd case-ment windows, various sizes, ideal for garage, cabin, etc; used kitchen cabinets, various sizes; 2-16" custom aluminum turbine-style wheels, used on Ford LTD & Mercury Marquis, \$50. Don Becker, 590-3557.

WANTED: A good rotary

mower, PTO drive that is about 15- to 20-foot wide & folds up for transport. Phillip Ferda, 733-6582.

FOR SALE: 20 ft. Mathews Company (MC) flail mower, stalk shredder, 1,000 rpm PTO, hydraulic lift & transport, good shape; Vermeer 504F round baler, field ready, new twine arms & in good shape; 7 ft. dozer blade to fit a front-end loader or a skid steer, with angle attachment & side plates & skids for moving snow etc., excellent shape; 8 ft. John Deere hoe drill with fertilizer attachment; 2 combine hopper feed bins on steel stands; 14 hp Kohler gas engine, good auger engine; Toro riding lawn mower; good shape, misc. sections of spike tooth drag-harrow, really good shape. Phillip Ferda, Highwood, 733-6582.

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