

Sun River Electric Cooperative

Ripples



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FEBRUARY 2019

Annual Meeting set for Friday, March 29, 2019

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 29, 2019, 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 (2) districts looking for nominations are: District 1 (Lower Sun River - Fort Shaw - Sun River) and District 6 (Choteau - Pendroy - Bynum). 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 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.

Swap Column

FOR SALE: John Deere A-tractor, \$1,500; 5-ton floor jack, \$300; arc welder, AC/DC heavy-duty welder, 250 amp DC, 295 amp AC, \$500; portable ice-auger \$150; portable air compressor, \$125; 8-ton long ram jack \$200. Norman Harris Estate. Contact Bill Harris, 264-5510. 301497

FOR SALE: 1999 Eddie Bauer

Ford Expedition – Runs/starts good, 260,000 miles, maroon, Triton V8/5.4 L engine, clean, few scars, 4-wheel drive, only \$2500, call 590-3603.

If you would like to place an advertisement in the Ripples Swap column, please contact Sun River Electric Cooperative at 1-800-452-7516 or 467-2527, or email Kathy at kscott@sunriverelectric.coop by the first of the month.

Timers Reduce Demand

Reducing the demand that a household puts on the electric system helps all of the membership by reducing the bill that the cooperative pays to the power suppliers. Sun River Electric is offering water-heater timers FREE to the members who have electric water heaters as one way of accomplishing the demand peak reduction.

The timers are programmed to shut off the electric water heater during the two peak usage times during the day. The two peak times are from 6-8 in the morning and from 5-9 in the evening.

The first reaction to this idea may be that there will be no hot water during this time. Most modern-day water heaters are insulated well enough that the tanks will maintain the water temperature during the duration of these time blocks so that hot water is not an issue. The timers also are equipped with an override button that allows the member to activate the water heater in situations where visitors' usage or hot-water needs are

expected to be at a higher usage level.

Members who have signed up to the web app, SmartHub, can also access usage information to check their individual household peak to see if it, in fact, occurs during the two peak times discussed. If it is found that the individual demand peak is different from these two pre-programmed time blocks, a third time block can be programmed into the times that matches the individual household peak.

Contact the office to obtain a FREE water-heater timer. Wiring schematics are included for wiring in the water-heater timers. The member will be responsible for wiring the timers and all that SREC requires is that the timers go on a water heater on the SREC system. A hold-harmless agreement will need to be signed, and included in that agreement is an acknowledgment to allow a SREC representative to verify the installation.

Hidden numbers

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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REBATES

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

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