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Change of leadership at Sun River Electric

By **JOHN BURGMAIER**
SREC Board President

Scott Odegard is retiring March 31st after serving as our CEO/general manager for 23 years. Besides leading our co-op, Scott was active with our power supplier, Central Montana Electric Power Cooperative, as well as with our statewide organization, Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association. Scott also served as our representative on the Northwest Public Power Association's board for six years, with one year as its president. Thank you for your service Scott – enjoy your retirement!

The board has selected Brad Bauman as the new CEO/general manager. Brad has worked in numerous capacities for Sun River Electric Cooperative since 1988, most recently as the manager of



Brad Bauman

member services/engineering.

Brad states "I am honored to have been selected by the board of trustees and I am looking forward to continuing and promoting the positive aspects of Sun

River Electric. There have been many people involved in my development and background. Those include my family, my fellow employees and Scott Odegard. To all of them I say thank you, and I will do my best to carry on the traditions and good name of Sun River Electric."

Many of our members already know Brad, but if you haven't met him, please stop in and say hello.



PRESIDENT'S DAY CLOSURE

Sun River Electric Cooperative office will be closed on **Monday, Feb. 15**

Swap Column

FOR SALE: VAL 6 infrared heater, 62,000 BTU output, used less than 10 hours, ideal for calving barn or shop heater, \$1,300. Bill Reiter, 467-3909. 234531

FOR SALE: 16' Handover flatbed trailer with stock rack; 16' Logan stock trailer; antique Spartan radio with tube tester & box of tubes; Pride lift-chair, petite, blue; heat surge electric fireplace. Marge Britton, 738-4392.

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Annual Meeting set for March 26

Districts 3, 4 and 5 need nominations for trustee candidates

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 is being planned for

Friday, March 26, 2021, 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 three districts looking for nominations are: District 3, Brady-Genou-Dutton-Collins; District 4, Conrad-Valier-Ledger-Dupuyer and

District 5, Fairfield-Greenfield-Vaughn.

The language below 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 repre-

sent. 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.

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