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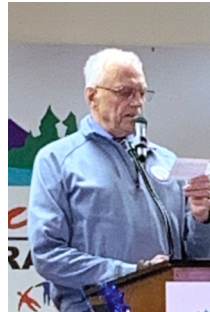
ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

THE 84th Annual Meeting of the members of Sun River Electric Cooperative, Inc., (SREC) was held on Friday, March 26 at the Fairfield Community Hall in Fairfield.

Trustee Robert Pasha gave the invocation; the meal was prepared by Foothills Catering and served by the SREC linemen and the Fairfield FFA members. Sophie Jergenson sang the National Anthem.

John Ranum was the special guest speaker. When John was in the military, he served protecting the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He shared many interesting historical facts about the memorial at Arlington National Cemetery and stories from his time serving. What an honor to have him at the meeting.

President John Burgmaier called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm. He introduced Secretary Roberta Rohrer, she read the notice of annual meeting, and



SREC President John Burgmaier, left, and special guest speaker John Ranum speak at Sun River Electric's 84th Annual Meeting. | **SREC PHOTOS**

the affidavit of mailing, and reported that there were 114 registered voters in attendance. The minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting were handed out at registration and a motion was made, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes as presented.

Next, President Burgmaier introduced special guests in attendance

and gave his president's report. He reported that Sun River Electric has been in great financial condition and the capital credit retirement for the years 1996 to 1998 equaled \$804,630.05. He pointed out that capital credit retirements are an important part of being a member of a cooperative. He then recognized Roberta Rohrer for dedicating 41 years to SREC as a board member. She also served on the Central Montana Power Cooperative and Basin Electric Cooperative boards, representing Sun River Electric. Next, he announced Manager Scott Odegard's retirement and the hiring of Brad Bauman as the new CEO. He also recognized the following employees for their years of service: John Schwenke, 15 years; Scott Steyee, 20 years and Robert Anderson, Brad Bauman and Ross Oveson, all 30 years.

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FOR SALE: Centrally Quick-Fix wire-fed welder, \$150; Sears/Craftsman ½ hp drill press, \$50; vehicle paint system, \$25; antique AT Ferrell grain cleaner, call for price; Mid-Tech Center Line 200 GPS system, \$900; antique currier & Ives dishes by Royal, \$200; antique Blue-Willow dishes by Johnson brothers, \$200. Myrna Kantola, 761-6586.

FOR SALE: Memory foam pillow, slanted, \$25; (4) snowmobile helmets, \$10; (4) valance lights, \$30 for all; 8' Anderson sliding door, \$500; (2) used Cooper Discoverer tires, \$25; Igloo cooler, \$15; Dakine backpack, \$15; (2) children bedroom pictures for a nursery, \$20; (4) nice patio chairs. Sydney Lothspeich, 621-0429.

FOR SALE: Gooseneck 16' Handover flatbed trailer with stock rack; gooseneck 16' Logan stock trailer; antique Spartan radio with tube tester & box of tubes; Pride lift-chair, petite, blue; heat surge electric fireplace; American Number One Sawmill, diesel powered, semi-portable. Marge Britton, 738-4392.

FOR SALE: Garden ground-cover/weed blocker, 16' by 50', new. Bill Reiter, 899-2047.

WE'VE GOT REBATE\$

Don't forget that Sun River Electric Cooperative has rebates for household appliances. SREC offers \$25 rebates on clothes washers or dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators and freezers that are Energy-Star compliant.

Just download the rebate form from SREC's website, www.sunriverelectric.coop, fill it out, attach a copy of the receipt and send it to SREC. SREC will then review the form and credit your account \$25 per compliant appliance.

Energy Star-rated appliances can be found at www.energystar.gov.

Also remember that SREC offers a \$100 rebate on electric water heaters. To be eligible, the water heater has to be at least 90-percent efficient. The water heater rebate form is also on SREC's website, download it and fill it out, send it in with a copy of the receipt and get the \$100 credit. The water heater must be at least 40-gallon capacity.

All rebates must be submitted within 90 days of purchase.

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Each employee received a plaque.

Shad Pepion from Douglas Wilson and Co. gave the auditor's report. He stated that their firm reviewed the financials and performed the annual audit for the year 2020 in February 2021. In their opinion the records were presented fairly and SREC received an unmodified opinion, which is the best rating that can be received with an audit. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the audit.

Max Davis, attorney for Sun River Electric, conducted the election of trustees for districts 3, 4 and 5. A motion was made, seconded and passed to cast a unanimous ballot for District #3, John Burgmaier, and

District #4, Bryce Johns. For District #5, Chris Music and incumbent Randy Parker both addressed the membership and ballots were collected to be counted.

Manager Brad Bauman gave his report. He introduced himself as the new manager of SREC and shared some history of his roles at Sun River Electric over the past 30 years. He gave a report on the stability of the rates and the changes to the irrigation rate system. He discussed power reliability with the goal to have less than 3 hours without power, and the average in 2020 was 1.79 hours. He also talked about programs such as the electric heat program, the irrigation maintenance program, the many member service programs and our

online billing program with the ability to make payments and get account information on SmartHub. He finished with a report on the distribution project, the political picture and the changes in workforce with long-time employees retiring.

Next, Doug Hardy from Central Montana Power Cooperative gave a legislative update.

Attorney Max Davis gave a report of the election results for District #5. Chris Music was elected to serve on the SREC board for the next three years.

A final door prize drawing for \$100 cash was done. Carol Mittal Mertinell and Barbara Mittal were the winners.

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