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The Midwest Electric Cooperative Corporation

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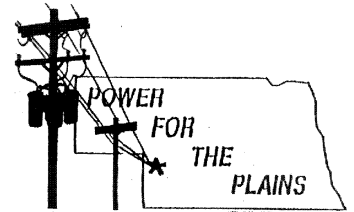


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Board of Directors

Shawn Turner - Pres. Dist. 6
Nick Hanson - V-Pres. Dist. 8
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Vance McCoy - Treas. Dist. 4
Ron Ivers - Dist. 1
Chris Cornelius - Dist. 5
Dennis Hutt - Dist. 7
Gavin McClintock - Dist. 9

Staff

Larry Umberger
General Manager

Chris Schrotberger
Operations Manager

Jayson Bishop
IT/Load Management Manager

Riley Kennedy
Financial Manager

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Phone 352-4356 or 1-800-451-3691
We have an answering service that answers these calls on a 24-hour basis, after hours, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. If you have an outage please state legal description, account number or meter number, where the outage is and your phone number when you call.

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Your Manager's Comments

By Larry J. Umberger

“Happy New Year to All! I hope that you were able to spend Christmas with your friends and family. To start the New Year off in style, Midwest’s Board of Directors approved retiring capital credits in December. The board approved retiring, in cash, approximately \$950,000 in the general retirement and \$91,000 in estate retirements. Many of you have already received a check or will receive a credit on your account, if the amount is under twenty dollars. Please follow the instructions on your bill, or on the letter that was mailed to you with your check, before cashing the check.

I do have more good news! The Board approved the 2018 budget and capital expenditures in our November board meeting and we will NOT be seeking a rate increase for 2018. We are predicting to spend \$1.1 million on upgrades to feeder circuits out of our Venango, Blackwood, Lincoln, Roscoe and Spring Creek substations. These areas experienced considerable growth over the years and will give us more reliability, better voltage, save on line loss, and we will be able to add more load to the circuits.

Several years ago we added a couple of small substations north of Grant to allow for expansion in underserved areas of our system. This year we are completing a backup sub-transmission line to allow for maintenance on the existing circuits and provide backup during storms. We will also rebuild three miles of sub-transmission lines north of Brule to better serve our members south of the lake. These additions to our sub-transmission are estimated to cost just under a million dollars.

I would like to thank all of the landowners that allow us to build lines along their properties. These improvements help all of our members with reliable power.

May 2018 be a year filled with good fortune and your wishes fulfilled. When you’re operating equipment and you’re next to the power lines, “Look up and live!”

Midwest Electric is an equal opportunity provider and employer .

Mission Statement

The Midwest Electric Cooperative Corporation is dedicated to providing a high quality, reliable and competitively priced supply of electricity to our members and customers while maintaining a sound financial position through effective utilization of human, capital and physical resources in accordance with cooperative principles. We are proud to be your Touchstone Energy cooperative, serving our customers with Accountability, Commitment to Community, Innovation and Integrity.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

The Nominating Committee of the Midwest Electric Cooperative Corporation will meet at the office of the Cooperative in Grant, Nebraska at 10:00 A.M. (MST) on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, for appointing nominees for three directorships on the Cooperative Board of Directors. The election of directors will be at the Annual Meeting of the Cooperative to be held at the Perkins County High School in Grant, Nebraska on March 13, 2018. In accordance with the Corporation's by-laws, any fifteen (15) or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the annual meeting and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee are posted.

Nominees will be selected for District #2 – No; Incumbent; District #4 – Vance McCoy; Incumbent; District #7 – Dennis Hutt; Incumbent.

Members of the Nominating Committee are:

District 1

1. Brad Harms, 1120 Sunny Slope, Brule, NE 69127
Alt. Jeff Headley, 11 Lakeview Heights, Brule, NE 69127

District 2

1. Mark Hahn, 1449 Road East 40, Paxton, NE 69155
2. Gerard Kraus, PO Box 532, Ogallala, NE 69153
Alt. Martin Meyer, 1448 Ogallala Beach, Ogallala, NE 69153

District 3

1. David Lawler, 560 Paxton Elsie Road, Paxton NE 69155
Alt. Joe Unruh, 2411 Hwy 30 East, Sutherland, NE 69165

District 4

1. Mike O'Brien, 31514 W S County Line Road, Wallace, NE 69169
2. Rod Griffiths, 32825 S Steck Road, Wallace, NE 69169
Alt. Bill Robertson, PO Box 71, Wallace, NE 69169

District 5

1. Bruce Young, 76295 Road 338, Madrid, NE 69150
Alt. Alan Haenfler, 76515 Road 337, Madrid, NE 69150

District 6

1. Mark Lagler, PO Box 204, Grant, NE 69140
Alt. Jeff Behrends, 76440 Road 325, Grant, NE 69140

District 7

1. Jim Cooper, 32465 Road 755, Grant, NE 69140
2. Doug Sexson, 32385 Road 758, Grant, NE 69140
Alt. Rex Burge, 33255 Road 758, Grant, NE 69140

District 8

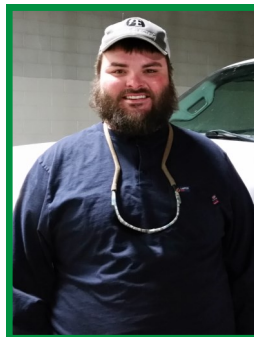
1. Dan Burge, 75490 Road 324, Grant, NE 69140
Alt. David Cornelius, 75635 Road 339, Madrid, NE 69150

District 9

1. David Andersen, 34391 West Andersen Road, Wallace NE 69169
Alt. Ron Johnson, 75770 Road 348, Elsie, NE 69134

Employees Recognized for Years of Service

Two Midwest Electric employees were recognized on November 2, 2017 for their commitment to the cooperative. Recognized were: Cody Sandoz and Candace Van Velson, each with 5 years; Congratulations!



5 Years



Scholarship Applications Available

Midwest Electric is offering scholarships for the 2018 school year through its power suppliers Basin Electric and Tri-State G&T. Basin Electric and Tri-State are consumer-owned regional cooperatives responsible for supplying wholesale electric power.

Applicants for the scholarships must be a U.S. citizen, a high school senior and a dependent of a Midwest Electric member. They must also be enrolled or planning to enroll in a full time under-graduate course of study at an accredited, two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school.

For an application see your Guidance Counselor or contact Jill Hanson at Midwest Electric. Application deadline is February 14, 2018.

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