

# Carbon Light Lines

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CLAY THOMPSON
District 3 Director

Board Actions FEBRUARY 2022

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved Mr. Westring as Carbon's managing member for the Cody Hotline School.

Approved Carbons Scholarship Committee winners.

Approved amended Capital Expeditures Budget for a virtual server.

## Date to Remember

June 25- 81st Annual Meeting of the Membership. Held each year on the fourth Saturday in June. Registration begins at 10:30 A.M. Business meeting begins at 12:30 P.M.

Platte Valley Community Center 201 W Elm Ave. Saratoga WY



Carbon Power & Light's Apprentice Menphis Smith, as well as other linemen, joined Wyoming Governor Gordon in honor of Wyoming Linemen.

Linemen leave their families and put their lives on the line every day to keep the power on 365 days a year under dangerous conditions to build, maintain and repair the electric infrastructure.

Linemen are the first responders of the electric cooperative family, getting power back on and making things safe for all after storms and accidents. There would be no electric cooperatives without these brave men and women.

Gordon is very supportive of our industry and as such, signed a Governors Proclamation in April of 2022 declaring April 11 as Linemen Appreciation Day, to thank our lineman for the work they do.



# Member-Owned Service - Proud



### RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER



The worst thing a member has told me is, "you're the power company you can afford it."

I was thinking maybe I needed to provide some context to help you understand why this was so bad, but I don't. As a cooperative this concept is not a part of our business. The only source of revenue is member participation. What Carbon can afford is what it takes to provide reliable, responsible and affordable electricity. Members also determine how that statement is implemented. Electing directors that set the policies to achieve this is all the members responsibility.

When Carbon has an expenditure, the benefits to the members is the priority we evaluate the necessity of the expenditure. We have approximately 5,000 members. That means that for every \$5,000 we spend it cost each member \$1. Being your power company never gives us unlimited funds.

When all your revenue is derived from the provision of reliable, responsible and affordable electricity it is paramount that the members participate in utilizing that electricity. The more participants the better cooperative we are building. When ever I am driving at night in our cooperative I am always amazed what our membership has accomplished. If you are seeing power lines when you are going to and from your piece of Carbon I hope you recognize you contributed to this outstanding cooperative!



Member Statistics Report	March 2021	March 2022	
Financial			
Total Utility Plant	\$49,639,390	\$51,393,482	
Cost of Purchase Power	\$736,638	\$796,194	
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$476,893	\$510,774	
Tax & Interest Paid	\$60,020	\$63,688	
Interest Received on Investments	\$2,065	\$1,948	
Energized Line & Consumers			
Miles of Energized Line	1,990	2,001	
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.3	
Meters			
Total Meters	6,460	6,578	
Residential/Rural	5,295	5,404	
Irrigation	51	51	
Large Power/Commercial	1,064	1,073	
Other	50	50	
kWh Usage			
Total kWh	10,186,794	11,008,901	
Residential/Rural	4,331,473	4,591,421	
Irrigation	10,910	8,552	
Large Power/Commercial	5,610,231	6,159,732	
Other	234,180	249,196	
Averages			
Avg. Residential kWh Used	818	850	
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$122	\$126	

Carbon welcomes any comments or questions members may have. If you have a question on any part of the cooperative business, please write or email the cooperative and we will see that your question is answered.

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**IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH YOUR POWER:** Please check your breakers. If you can determine that your neighbors are also without power, call Carbon day or night at 307.326.5206 or 800.359.0249.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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# Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

If you're looking to add smart technology to your home, consider smart plugs. Smart plugs are inexpensive and can be used to control lighting and other electronic devices through a smart phone app.

With smart plugs, you can conveniently manage lighting, home office equipment, video game consoles and more. By powering off unused devices when you're away, you can save energy (and money!).

Source: energystar.gov





District 2 Board Member Shae Johnson (left) receives his CCD certificate from Board President Jim Rogers at a recent Carbon Power & Light Board meeting.

NRECA's Director Certificate Programs are designed to help electric cooperative directors understand their roles and responsibilities, stay up-to-date on the industry issues and trends and prepare them to meet the challenges facing electric cooperatives.

The Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) program consists of five courses that focus on basic governance knowledge and the essential skills required of cooperative directors.

Congratulations Mr. Johnson!



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