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ROBERT J. JOHNSON
District 2 Director

Board Actions JUNE 2015

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

The board approved signing a three year agreement with the auditing firm Blodgett, Mickelsen & Naef PS.

The board approved Directors Gary Jacobsen as the voting delegate for the NRECA 2015 Regional Meeting and Jerry Rabidue as the alternate voting delegate.

Board approved contributing \$750.00 to CFC's Territorial Integrity Purpose Only program.

The board approved the new line extension to 31 tracts in the Wild Horse Subdivision for \$ 113,459.60.

The board approved Work Order Inventory #515 for \$171,248.97.

The board approved the purchase of a 4-H/FFA Beef at the Albany and Carbon County Fairs.

SAFETY



HOME PROJECT SAFETY FOR DIYers

source: Safe Electricity

In an effort to make sure the growth in home improvement projects and maintenance work doesn't result in increased injuries, Carbon Power & Light and Safe Electricity urges all do-it-yourselfers to take precautions, especially when working around electrical equipment and overhead power lines.

Make sure outdoor outlets are equipped with a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI). Use a portable GFCI if your outdoor outlets don't have them. It's also a good idea to have GFCIs professionally installed in wet areas of the home, such as the kitchen, bath and laundry.

SAFETY TIPS TO KEEP IN MIND INCLUDE:

- Look up and around you. Always be aware of the location of power lines, particularly when using long metal tools like ladders, pool skimmers and pruning poles, or when installing satellite dishes or doing roof repair work.
- Be especially careful when working near power lines attached to your house. Keep equipment and yourself at least 10 feet from lines. Never trim trees near power lines — leave that to the professionals.
- If your projects include digging, like building a deck or planting a tree, call Wyoming One-Call at 8-1-1 before you begin. This

- service is free, prevents the inconvenience of having utilities interrupted, and can help you avoid serious injury.
- Electricity + water = danger. If it's raining or the ground is wet, don't use electric power or yard tools. Never use electrical appliances or touch circuit breakers or fuses when you're wet or standing in water. Keep electric equipment at least 10 feet from wet areas.
- Make certain home electrical systems and wiring are adequate to support increased electric demands of new electric appliances, home additions or remodeling projects.
- Replace worn and outdated circuitry and add enough outlets for appliances and electronics. Carbon Power & Light and Safe Electricity strongly recommends do-it-yourselfers to leave this project to the professionals.



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[RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER]

WAS THAT A GREAT 74TH ANNUAL MEETING OR WHAT?

**GREAT MEMBERS, GREAT DIRECTORS,
GREAT EMPLOYEES, GREAT GUESTS,
GREAT FOOD, GREAT BINGO, GREAT
POETRY AND POWER.**

The information provided should have given those in attendance a good picture of the state of your cooperative.

Changes at your cooperative:

- New Board President** • Laurie Forster
- New Superintendent of Engineering** • Jim Beckmann
- Engineering Technician** • Jim McKinney

Bob Johnson has been Carbon Power & Light's President for the last 24 years. He became President just 5 weeks before my arrival at Carbon so I'm well aware of all that he has witnessed as our President. He has been a Member of the Board of Directors for 34 years and counting. He can tell you about what I missed during that time. This is an awesome example of leadership...Thanks Bob and congratulations Laurie.



RUSSELL WALDNER

My wife and I once purchased a house across the street from our home. I told her how easy it would be to move as it was a larger home and we would just move one room at a time. Now I would estimate that the street was somewhere around 50' wide and the houses were set back 25' from the street. 100' feet house to house...piece of cake moving...right? WRONG. Experience is the best educator available as long as it doesn't leave you incapacitated.

So what does this have to do with Carbon you ask? Well...I moved from the Director of Engineering office to the General Manager office just across the hall and this time the move was a piece of cake. However, the "stuff" (everyone that has ever moved knows "stuff") I moved is engineering stuff. As I have been organizing, I am moving the Engineering stuff *back* to Engineering.

ROBERT J. JOHNSON STEPS BACK FROM BOARD PRESIDENCY . . . CHANGES OCCURRING WITHIN THE COOPERATIVE.

Chuck, being experienced, left me the essential General Manager stuff. So now begins my quest to acquire my own General Manager stuff.

I will be floating some General Manager Article closings over the next few months and our Facebook page would be a good place to let me know what you think of them. And as always, we want to be able to answer your questions and concerns.

Electrically serving you while you accomplish shocking results.

Russell



2015 Annual Meeting IN REVIEW

164 Member-Owners registered for Carbon Power & Light's 74th Annual Meeting with a total of 266 people in attendance.



There were many important people gathered in one place in Saratoga.

Approximately 266 people were in attendance at the 2015 Carbon Power & Light Annual Meeting of the Membership at the Platte Valley Community Center on Saturday, June 27, 2015.

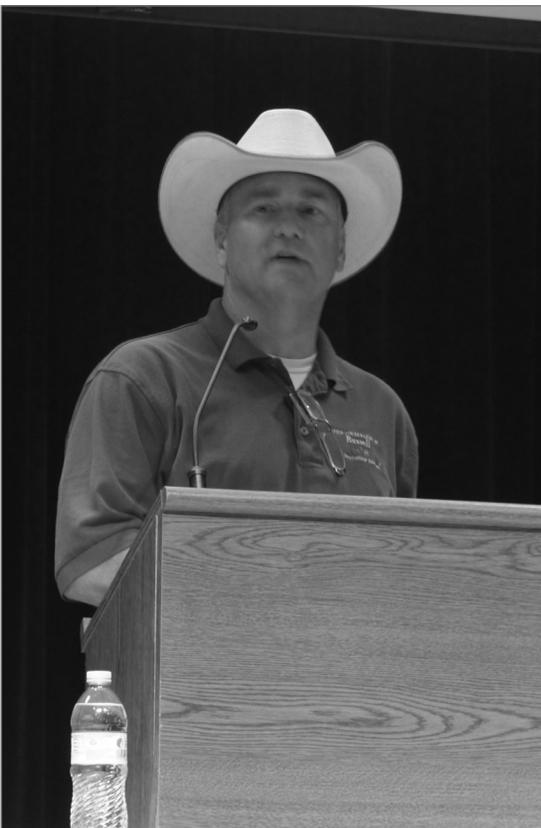
These Member-Owners know the importance of being a member of a cooperative because of the way a cooperative is structured. At these annual meetings, members elect directors who represent and are accountable to them, in addition to offering us feedback on how we can better serve them and their family.

Member-Owners who joined the business meeting were informed about several key points; the financial condition of the cooperative; power costs; and the present and future plans for Carbon's electrical system while working in the confines of government regulatory limits.

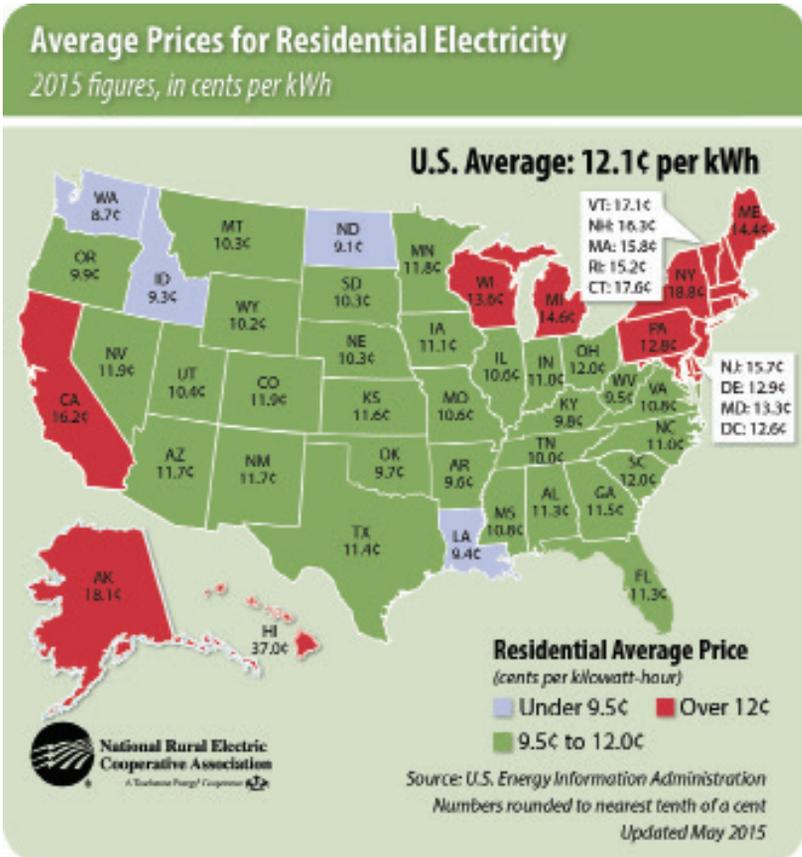
Attorney Hank Bailey reported that all three incumbent directors ran unopposed for their respective seats on Carbon's board, so they will continue to represent their districts and serve another three year term. Those incumbent directors were: District 1, Gary Jacobsen, District 2, Kenny Curry and District 3, Jim Rogers.

Many great door prizes were given away to several lucky winners! Member-Owners who were present at the business meeting were entered in the drawings. One lucky winner walked away with \$500 CASH! Sadly, there were also a few missed opportunities at the annual meeting. Had Rick Flohr been at the business meeting, he would have won \$1,500 cash; Colton Miller would have won \$1,000 and Linda R Brown Treas would have won \$750 but as it was, Don Lucero, who was present, won the \$500 progressive cash draw!

Save the date! Next year's annual meeting will be Saturday, June 25, 2016.



Member Statistics Report	May 2014	May 2015
Financial		
Total Utility Plant	\$38,071,026	\$39,938,181
Cost of Purchase Power	\$544,656	\$661,506
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$459,623	\$423,324
Tax & Interest Paid	\$40,113	\$49,264
Interest Received on Investments	\$1,735	\$1,485
Energized Line & Consumers		
Miles of Energized Line	1,928	1,940
Consumers Per Mile	3.1	3.2
Meters		
Total Meters	6,073	6,119
Residential/Rural	3,267	3,269
Residential/Seasonal	1,571	1,621
Large Power/Commercial	1,125	1,124
Other	110	105
kWh Usage		
Total kWh	7,252,151	9,273,605
Residential/Rural	2,344,910	2,517,511
Residential/Seasonal	231,166	290,949
Large Power/Commercial	4,261,746	6,094,091
Other	414,329	371,054
Averages		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	718	770
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$108	\$114
Avg. Seasonal kWh Used	147	179
Avg. Seasonal Bill	\$50	\$53



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. Mail comments to Carbon Power & Light, Inc. P.O. Box 579, Saratoga, WY 82331, ATTN: Newsletter or email info@carbonpower.com.

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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

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3
Gary Jacobsen	Robert J. Johnson	Dick Clifton
Laurie Forster	Jerry Rabidue	Clay Thompson
Dan Hodgkiss	Kenny Curry	Jim Rogers

For online bill pay or ACH: www.carbonpower.com
For more information, please call the billing dept.

REMEMBER you can pay your bill at the following locations:

Rawlins National Bank	First National Bank	Bank of the West
202 5th St	21st & Grand	302 N. 1st St.
Rawlins, WY	Laramie, WY	Saratoga, WY

Maintaining Your Air Conditioner

Annual maintenance can help improve your comfort and the efficiency of your air conditioner while prolonging the life of your unit. Hire a certified professional when your unit needs more than basic maintenance.

- 1 Routinely replace or clean your air filters. This can lower your air conditioner's energy consumption by 5-15 percent.
- 2 Check your air conditioner's evaporator coil every year and clean it as necessary.
- 3 If your coil fins are bent, use a "fin comb" to straighten them.
- 4 If you have a split system, be sure to clean debris and leaves from the fan, compressor, and condenser.
- 5 Occasionally pass a stiff wire through your unit's drain channels to prevent clogs.
- 6 For window air conditioners, inspect the window seals to keep cool air from escaping.

Source: Department of Energy



If you find your name in *asterisks* in this newsletter, contact Carbon Power & Light to receive a \$10 credit on your electric bill.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Periodically inspect your dryer vent to ensure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire. Manufacturers recommend using a rigid venting material - not plastic vents that may collapse and cause blockages.

Source: energy.gov
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MAY - SEPTEMBER
Monday - Thursday ≈ 7 AM - 5:30 PM

OCTOBER - APRIL
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