



# Carbon Light Lines

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SHAE JOHNSON  
District 2 Director

Board Actions  
JUNE 2020

CONGRATULATIONS!

Winners!



Ron and Joyce Garrettson were the winners of the electric lawnmower donated by Tri-State G & T.

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved Capital Credit Retirement for \$1,010,426.39.

Approved Director Clifton as the Albany County and Director Johnson as the Carbon County fair buyers.

Approved Tri-State Delegate for virtual Annual Meeting





# Member-Owned Service - Proud



[ RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER ]



Carbon Power & Light was the victim of a Ransomware attack! Some of our PCs and servers were rendered useless without reconstruction. Thanks to Cindy, our in house all things IT person, we were able to minimize our cost from this attack. We still lost some individual files.

**After the news of the attack being shared, here is the good news, no Member-Owner information was compromised. We use a vendor for billing and all Member-Owner data is safe with them and was not impacted at all.**

The bad news is that not all of the recovery efforts are covered by our cyber security insurance and I estimate that the non-covered activities will cost our Cooperative approximately \$10,000. I never anticipated as your General Manager that I would talk to the Wyoming Public Service Commission, Department of Homeland Security, Wyoming Department of Criminal Investigation and the FBI all in the same day.

We are providing anything that would help any of them reduce the chances of there being more victims in the future.

How we were targeted: the perpetrator's sent hundreds of emails to all of our employees with an infective attachment and an invitation to open it. Even though we all have been warned against this activity someone felt confident it was legitimate or was just distracted enough to open the attachment. Just like that you're a victim.

Cyber security is everyone's responsibility and it is not always an attack on your computer system or device. Sometimes the attack is just to proliferate a virus that is more annoying than disruptive. In our case they wanted bitcoin. We did not pay any ransom and after a couple of weeks of inconvenience Cindy has us almost back to normal.

Remember if you are not 100% sure that attachment is safe don't open it!

As always if you have questions, comments, or concerns please contact us.



# Congratulations Skip Voss!!



Photo of CP&L's Skip Voss left & Kirby Larson middle taken by Joe Parrie

**Skip Voss**, an employee with Carbon Power & Light, Inc. has successfully completed one of the world's most comprehensive training programs for power line personnel. The Merchant Job Training and Safety Program is administered to line personnel in 40 states throughout the United States. Skip and the support staff with Carbon Power & Light can be proud of their accomplishment. Each utility has an acting Training Coordinator assisting their Trainees by administering "closed book" testing. The coordinators manage their own people throughout the training process from rules set by the MJTS and the statewide association.

**Congratulations** to Skip Voss, who can look forward to a very rewarding career.

Member Statistics Report	June 2019	June 2020
<b>Financial</b>		
Total Utility Plant	\$46,634,390	\$48,166,373
Cost of Purchase Power	\$606,276	\$543,459
Expenses Less Power Cost	\$467,045	\$522,556
Tax & Interest Paid	\$59,022	\$64,205
Interest Received on Investments	\$8,989	\$21,125
<b>Energized Line &amp; Consumers</b>		
Miles of Energized Line	1,970	1,980
Consumers Per Mile	3.2	3.2
<b>Meters</b>		
Total Meters	6,342	6,395
Residential/Rural	5,164	5,222
Irrigation	51	53
Large Power/Commercial	1,070	1,070
Other	57	50
<b>kWh Usage</b>		
Total kWh	8,119,017	6,992,236
Residential/Rural	2,533,311	2,456,931
Irrigation	588,124	660,370
Large Power/Commercial	4,827,188	2,447,720
Other	170,394	144,015
<b>Averages</b>		
Avg. Residential kWh Used	490	470
Avg. Residential/Rural Bill	\$89	\$87

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](mailto:info@carbonpower.com).

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

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## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Spending more time at home? Try an online energy audit to assess the overall efficiency of your home. Visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov), then enter "home energy yardstick" in the search box to get started!

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