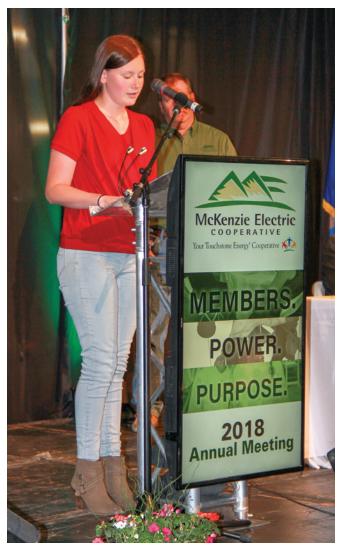


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2018 Youth Tour recipient **Theresa Olson** reflects on her recent trip to Washington, D.C. Theresa expressed her gratitude to the members of McKenzie Electric Cooperative for sponsoring the trip.



Cale Gressman thanks the MEC membership after accepting a \$1,000 Basin Electric Power Cooperative scholarship.



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MEC implemented a new electronic registration process.





A BIG thank you to the McKenzie County 4-H families for the wonderful meal.



Betty Kummer, McKenzie Electric Cooperative's \$1,000 grand prize winner.



Recognizing our dedicated staff



35 YEARS
Lynette Hansen



10 YEARS
Jim Hansen



10 YEARSColt Rangen



5 YEARS Karl Aaker



5 YEARS Zane Frick



5 YEARSMatt Preszler





<u>**5 YEARS**</u> Josh Knowles



5 YEARSNolan Kalberer



<u>5 YEARS</u> Hayes Feilmeier



5 YEARSJustin Bentz



<u>1 YEAR</u> Eric Hellandsaas

May you all be proud of the work you do, the person you are and the difference you make.





Thank you to Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative for sharing the safety trailer expo.



Thank you,
Wolf Pup
caregivers,
for watching
members'
children while
they get to
enjoy the
meeting.





Do you have money waiting for you?

The following people have capital credit checks for which we do not have a current address. Please notify us if you have a current address for any of these people, or if you are entitled to the capital credits in the case of an estate. Information must be received by Nov. 30, 2018, to McKenzie Electric, P.O. Box 649, Watford City, ND 58854 or call toll-free 800-584-9239 or 701-444-9288. In December 2018, checks will be reissued with the updated information for the eligible members.

Amoco Pipeline Trucking Anderson, Susan Anheluk, Bob Astral Co. LLC Bad Hawk, Emily Baker, Leonard Bell, Adrianna Bellet, Les Benson, Lois Blekestad, Twila Borstad, Jerry Brown, Jim Candrian, Kevin Carttier, Kip Chapin, Beaulah Costilla Energy Inc. Cox, Robert L. Crutcher, Michael Dillard, James C. Dohrmann, Josh Dubray, Pernell Dubray, Rhonda Duckett, Delores Duvall, Desri Dvirnak, Elmer

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for reservations and provide the discount code (Touch2018) to receive your savings.

BOARD 0F **DIRECTORS**

Board report



Thompson





Kershisnik





Nahlstrom







June 26, 2018

The regular meeting of the McKenzie Electric Board of Directors was held at the Headquarters Building in Watford City, North Dakota. Directors present were: Clayton Monsen, Travis Thompson, Rondee Hanna, Cameron Wahlstrom, Ken Sanford, Chris Link, Tim Wasem, Ray Tescher and Stephan Kershisnik. CEO John Skurupey, Attorney Dennis Johnson and staff personnel of McKenzie Electric were also present.

PRELIMINARIES: The agenda for the meeting and minutes of the previous board meeting were approved by the Board of Directors. Expenses were also approved. The Board considered donation requests with no action taken.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSIONS: The Board and management discussed member concerns which had arisen from their director districts.

ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS:

Director Tim Wasem reported there was no North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDaREC) meeting on which to report. The Board appointed John Skurupey as delegate to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Region 5&6 meeting. The Board cast their ballot in the Rural Electric Supply Company (RESCO) director election.

POWER SUPPLY: Director Travis Thompson reported on the Upper Missouri board meeting. Director Ray Tescher reported on the Mid-West Electric Consumers Association board meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Dennis Johnson discussed and reviewed proposed bylaw amendments. Johnson also suggested consideration of a new policy.

CEO REPORT: CEO John Skurupey reported on several items including member visits and their discussions. The Board approved a budget deviation to purchase a smart meter testing box to aid with meter testing in the field.

HUMAN RESOURCES: The Board reviewed the written report noting recent staffing changes. Other administrative issues were shared with the Board.

OFFICE REPORT: Financial and statistical reports for May were reviewed with the Board along with a budget-to-date comparison, the capital projects report and the comparative cash report. The Board discussed investment products and interest rates along with a strategic discussion of future cash needs. The Board also approved special capital credit retirements as presented.

ENGINEERING REPORT: An update was given on the building warranty work and landscaping items. Board and management discussed hazard recognition, transmission line improvements and county road move projects. Updates were provided on system outages, potential new loads, substations, SCADA, metering, meter data management, engineering consulting, demand waiver periods, cyber security and reclosures.

OPERATIONS/CONTRACT **MANAGEMENT/SAFETY REPORT:**

Written reports provided updates on projects currently being worked on by MEC contractors and a work order progress report. Several transmission maintenance items, due to recent storms, have been completed. The 4-Bears area and west of the old Halliday substation area have been converted to 14.4KV. MEC crews are also busy working on a blinking lights issue, outages, maintenance projects, work orders, meter changes, conversions, retirements and high loads. The written safety report was reviewed by the Board.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

COORDINATOR: An update was given on NERC (North American Electric Reliability Corporation) compliance activities. MEC was rated a low risk

with regard to Bulk Electric System facilities as a result of an inherent risk assessment. A member line removal issue was discussed with the Board. An update was also given on Member Service activities including a preliminary annual meeting report.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting date was set for July 25, 2018, at the Watford City Headquarters building.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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