



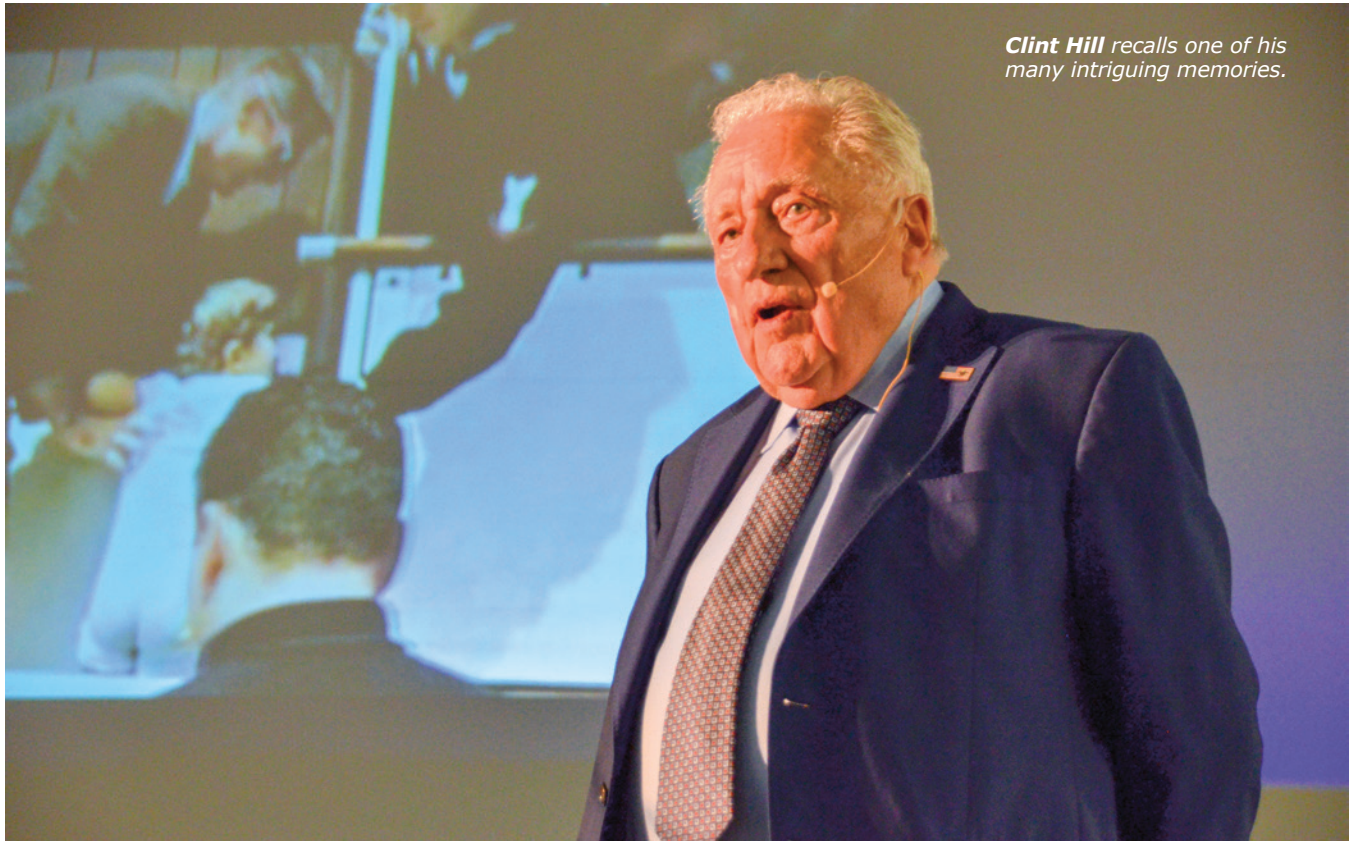
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Clint Hill recalls one of his many intriguing memories.

Clint Hill gives co-op members front-row seat to history

BY KRISTA RAUSCH

Nov. 22, 1963. It was a sunny day in Dallas, Texas. Crowds lined the streets along a 10-mile motorcade, hoping to catch a glimpse of the 35th president of the United States. As they passed, President John F. Kennedy and First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy waved at the crowd from

the back seat of a Lincoln Continental four-door convertible.

“The crowds grew as we went into downtown (Dallas),” recalls Clint Hill, a former Secret Service agent who was assigned to protect Mrs. Kennedy. “They got larger and larger and larger.”

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When a gunshot rang out, Hill ran from the car immediately behind the presidential limousine and leapt onto the accelerating convertible.

"I saw the president grab his throat, and he started to fall onto his wife. I knew then it was a gunshot. So, I left my position and ran toward the presidential vehicle. At that time, there was a second gunshot, but I didn't even hear it (because of the motor noise)," Hill says.

As he approached the presidential vehicle, there was a third shot.

"It erupted above the (president's) right ear. And I mean erupted, because portions of his skull were still attached. His scalp had flipped open, and out of that hole came blood, bone fragments and brain tissue. And, it got all over the car, all over Mrs. Kennedy and all over me. As I was trying to get up on the car, Mrs. Kennedy came up on the trunk to try to grab some of that material. She got a hold of some of it, and she put it in the palm of her hand. I grabbed her and put her in the back seat."

As they raced to the hospital, Clint positioned himself on the back of the car to protect the Kennedys and Texas Gov. John Connally and his wife, Nellie. When they arrived, a devastated Mrs. Kennedy wouldn't let go of her husband.

"I said, 'Please, Mrs. Kennedy, let us help the president!' I got no response at all. So, I pleaded again, 'Please, Mrs. Kennedy, let us help the president!' I realized she wasn't going



Clint Hill answers one of Lisa McCubbin's questions regarding his experience in the Secret Service.

to let go unless I did something," Hill says. "I knew that she was very concerned about how he looked, because it was terrible. So, I took my suit coat off, and I covered his head and upper back. She let go, and we lifted him up and put him on a gurney. They took him into the emergency room and into Trauma Room 1. Immediately, doctors rushed in. At one point, I counted 17. They were trying to do anything they could to revive the president, but there was nothing they could do."

Hill is the last surviving person who rode in the presidential limousine to Parkland Hospital. He recalled that fateful day as he spoke to more than 500 members, their families and

Service awards 2018

Last Name	First Name	Years
Monson	Reese	5 years
Moe	Mason	5 years
Vashus	Kisty	5 years
Knudsvig	Jeanne	5 years
Svaleson	Christine	5 years
Currier	Jonathon	5 years
Holm	Jasmin	5 years
Vournas	Alex	5 years
Axelson	Luanne	5 years
Arndt	Cole	10 years
Rehak	Jerry	10 years
Jessen	Kyle	10 years
Fladeland	Dusty	10 years
Hawkinson	Kirk	15 years
Monger	Rick	15 years
Swensrud	Darin	25 years
Telehey	Mark	30 years

Board of directors

Jorgenson	Blaine	12 years
Grant	Bob	36 years
Hartsoch	Cheryl	21 years

FAST FACTS

Here are a few "fast facts" from this year's annual meeting:

- A total of 7,967 member notices were mailed
 - West District = 3,825
 - Central District = 1,788
 - East District = 2,354
- 525 members registered at the 2018 annual meeting in Williston. Last year, nearly 450 members registered.
- MWEC remains financially strong. In 2017, the co-op saw a \$21 million, or 9.5 percent, increase in operating revenue and a \$23 million increase in assets. The accounting firm of Eide Bailly LLP conducted an annual review and the co-op received a clean audit opinion.
- Operation Round Up contributions for 12 months, ending May 2018
 - Mountrail Cooperative Trust - \$8,850
 - Williams Cooperative Trust - \$11,975
 - Total \$20,825

guests at Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative's (MWEC) annual meeting June 7 in Williston.

"It was an honor to have Clint Hill speak at this year's annual meeting," says MWEC General Manager Dale Haugen. "Hill served his nation and its presidents well, and it was a privilege to hear his firsthand account of some of the biggest moments in our nation's history."

Most known for his notable act of bravery on that tragic day, Hill served under five U.S. presidents. But, long before he served our nation, Hill was a young boy growing up on the plains of North Dakota.

Hill was born in Larimore Jan. 4, 1932. Unable to care for her child, his mother baptized him and left him on the doorstep of the North Dakota Children's Home in Fargo. A few weeks later, Chris and Jennie Hill adopted him. He grew up in Washburn in a humble home. Long before his career in the U.S. Secret Service, he dreamed of teaching history and coaching athletics. But, that changed when he was drafted to serve in the U.S. Army.

"They trained me to be a special agent in counterintelligence," Hill says. "I really liked what I was doing. I loved the investigation work. So, I decided to see if I could find a civilian position that fit with what I wanted to do. I found the Secret Service – which, at the time, only had 269 agents in the entire organization – was the place that really fit most. And fortunately, within about a year, I was accepted."

In December 1959, after only a year with the Secret Service, he was assigned to the elite White House detail protecting President Dwight Eisenhower. He went on to protect the family of President Kennedy, President Lyndon B. Johnson, President Richard Nixon and President Gerald Ford, witnessing many of our nation's most historic events as they unfolded. He watched as Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in. He attended the funeral of Martin Luther King Jr. He was one of the first to learn about the Watergate break-in. And, he stood by as President Nixon resigned.

Hill shared stories and photographs from the White House, aboard Air Force One and abroad, as he spoke to a packed room at the Upper Missouri Valley Fairgrounds. Some tragic, others heartwarming, these stories gave attendees an inside look into the lives of our nation's presidents and a first-row seat to history.

Through his photographs and firsthand accounts, Hill has finally fulfilled his childhood dream and become a history teacher.

Lisa McCubbin joined Hill at the MWEC annual meeting. McCubbin is an award-winning journalist, with whom Hill co-wrote three books: "Five Presidents: My Extraordinary Journey with Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon and Ford," "Mrs. Kennedy and Me" and "Five Days in November." Hill credits Lisa McCubbin with helping him "find a reason to live, not just exist." ■



Overview of the Agri-Sports Complex at the Upper Missouri Valley Fairgrounds where the 2018 MWEC annual meeting was held.

Mountrail-Williams hosts 2018 annual meeting

Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative (MWEC) member-owners packed the room at the co-op's annual meeting on June 7. Held at the Agri-Sports Complex at the Upper Missouri Valley Fairgrounds in Williston, the event drew more than

520 members and their families. The co-op served hot meals to about 1,000 who were in attendance. Each registered member also received a \$100 account credit.

Board Chairman Roger Sorenson and General Manager Dale Haugen oversaw the business meeting.

During the meeting, the membership re-elected Blaine Jorgenson (District 1B), Cheryl Hartsoch (District 2B) and Robert Grant (District 3B) to serve on MWEC's board of directors. All three candidates ran unopposed. ■



Left to right: **Martin Dahl**, RDFC; **David Sigloh**, RDFC; Mayor **Daniel Uran**, New Town; **Darrin Sand**, Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative; and **Terry Wilber**, Reservation Telephone Cooperative.



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Loans help improve quality of life in New Town

The city of New Town has broken ground on two projects that will help improve the quality of life of its residents, thanks in part to two \$250,000 community capital loans provided by the Rural Development Finance Corporation (RDFC). Loan dollars will be used to build a new volunteer fire station and a water park for children.

"These community capital loans are an example of RDFC's commitment to help rural communities thrive," says RDFC President David Sigloh. "Founded in 1994 by North Dakota's rural electric and telecommunications cooperatives, RDFC is proud to assist with important community projects that help save lives and improve the quality of life in the places where we live, work and play. Support from member cooperatives, such as Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative and Reservation Telephone Cooperative, helps ensure funding is available for these projects."

The New Town Volunteer Fire Department serves the city of New Town and portions of McKenzie and Mountrail counties. Each year, the department receives about 200 calls for service. The new fire hall will make it easier for the department's 25 firefighters to train for and respond to emergency situations. It will also allow for the purchase and storage of a new ladder truck.

"The building will have four bedrooms, a fitness center, a kitchen and a public commons area," says Training Officer Thomas Nash, New Town Volunteer Fire Department. "The bedrooms will allow firefighters to stay at the station, which will result in a quicker response. While other on-call firefighters are traveling to the station or getting suited up, those who stayed at the station can be on scene, assessing the situation and determining the best response."

The 13,358-square-foot fire hall will also have three drive-through bays and enough room to house 10 emergency vehicles.

Construction is also underway on the New Town Water Park, which will include an outdoor pool, splash pad and bathhouse. The community hasn't had a swimming pool for almost 10 years.

"Our pool failed on us a few years ago, and we had to tear it out," says New Town Mayor Dan Uran. "Now, we want to get positive things back for our kids. By providing positive activities for our kids, we hope to help guide them in the right direction."

Nash hopes the water park will help bring people together and provide a better sense of community.

"(My nieces and nephews) are very excited," Nash says. "They can't wait to get in there. They can't wait to swim!"

To fund the projects, the city has approved a 1 percent sales tax with 0.5 percent dedicated to fund each project. The city will use the 1 percent sales tax revenue, which will be collected over the next 10 years, to repay the \$500,000 in community capital loans. Both projects are expected to be completed in 2019.

Founded in 1994 by North Dakota's rural electric and telecommunications cooperatives, the Rural Development Finance Corporation (RDFC) is a nonprofit corporation that encourages economic diversification and community vitality through the generation of funding that supports sustainable asset building. Funding for RDFC programs comes from fee income generated by Dakotas America LLC, a community development entity providing New Market Tax Credits in economically distressed census tracts across the United States. Support is provided by the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives. ■



You're Invited!

MWEC is celebrating its Open House and cornerstone to our success with our members and the community.

Join us for Hors D'oeuvres and a tour of MWEC's exciting new facilities.

We look forward to seeing you!



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Open House

10/04/2018

11:00AM-7:00PM

MWEC Headquarters

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Williston, ND 58801***

5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Always call 8-1-1 first, because you never know what's below. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

Source: call811.com

1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before you start.



2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for a response to your request. Affected utilities will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.



3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded by comparing the markers to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. They are your guide for the duration of your project.



5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project.



TIME FOR AUTUMN CHORES!

As the autumn air turns crisp, it's time to make sure your home's air leaks are sealed properly to keep winter winds away. Here, Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative shares information on properly sealing air leaks.

TIPS FOR SEALING AIR LEAKS

- Test your home for air tightness.
- Caulk and weatherstrip doors and windows that leak air.
- Caulk and seal air leaks where plumbing, ducting or electrical wiring comes through walls, floors, ceilings and soffits over cabinets.
- Install foam gaskets behind outlet and switch plates on walls.
- Inspect dirty spots in your insulation for air leaks and mold. Seal leaks with low-expansion spray foam made for this purpose and install house flashing if needed.
- Look for dirty spots on your ceiling paint and carpet, which may indicate air leaks at interior wall/ceiling joints and wall/floor joists, and caulk them.
- Cover single-pane windows with storm windows or replace them with more efficient double-pane low-emissivity windows.
- Use foam sealant on larger gaps around windows, baseboards and other places where air may leak out.
- Cover your kitchen exhaust fan to stop air leaks when not in use.
- Check your dryer vent to be sure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire.
- Replace door bottoms and thresholds with ones that have pliable sealing gaskets.
- Keep the fireplace flue damper tightly closed when not in use.
- Seal air leaks around fireplace chimneys, furnaces and gas-fired water heater vents with fire-resistant materials.

COMMON CAULKING COMPOUNDS

Caulk Type	Recommended Uses	Cleanup	Shrinkage	Adhesion	Comments
Silicone	Seals most dissimilar building materials such as wood, stone, vinyl, metal flashing and brick	Immediately with dry cloth and mineral spirits or naphtha	Little or none	Good to excellent	Permits joints to stretch or compress. Will stick to painted surfaces, but paint will not adhere to most cured silicones.
Polyurethane, expandable spray foam	Expands when curing. Good for larger cracks. Use in non-friction areas, because foam becomes dry and powdery over time.	Immediately with solvent such as lacquer thinner	None; expands quite a bit	Good to excellent	Quickly expands to fit larger, irregularly shaped gaps. Flexible. Can be applied at variable temperatures. Must be painted for exterior use to protect from ultraviolet radiation.
Water-based spray foam	Around window and door frames in new construction or remodeling projects; smaller cracks	Water	None; expands only 25%	Good to excellent	Takes 24 hours to cure to a soft consistency. Will not overexpand to bend window frames. Must be exposed to air to dry. Not useful for larger gaps, as curing becomes difficult.
Butyl rubber	Seals most dissimilar materials such as glass, metal, plastic, wood and concrete. Seals around windows and flashing; bonds loose shingles	Mineral spirits or naphtha	5%-30%	Good	Lasts 10 or more years. Resilient, but not brittle. Can be painted after one week. Variable shrinkage may require two applications. Does not adhere well to painted surfaces.
Oil or resin-based	Seals exterior seams and joints on almost all building	Mineral spirits or naphtha	10%-20%	Good	Low cost. Rope and tube forms available. Oils dry out and cause material to harden and fall out. Low durability; lasts 1-4 years. Poor adhesion to porous surfaces such as masonry. Should be painted. Limited temperature range.

ABCS OF CAULKING AIR LEAKS

Caulk is a flexible material used to seal air leaks through cracks, gaps or joints less than 1/4-inch wide. For components that move – doors and operable windows, for example – weatherstripping is the appropriate material.

Before caulking air leaks in an existing home, you

will need to detect the leaks and assess your ventilation needs to ensure adequate indoor air quality. In addition to sealing air leaks, caulking can also prevent water damage inside and outside of the home when applied around faucets, ceiling fixtures, water pipes, drains, bathtubs and other plumbing fixtures.

SELECTING CAULKING

Most caulking compounds come in disposable cartridges that fit in half-barrel caulking guns (if possible, purchase one with an automatic release). Some pressurized cartridges do not require caulking guns.

When deciding how much caulking to purchase, consider that you'll probably need a half-cartridge per window or door and four cartridges for the foundation

sill of an average home. Caulking compounds can also be found in aerosol cans, squeeze tubes and ropes for small jobs or special applications.

Caulking compounds vary in strength, properties and prices. Water-based caulk can be cleaned with water, while solvent-based compounds require a solvent for cleanup.

APPLYING CAULK

Although not a high-tech operation, caulking can be tricky. Read and follow the instructions on the compound cartridge, and remember these tips:

- For good adhesion, clean all areas to be caulked. Remove any old caulk and paint. Make sure the area is dry so you don't seal in moisture.
- Apply caulk to all joints in a window frame and the joint between the frame and the wall.
- Hold the gun at a consistent angle. Forty-five degrees is best for getting deep into the crack. You know you've got the right angle when the caulk is immediately forced into the crack as it comes out of the tube.
- Caulk in one straight continuous stream, if possible. Avoid stops and starts.
- Make sure the caulk sticks to both sides of a crack or seam.
- Release the trigger before pulling the gun away to avoid applying too much caulking compound. A caulking gun with an automatic release makes this much easier.
- If caulk oozes out of a crack, use a putty knife to push it back in.
- Don't skimp. If the caulk shrinks, reapply it to form a smooth bead that will seal the crack completely.



June 28, 2018

Directors present: Grant, Hartsoch, Johnson, Lynne, Jorgenson, Lalim, Ludwig, Lahtinen and Sorenson.

Directors absent: None.

Others present: Manager Haugen, in-house counsel Johnson Ellis, attorney Foust and staff members.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. The agenda was approved as presented. Minutes of the May 30 board meeting were corrected to correctly state Director Jorgenson was not in attendance at a Basin Electric Power Cooperative board meeting and the minutes were approved as corrected.

SEATING OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Manager Haugen reviewed Article 4, Section 1 and 2 of the cooperative bylaws and recommended to Chairman Sorenson that the newly elected directors met qualifications. The board also watched a Federated education video concerning director duties and responsibilities. The new directors were asked if they knew and understood their duties and responsibilities and each indicated that they did.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: N.D.C.C. Chapter 1-15-31(1) regarding statutory protection from liability of directors was reviewed with the board.

In-house counsel Johnson Ellis provided an update on a landowner settlement. She also explained the cooperative may be named as a defendant in certain foreclosure proceedings of members against whom the cooperative has a small collection judgment against.

Attorney Foust discussed a Missouri court case regarding cooperative trespass outside of easement areas and punitive damage awards.

OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REPORT: Jay Lux presented the operating report for the year to date and for May. The total margins and capital credits for the year to date was \$12,670,819. OTIER is 2.82; MDSC is 2.54; cooperative equity is 23.8 percent; and SPP equity is 34.8 percent.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT/WORK ORDER CLOSEOUTS:

The board approved the closeout of the following special equipment/work orders:

Closeout 707 \$2,809.97
Closeout 708 \$18,223.86
TOTAL \$21,033.83

BAD DEBTS: The board approved the transfer of \$1,957.14 from accounts receivable to bad debts. Efforts will continue to collect these sums including the retention of capital credits.

CAPITAL CREDIT RETIREMENTS: The board approved the retirement of the

following capital credit accounts for the month of June:

Sharon Alexander estate
Gerhard Huebner estate
Earl Schmaus estate
Cleo Lee estate
Dollie Lindberg estate
Neil Bohmbach estate
Merle Almer estate
Donald Marmon estate
Dakota Heart estate

MANAGER'S REPORT:

SAFETY – Manager Haugen reviewed the cooperative's safety program. He emphasized that the cooperative must continue to focus on safety and ensure that policies and procedures are being implemented. Manager Haugen stressed how important safety is and the board reviewed materials to further those efforts.

The in-house safety meeting minutes were made available. There was one electric contact from a non-cooperative employee. No injuries were reported from the incident.

RELIABILITY AND OUTAGE REPORT – The reliability and outage report was made available.

POST ANNUAL MEETING RECAP – The board discussed the annual meeting and ways it can be improved in the future. The growth of the annual meeting in recent years has presented challenges to find space to hold the annual meeting, especially in Mountrail County. Next year, the annual meeting is tentatively scheduled for the first Thursday in June to be held in New Town.

MWEC BUILDING UPDATE – Jerry Rehak gave an update on the move of the servers into the new building, which was completed in June. Security in the new building has started now that the servers have been moved and are operating out of the new building.

MISCELLANEOUS – The cooperative has been approached to participate in community/rural development projects. As more plans are developed for these community/rural development businesses, the board will consider the offers.

The board discussed the proposed Aurora Wind Project which would be built northwest of Tioga.

MEMBER CONCERNS – A letter from a member concerned with the cooperative's deposit policy was read aloud and discussed by the board.

MEETING REPORTS:

UPPER MISSOURI POWER

COOPERATIVE – Director Jorgenson discussed the June meeting and talked about the May billing validation and load management. He also explained the demand waiver – a schedule of hours where coincidental peak cannot occur. Director Jorgenson reported the A&G Rate Formula was approved and

noted that he was not in favor of the rate formula.

Director Jorgenson was appointed voting delegate and Director Ludwig was appointed alternate delegate from District 8 to vote for the selection of a nominee to the Basin Electric board of directors.

North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC) – Director Grant reported on the NDAREC executive meeting he attended in Minot as well as various annual meetings he attended throughout the state. He also attended the NDAREC 2018 Industry Update and discussed where electric cooperatives fit into the electric vehicle industry.

Rural Development Finance Corporation (RDFC) – Director Grant reported that RDFC has received requests from possible new members and also discussed grant requests and the approval of three new loans.

Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) – Director Sorenson gave a report on the 2018 CFC Forum. Running fiber optic to rural areas was a big area of discussion at this year's conference.

RESCO – The ballot for 2018 board election was cast.

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association – The board was reminded the Region VI was still open for registration.

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

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