

DECEMBER 2017



Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

WILLISTON
577-3765

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628-2242

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS
from your MWEC board of directors



Making a donation are **Warren Sundet** (Upper Missouri Relay chairperson), **Peggy Sundet** (Upper Missouri Relay committee member), **Jessica George** (MWEC public relations and communications coordinator) and Willie Wiredhand.

MWEC shining a light on the fight against cancer

Since 1948, Co-op Month has been celebrated each October. This year, Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative (MWEC) decided to have a “Thank Que” barbecue at each of its three locations for its members. In addition to Co-op Month, October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month, so MWEC wore shirts to shine a “light” on the fight against cancer. A donation was made to the American Cancer Society for each person wearing pink. A total of \$500 was donated. Thank you to all our members for your continued support!



CAPITAL CREDIT RETIREMENT

The following people had 2017 capital credit checks returned to Mountrail-Williams Electric due to no forwarding address. If you know the address or status of any of the following people, please notify Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative, P.O. BOX 1346 Williston, ND 58802 or P.O. BOX 129, Stanley, ND 58784 or call 701-628-2242, 701-577-3765 or 800-279-2667.

Name	Last known address	Name	Last known address
Abdallah, Pat	New Town	McFarland, Joseph & Stephanie	Rifle, Colo.
Almer, Mitchell & Brandy	Tioga	Meuchel, Lisa & John	Williston
Amsbaugh, Terry & Lana	Minot	Midway Junction	
Arellano, Juanita	New Town	c/o Penny Conradsen	Williston
Bakken, Troy	Williston	Miller, Jason	Coleharbor
Bateman, Yvette	New Town	Morris, Ronald	Williston
Bearstail, John & Joelle	Bismarck	Morsette, Joran	New Town
Biffert, Brad	Bismarck	Murphy Oil USA	Columbus, Ohio
Bintliff, Mitch	Rapid City, S.D.	Nomee, Amanda	New Town
Bjorge, Valarie	Bainville, Mont.	Northrop, Nancy	New Town
Bosch, Alexis	Bismarck	Old West Oil Field Services LLC	Grand Junction, Colo.
Braaten, Angela & Jeffery	Williston	Oyloe, Preston	Corsicana, Texas
Brown, Effie	Williston	Paulsen, Kevin	Williston
Brown, Lucas & Ashley	Valley City	Pauper Industries Inc.	Lambert, Mont.
Bruce, Jamie	New Town	Penrod, James	Rozet, Wyo.
Bunnell, George & Charlotte	Mandan	Pluid, Angie	Williston
Coppe, Mark & Kathleen	Spearfish, S.D.	Pure Energy Services USA	Englewood, Colo.
Crude Processing Inc.	Williston	Sanjel USA Inc.	Denver, Colo.
Cummings, Jason	New Town	Saulbeamer, Thomas	Lake Charles, La.
DC Inc.	Williston	Schaff, Laura	Bismarck
Desautel, Kim & Wayne	New Town	Schneider, Margaret	Lynn Haven, Fla.
Dye, Kathy	New Town	Shackelford, Jerry	Williston
Fast Dog, Karrie	New Town	Six Buckle Trucking	Halliday
Fox, Laura	New Town	Smith, Rodney	Zahl
Gabbert, Megan	Billings, Mont.	Stevenson, Aaron	New Town
Gaddy, Austin & April	Arnduaville, La.	Stoner, Rebecca & Luther	Williston
Good Bird, Eleanore	New Town	Thompson, Wendi	Powers Lake
Hale, Jamie R.	Bismarck	Trisch, John	Clarkston, Wash.
Hammer, Alyssa	Williston	Urban, Lawrence c/o Grant Archer	Williston
Hettinger LLC	Paramus, N.J.	Urbatsch, K.D. & Jane	Williston
Hiatt, Jon & Brenda	Tioga	Walker, Coya & Michael	New Town
Johnson, Sandra	Towner	Wehrman, Derek & Danielle	Williston
Karpyak, Bryon & Johnson, Donna	Williston	Whitebody, Angelo	New Town
Key, Pamela	Sartell, Minn.	White Owl, Laura	New Town
La Rue, Margaret	Stanley	Yardy, Heather	New Town
Lunde, Carter	Minot	Yellow Wolf, Thomas	New Town
MacMillian, Lou-Ann & Scot	Regina, Canada	Young Wolf, Kenny	New Town
Martinez, Peggy	Williston	Zaste, William	Williston
		Zastrow, Jim	Kirby, Wyo.



MWEC accepting applications for scholarship program

Each year, Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative (MWEC) gives one, \$1,000 scholarship to a dependent of a member. Basin Electric Power Cooperative, our power generation cooperative, provides the funds to all of its member co-ops.

Applicants must be high school seniors enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time course of study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/

technical school.

Scholarship recipients will be chosen based on a combination of SAT/ACT scores and overall grade point average, work experience, participation in school and community activities, a personal statement of career goals, a written recommendation by a third party and an essay on the topic, "Describe how a cooperative can build a culture to best serve its members."

Applications are available

at www.mwec.com, at any of our three locations, or by emailing jessicam@mwec.com

All applications must be submitted no later than **Feb. 21, 2018**, to:

**Mountrail-Williams
Electric Cooperative
Attn: Jessica George
P.O. Box 1346
Williston, ND 58802**

-or-
jessicam@mwec.com ■

WRITE A WINNING ESSAY AND WIN A TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

JUNE 9-15, 2018

AN ALL-EXPENSE-PAID TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

- To enter the essay-writing contest, you must be a sophomore or junior in high school.
- You and your parents or guardian must be served by Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative.
- If you have a question, contact Jessica George, Mountrail-Williams Electric, at the address listed below, or call 701-577-3765 during regular business hours.
- The deadline is **Jan. 31, 2018**. Emailed entries should be directed to jessicam@mwec.com, and hard-copy entries mailed to: Youth Tour Essay Contest, Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 1346, Williston, ND 58802-1346.

TOP 3 REASONS

TO ENTER THE ESSAY-WRITING CONTEST

1. All-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., compliments of Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative.
2. A whole week to visit unforgettable historic monuments, museums and the U.S. Capitol.
3. A learning experience you'll never forget.

ESSAY QUESTION:

There are approximately 20 million military veterans in the United States today. How shall fellow U.S. citizens honor and look after these veterans, who have served and sacrificed on our behalf? Describe any special connection you may have to a veteran or active-duty member of the military.



CHECK OUT THE ESSAY-CONTEST GUIDELINES AT
www.ndyouthtour.com



PREVENTION:

It's the gift that keeps on giving

Between 2009–2013, U.S. fire departments responded to an annual average of **860 home structure fires** that began with **holiday decorations** and an additional 210 home structure fires that began with Christmas trees according to the **National Fire Protection Association**.

CO AND SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES.

Install CO and Smoke Alarms on every level of your home, in every bedroom, and outside each sleeping area.

Be sure to test the alarms once a month and change the batteries yearly.



Happy Holidays

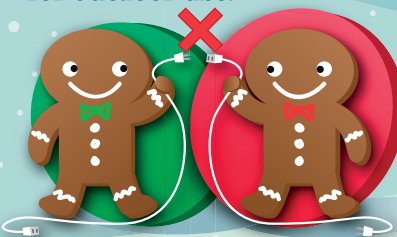
PREVENTION IS...

keeping decorations, or any other **flammable items** at least **3 ft** away from open flame and heat sources.



PREVENTION IS...

ensuring multiple **extension cords** are **never strung together** or run under rugs, carpets or furniture. And making sure those used **outdoors** are labeled "for outdoor use."



PREVENTION IS...

never leaving a **space heater** unattended and **turning it off** when you're leaving a room or going to sleep, and not letting **pets** or **children** play too close to a space heater.



PREVENTION IS...

inspecting all decorations to ensure they do not have any **frayed or pinched wires** and discarding any **worn decorations**.



PREVENTION IS...

never leaving cooking equipment **unattended** and **turning off burners** if you have to leave the room.



PREVENTION IS...

watering Christmas Trees daily and **discarding trees** when they are dry and begin **dropping needles**.



LIGHT YOUR HOLIDAYS WITH LEDS

The winter holiday season has officially begun, and with it comes the frenzy of decorating, holiday gatherings and gift buying. Don't let your energy-saving efforts fall by the wayside amid all the festivities.

This holiday, light up your home with LED lights. In addition to being sturdier and more resistant to breakage, LED holiday lights also last longer and consume 70 percent less energy than conventional incandescent light strands. It only costs 27 cents to light a 6-foot tree for 12 hours a day for 40 days with LEDs, compared to \$10 for incandescent lights.

LED – or light-emitting diode – holiday lights are much more efficient than traditional incandescent lights. While the initial purchase price of LED light strings is higher,

consider the cost of running each type of light string for 12 hours per day for 40 days:

Type of light	Electricity cost *
Standard C-7 (125 bulbs, 4 watts each)	\$25.13
Mini incandescent lights (300 bulbs, 0.4 watts each)	\$6.03
LED holiday lights (280 bulbs, 0.04 watts each)	56 cents

**Assumes an electricity price of 10.5 cents per kilowatt-hour.
Source: U.S. Department of Energy*

LOOK FOR THE ENERGY STAR



Earning the Energy Star certification means the product meets strict energy efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Lighting products that have earned the Energy Star label deliver exceptional features, while using

less energy. Saving energy helps you save money on utility bills and protect the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Look for the Energy Star on decorative light strings:

- Use 75 percent less energy than conventional incandescent lights strands.
- Can last up to 10 times longer than traditional incandescent

strands, meaning fewer light string replacements.

- Are cool to the touch, reducing the risk of fire.
- Do not have moving parts, filaments or glass, so they are much more durable and shock-resistant than other light strings.
- Are available in a variety of colors, shapes and lengths.
- Come with a three-year warranty.
- Are independently tested to meet strict lifetime and electrical requirements.
- Products labeled for outdoor use are subjected to weathering tests.
- Some models deliver features such as dimming or color shifting.
- Provide the latest features and functionalities such as dimming and color shifting.

Unofficial minutes
of regular board meeting
Oct. 25, 2017

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

Directors absent: Lalim.

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Train ND building, Williston. Minutes of the Sept. 27, 2017, regular board meeting were approved as presented. An executive session was added to the agenda for the meeting, and the agenda was approved as amended.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: In-house counsel Johnson Ellis reported that the residential and commercial service and member applications may be updated, and a copy of the proposed updates were made available for the board's information.

In-house counsel Johnson Ellis and attorney Foust gave a progress update on the record title curative for the Osborn Substation land. They discussed the title defective in detail with the board, as well as possible steps that may need to be taken to cure the title defects.

OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REPORT: Jay Lux presented the operating report for the year to date and for the month of September. The total margins for the year to date is \$15,548,211.00. OTIER is 2.17; TIER is 2.37; MDSC is 2.12; equity is 30.71 percent and SPP equity is 33.70 percent.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT/WORK ORDER CLOSEOUTS: The board approved the closeout of the following special equipment/work order:

Closeout 679.....	\$252,508.90
Closeout 680.....	\$116,758.04
Closeout 681	\$1,503,275.35
TOTAL.....	\$1,872,542.29

CAPITAL CREDIT

RETIREMENTS: The board approved the retirement of the following capital credit accounts for October 2017:

Merrel Kjosen estate
Mary Blikre estate

Leleen Tiisto estate
Lorraine Vorderbruggen estate

MANAGER'S REPORT:

SPP SETTLEMENT UPDATE

- The parties have reached a comprehensive agreement subject to approval of the final offer of settlement.

SAFETY – Manager Haugen reported there was one vehicular accident in October. An internal investigation into the vehicular accident was conducted and measures have been taken to reduce the likelihood of similar accidents in the future. He also reported there were two theft incidents in October. The parties responsible for the thefts were reported to local law enforcement.

RELIABILITY AND OUTAGE REPORT – The reliability and outage report was made available. There were 139 outages in September.

MWEC BUILDING UPDATE
– The FCI meeting minutes and construction notes were made available.

MEETING REPORTS:

UMPC – The written general manager update for Oct. 20, 2017, from Upper Missouri Power Cooperative was made available.

NDAREC – Director Grant gave a report on the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC). The 2018 budget proposal and the written notes from NDAREC board meeting were made available. Director Grant also presented on the energy development and transmission meeting and the Great Plains and Power of North Dakota Conferences he attended. The board approved a motion for Director Grant to serve as NDAREC director and for Director Hartsoch to serve as alternate. The board also approved a motion for Director Lynne, Director Johnson, Director Hartsoch, Director Jorgenson, Director Ludwig, Director Lahtinen, Director Lalim and Director Grant to serve as voting delegates and for Dale Haugen and Chris Brostuen to serve as alternate voting delegates at the NDAREC annual meeting.

BASIN ELECTRIC POWER – The notice of annual meeting of members to be held Nov. 8-9, along with proposed written material for the annual meeting was provided. The summary of board of directors meeting held Oct. 10-11 and the October Basin Update were also made available.

Cooperative Finance Corporation
– The written report from the boardroom dated Oct. 12 was made available.

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association – Correspondence from the CEO of NRECA regarding membership dues was provided.

Information on registration for the Mid-West Electric Consumers Association annual meeting and for the NRECA board leadership No. 961 were provided.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The board broke for executive session to discuss management matters.

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

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Garrett Lalim	Director
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Dick Ludwig.....	Director
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