2020 Annual Meeting

Get ready for the Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, March 12th at the Fairgrounds, 655 E. 5th Street, in Powell. Annual meeting registration will begin at 5:00 p.m. Sandwiches and drinks will be served.

Election of Directors

This year, we have two directors whose terms are expiring: Jerry Thompson and Peggy Ruble. To run for this position, you must be nominated by someone at the annual meeting. Members may vote for a director in person or give their proxy to a member who will be at the meeting who can vote for them. Members will receive an annual meeting notice and proxy in the mail prior to the annual meeting. Each member at the meeting can hold up to 20 proxies.

Each member is entitled to one vote upon each matter submitted to a vote at the membership meeting and up to 20 proxies. If a husband or wife hold a joint membership, they are jointly entitled to one vote.

How does the Board work?

What is the function of the Board of Directors? A rural electric cooperative board, working within the established by-laws, manages the business and affairs of the corporation. These duties include, but are not limited to: strategic planning, writing policies, reviewing the budget, and entering into contracts. Board members also stay informed on current industry and legislative issues that may have an impact on the cooperative. The Board ensures the corporation shall at all times be operated on a non-profit basis for the mutual benefit of its patrons.

It is important for each Director to recognize, understand, and believe in the Seven Cooperative Principles: Voluntary and Open Membership, Democratic Member Control, Members’ Economic Participation, Autonomy and Independence, Education, Training, and Information, Cooperation Among Cooperatives, and Concern for Community. This set of core principles and values separates cooperatives from other business models by putting the needs of the members first.

Door prizes will be given away at the end of the meeting and you must be present to win. The grand prize this year is $500 cash! Also, the “progressive drawing” is $1,000. A name will be drawn from among the entire membership, but he or she must be present to win. If no winner is present then the drawing is increased to $1,100 next year.
Message from Molly

When you want electric power, all you have to do is flip a switch or plug into an outlet. What happens before that flip of the switch involves a considerable commitment of time, equipment, facilities and people your Cooperative has in place to ensure that power is there when you need it. Reliability ratings for the last five years show Garland Light and Power Co. has kept the power on 99.99% of the time. Our commitment has been and always will be to provide you with reliable and safe power while providing superior customer service. This high level of service requires an equal investment from each of our Cooperative members.

Like many other utilities, your Cooperative utilizes a monthly charge to cover the cost of providing service to your home. Garland Light and Power Co. refers to this fee as a Basic Charge and this covers the monthly costs for poles, wires, meters, transformers and other infrastructure necessary to deliver electricity to the Cooperative’s members and maintain these lines for future reliability. Garland Light and Power Co. needs to collect enough money each month to cover our operating costs regardless of how many kWh’s are sold.

The Cooperative commissioned a Cost of Service study in the Spring of 2019 to be done by National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Cooperative (CFC). This study indicated that the Commercial and Irrigation rate classes are currently adequate as opposed to the Residential rate class which is not sufficient to sustain the cooperative’s obligations. There has not been an increase in the Basic Charge since 2015.

Beginning on April 1, 2020 (and reflected on the bills members receive in May) the Residential Basic Charge will increase from $28 to $48 a month. Commercial and Irrigation rate classes will not see a change in either the Basic Charge or Energy Charge.

At the same time, the Energy Charge per kWh will decrease from .1236 to .1025. By increasing the Basic Charge and decreasing the Energy Charge, the Cooperative will not bring in more revenue each month, thereby remaining revenue neutral, but will be collecting revenue on a fair and consistent basis. Some members will see a decrease in their monthly bill while others will see an increase.

We are committed to answering all of your questions quickly and honestly, so please contact our office if you have questions or concerns.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
Capital Credits

One of the benefits of being a member of Garland Light & Power Co. is that you are also an owner. Your ownership is reflected in any excess margins the cooperative might have at the end of the year, above and beyond the cost of providing electricity to you.

These excess margins are tracked through what we call “capital credits.” Each member of the cooperative is allocated their share of capital credits or excess margins based on their patronage provided to the cooperative each operating year.

These capital credits are held as equity in the cooperative and provide financial stability to the company for many years into the future.

Each year the Board of Directors reviews the financial position of the cooperative and makes a decision on whether or not to “retire” capital credits back to the membership.

When capital credits are retired, they are sent back to the member in the form of a check. Capital credits are retired back on a FIFO (first in-first out) basis. The accounting term “FIFO” means that the members who first provided the equity to the company will be the first ones to get their equity back.

Each time during the capital credit retirement process, we find that some portion of the contact information for those who are to receive a capital credit check is no longer valid; leaving the company a limited amount of information to return the equity back to the contributing patron.

Below is the most recent list of individuals or organizations that have an unclaimed capital credit payment. We appreciate your help in returning these margins to the contributing patrons or their rightful heirs. Should you find your name listed or if you can provide helpful and specific information regarding a listing, please call us at 307-754-2881.

Additional contact information needed for:

Adams, Ted
Axelson, Inc.
Barid, C.W.
Barida, Gilbert
Barnhill, James
BBarragan, Luis
Becker, Gary
Beslanowitch, Herb
Betz, Allison
Bowman, Peter
Branson, W.G.
Brendle, Sam & Alena
Brown, Rick & Pam
Buhler, Edward & Bonnie
Burkener, Kelly
Burr, Dan
Butane Power & Equipment
Childress, Don
Christensen Farms, Inc.
Christofferson, Neil
Cline, Arthur
Coleman, Teri
Cohron, Dale
Cowart, Lucky
Cowie, Frank
Cox, Mable
Daarrah, Joey
Daugherity, Donald
Decker, Jessie
Delacruz, Carlos
Dillon, Elmer
Dorman, Jerry
Dover, Michael
Draper, Chuck
Dunham, Lezle
Dvarishkis, Richard
Eggleston, Matthew
Ellison, Robert
Energy West Wyoming
Flom, Perry
Foor, Dale
Ford, Debra
Fouts, Howard
Garrison, Scott
Gibson, Debbie
Glatter, Tom
Goodwin, Donnie
Hardee, Margaret
Harrel, Mike
Hartman, Ruby
Hayek, Scott
Heath, Ted

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Hayek, Scott
Heath, Ted
Hernandez, Filipe
Hicks, Bruce
Heiner, Lloyd
Hopkin, Fred
Howard, James
Howard, Rae D.
Howe, Sarah
Husman, Kenneth
Hyatt, Charles
Ilg, Betty
Jacques, Harry
Johnson, Gayla
Johnson, James
Jones, Betty
Jones, Glenda
Joy, Donald
Karl Jr, Ray
Kasper, Jeffery
Kaufman, Ruth
Keisel, Chris
Keenan, Jim & Beverly
Killian, Hugo
Kimball, Keith
Kinchloe, Troy
King, Tonya
Kline, Allen
Kniss, Randy
Krone, Warren
Krowski, Mark
Kutsch, Don
Kwiecinski, Eric
Lair, Robert
Lamb, Jerry
Landers, Tiffany
Lapp, Shelli
Lauderman, David
Lee, Dale
Lemons, Roger
Lord, Ted
Loyning, Steve
Majesty, Russell
Manzo, Sal
Mc Causland, Robert
Mc Caughin, James
Mc Laughlin, Katheryn
Martin, Grant & Linda
Meeker, Ron
Menuey, Richard III
Metzer, Brent & Jennel
Meyer, Annette
Miller, Chad
Miller, Ed
Moore, Mary
Morgan, Bruce
Morgan, Karen
Morrow, Richard
Mulder, Geoffrey
Mullendore, Clint
Myers, Terry
Newton, Jeanne
Obermueller
Ozbirn, Bill
Ozburn, Jack
Parker, Larry
Peterson, Chris
Peterson, Roy
Petro-Log, Inc
Powell Aviation
Prell, Donald
Ray, Marcie
Raymond, Mark
Revol, Steve
Richardson Operating
Robirds, Dallas
Roper, Zona
Ruward, Bruce
Ruyle, Hanna
Sankey, Shirley
Schmidt, Sheila
Schweighart, Denise
Scott, Wayne
Sherman, Thomas
Sonlight Shelter
Slater, Norma
Smith, Debbie
Smith, Patty
Smith, Rhonda
Sparks, W.A.
Stephens, David & Karla
Stenic, John
Steiner, Clifford
Stingley, Mariela
Sunlight Ranch Co.
Sutton, Wesley
Tanner, Randy
Telkamp, Joel
Thomas, Donald
Thompson, Jay
Thornburg, Mark
Tipton, Judith
Titus, Lisa
Trinity Bible Church
Tolman, Ethel
Trojanowski, F&R
Tucker, Robert
US West Communication
Vance, Ola
Vaughn, David
Verdon, Robert
Vertz, Randall
Wallace, Russell
Way, Gary
Waymire, Jeff & Diane
Waymire, Jeff
Welbelow, Rick
Wemmier, Jim
Wonder, David
Yarbrough, HD
Young, Helen