



68th Annual Membership Meeting

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April 20, 2016

Greeley County 4-H Building
905 Ingalls Avenue, Tribune





Annual Meeting Agenda

11:30 a.m.	Invocation & Lunch	Greeley County 4-H Building
	I. Presentation of Colors Pledge of Allegiance National Anthem	
	II. Annual Meeting Call to Order Recognition of Trustees/Spouses Recognition of Special Guests	WES CAMPBELL , President WES CAMPBELL , President BRUCE W. MUELLER , General Manager
	III. Declaration of Quorum Official Notice Affidavit of Mailing	WES CAMPBELL , President JIM MCVAY , General Counsel JIM MCVAY , General Counsel
	IV. Financial Report (Treasurer's Report)	RADONA SMYTHE , Director of Finance
	V. Special Presentations & Annual Summary	STUART LOWRY , Sunflower President & CEO BRUCE W. MUELLER , General Manager PHILLIP SHELLEY , Director of Operations
	VI. Youth Tour & Scholarship Presentation Youth Tour 2015 Winner Awarding of Scholarships	SHAWN POWELSON , Member Services MALLORY HORTON BRUCE W. MUELLER , General Manager
	VII. Service Awards	WES CAMPBELL , President
	VII. Old Business New Business	WES CAMPBELL , President WES CAMPBELL , President JIM MCVAY , General Counsel
	IX. Grand Prize Drawing	WES CAMPBELL , President
	X. Adjournment	

Trustee Election

The following trustees have been nominated by the nominating committee for the position of trustee:

- ▶ **District 3** – Lawrence Houston
711 Ingalls Street, Tribune, KS
- ▶ **District 5** – Wes Campbell
106 Diamond Hill Drive, Garden City, KS
- ▶ **District 6** – Robert Hiss
2001 Broadway Avenue, Great Bend, KS
- ▶ **District 7** – William Barnes
719 S Market Street, Caldwell, KS

Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the meeting.



Lawrence Houston



Wes Campbell



Robert Hiss



William Barnes

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Rebates Available to Upgrade Your HVAC Save Energy, Save Money

Did you know that Wheatland offers rebates to residential members for the installation of energy-efficient heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems?

Heating and cooling a house often accounts for the majority of a household's monthly energy costs. Many homeowners have a great opportunity to save energy and money by installing a more efficient HVAC system.

Essentially, higher efficiency equates



to lower monthly energy bills and improved comfort. For example, you could receive a \$410 rebate for a four-ton (48,000 BTU) heat pump.

For eligibility requirements or to download a rebate form, visit www.weci.net and click on the "Energy Education" tab and then on "Rebates." You can also contact any local office.

Rebate Levels

BTU	Min SEER	Central A/C	Heat Pump
Up to 36,000*	13	\$200	+\$150

*Add \$30 for each ½ ton above 3 ton (36,000 BTU)

Plug-in to Savings!



Operating Statement for year ended 12/31/2015 (unaudited)

Income	
Electric Revenues	\$92,042,888
Water and Broadband Revenues	6,648,985
Interest Income	754,121
Capital Credits from Other Cooperatives	5,079,936*
Non-Operating Income (Other)	(274,824)
Total Income	\$104,251,106
Expenses	
Purchased Power/Cost of Sales	\$58,544,892
Operations & Maintenance	11,539,152
Administrative & General	7,758,504
Depreciation	10,269,287
Total Interest	6,915,742
Taxes	3,160,650
Other	112,800
Total Expenses	\$98,301,027
Total Margins	\$5,950,079

(*) Of this amount \$4,184,104 is a non-cash allocation of margins from Sunflower Electric Power Corporation for the year of 2015. This amount will be available to be paid out to members at such time when Sunflower makes cash distributions to Wheatland.

Property Taxes 2015

Wheatland Electric will pay a total of \$ 3,514,881 in property taxes for 2015. These amounts were assessed against assets such as electric lines, poles, buildings, trucks and water and broadband-related equipment owned by Wheatland. As a not-for-profit cooperative, Wheatland is exempt from income tax. The following is a listing of property taxes assessed by county for 2015:

County	Amount	County	Amount
Barton County	448,900	Lane County	159
Finney County	1,006,868	Logan County	2,259
Gray County	37,526	Reno County	5,622
Greeley County	229,368	Scott County	273,777
Hamilton County	278,335	Sedgwick County	1,881
Harper County	387,021	Seward County	36
Haskell County	137	Sumner County	203,042
Kearny County	288,597	Wallace County	3,167
Kingman County	108,209	Wichita County	239,977

Total 2015 Property Taxes Paid (18 counties) \$3,514,881

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2015 *(unaudited)*

Assets	
Cash & Short-Term Investments	\$2,305,105
Memberships and Other Investments	73,274,423
Notes Receivable	7,739,661
Accounts Receivable	14,080,210
Materials and Supplies	3,566,743
Other Current and Accrued Assets	146,904
Deferred Charges	4,721,041
Plant Assets (All Operations)	338,242,138
Accumulated Depreciation	(92,915,915)
Total Assets	\$351,160,310
Liabilities	
Principal Owed on Long-Term Debt	\$209,371,506
Interest Payable on Long-Term Debt (in 2016)	568,231
Notes Payable	33,734,159
Accounts Payable	7,017,208
Property Taxes Payable (due in 2016)	1,574,109
Consumer Deposits	563,848
Other Liabilities/Deferred Credits	4,922,784
Total Liabilities	\$257,751,845
Equities	
2015 Operating Margin	\$368,792
2015 Non-Operating Margin	5,581,287
Prior Years Margins	86,478,311
Other Equities	980,075
Total Equities	\$93,408,465
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$351,160,310



Cram the Van Collects 7 Tons of Donations in 2 Years



Wheatland and Conway Springs High School teamed up to collect 820 lbs. of food and \$1,032.80 for their local food bank.



Wheatland General Manager Bruce W. Mueller (far left) and staff drop off 1,680-pounds of donations at Hope's Closet, the local food bank in Scott City.



Mission Mart Food Bank volunteer Lloyd Parker prepares to sort the 780-pounds of donations. Parker was more than thankful for the timely arrival of the big red van. Prior to the van's arrival, and just days before their annual Mission Mart Thanksgiving distribution, the shelves and tables were nearly bare.



Wheatland's Tribune office delivers 820-pounds of food and \$60 to the Greeley County Food Bank.

2014 total – 6,615 lbs.
2015 total – 7,081 lbs.
**Grand total – 13,696 lbs.
about 7 TONS!**

Youth Tour Winners 2016

Electric Cooperative Youth Tour
to Washington, DC

- ▶ **Erin Hall** – Norwich
- ▶ **Marcos Martinez** – Great Bend



Erin Hall



Marcos Martinez



Breanne Akiu

Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp
to Steamboat Springs, CO

- ▶ **Breanne Akiu** – Conway Springs

Alternate for Both Trips

- ▶ **Carson Haupt** – Scott City

Scholarship Winners 2016

- ▶ Argonia – **Kolten Koerner**
- ▶ Caldwell – **Karlee Schmidt**
- ▶ Chaparral – **Jaci Ummel**
- ▶ Conway Springs – **Sarah Doffing**
- ▶ Great Bend – **Shelby Deist**
- ▶ Greeley County – **Cassidy Hild**
- ▶ Holcomb – **Margaret Roth**
- ▶ Leoti – **Shyla Mason**
- ▶ Norwich – **Derian Garrison**
- ▶ Scott Community – **Madison Braun**
- ▶ South Haven – **Paige Turek**
- ▶ Syracuse – **Mallory Horton**

Employee Service Awards ** denotes Trustee*

40 Years

Anita McCollum

30 Years

Denzil Reed
Charles Ayers*

25 Years

Walt Lovins
Curtis Lamb
Kelley Burch

20 Years

Dax Walk

15 Years

Matt Scheeter
Patrick Riley*

10 Years

Mark Dinkel
Matthew Hosler
Barbara Kirk
Francis Lobmeyer
Lucas West

5 Years

Derek Callaway
Karry Deschner
Doug Heberlee



Minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting

WHEATLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. April 15, 2015

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Cooperative) was held on April 15, 2015, at the Fair Grounds in Syracuse, Kansas at 12:30 p.m. MDT. The meeting was held pursuant to notice mailed to each member of the Cooperative. Charles Ayers presented an invocation just prior to the luncheon that began at 11:30 a.m.

Wes Campbell, Board President, acted as chairman throughout the meeting. Wes Campbell called to order the 67th Annual Meeting and welcomed each member. Wes then introduced the officers and trustees of the Cooperative. Bruce W. Mueller, the Cooperative's General Manager, then introduced special guests in attendance to include Stuart Lowry, President and CEO of Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, Ed Wiltse, General Manager of Lane Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc., Bruce Graham of Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Steve Epperson of Southern Pioneer Electric Cooperative, and others.

The chairman announced there were 81 members present in person at the meeting and 2 members present by proxy. The Cooperative membership exceeds one thousand and, therefore, fifty members or more present or by proxy constitutes a quorum. A quorum was announced by the chairman. A list of the attendance of the 2015 Annual Meeting is attached hereto as attachment "A."

Jim McVay, General Counsel for the Cooperative, read the official Notice of Annual Meeting and Affidavit of Publication, both published in Kansas Country Living Magazine. The Notice of the meeting with Certificate of Mailing is attached to the minutes of the meeting hereto as Attachment "B."

The 2014 Annual Meeting minutes were provided to the members when registering at the meeting. On motion made from the floor to dispense with the reading of the 2014 minutes and to approve them as was presented was made. On motion made, seconded, and approved, the reading of the minutes was waived. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes and they were approved.

Radona Smythe, as Director of Finance, reported the Treasurer's Report which was also published in the March issue of the Kansas Country Living magazine and was mailed to each of the members, along with the official Notice of Meeting. Radona presented the Treasurer's Report. The chairman inquired whether there were questions relative to that report. The chairman announced that he would entertain a motion to accept the report as mailed to each of the members of the Cooperative. Upon motion made, seconded, and unanimous vote carried, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

The chairman introduced Stuart Lowry, President & CEO of Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, to provide a special presentation to the members. Mr. Lowry explained the new Southwest Power Pool integrated market, and the role that the Rubart Station plays in the market. Mr. Lowry explained to the members that it is his goal to keep wholesale prices down so the electric rates of the member customers would remain low.

Bruce W. Mueller, General Manager of the Cooperative, made a special presentation to the members. Bruce presented on the ASCI member service satisfaction survey. Bruce presented that the Cooperative rated well in this relative survey. Bruce further presented on Cooperative activities to give back to the community through the "Cram the Van" (food drive) program, the Sharing Success Program, the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour and Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, and the high school scholarship program.

Phillip L. Shelley, Director of Operations, made a special presentation on Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) explaining its relationship to the national grid and the cost efficiencies of the AMI System. He explained to the members how the consumers were advantaged by the AMI System.

Shawn Powelson made a special presentation on the Youth Tour and scholarship programs of the Cooperative. He presented that several youth, to include Bailey Harris, made trips to the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour and that the Cooperative is sponsoring students to attend the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp. The 2014 Youth Tour winner, Bailey Harris, also presented on her experience at the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. Shawn Powelson then announced the names of the Youth Tour, Leadership Camp and Scholarship recipients. Shawn then presented the Youth Tour and Leadership Camp awards to the students present.

Mallory Horton - Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, Derian Garrison and Essence Ratzlaff - Electric Cooperative Youth Tour.

Bruce W. Mueller then presented the scholarship awards to the winning students who were in attendance at the meeting. Those presented scholarships at the meeting were:

Bailey Harris - Greeley County High School, Mallory Horton - Syracuse High School, Marc Skipper - Deerfield High School, Kaitlynn Hammond - Holcomb High School, and Taylor Hofeling - Great Bend High School.

Service awards were then presented by the chairman and Bruce W. Mueller to employees as follows:

▶▶▶ Wheatland Electric Annual Report

40 Years

George E. Andrasek
Mary Ann Davis

35 Years

Joseph L. Birzer
Randy G. Coleman
Lynn B. Freese
Gregory M. Ladner
Joyce G. Trettenero

30 Years

John E. Houston

25 Years

Todd A. Nemechek
Gregory A. See
James S. Zorn

20 Years

Jana S. Harkness
Bryan L. Mulligan
Mike R. Olson

15 Years

Chad M. Deniston
Loren R. Goss
Colton T. Green
Mark A. Maier
Randy L. Rogers

10 Years

Darrin A. Campbell
Paula S. Crook
Wade M. Grumbein
Keith D. McMillan
Radona L. Smythe

5 Years

Marcus B. Goebel
Patricia A. Hanna
Brandon M. Ritchie

The chairman then inquired of the members whether there was any old business to come before the meeting. One member requested an update on the issue of capital credits. This was addressed to the chairman, and responded to by the chairman.

The chairman called for new business. Jim McVay read the following proposed Bylaw Amendment recommended by the Board of trustees:

Article 4, Trustees, Section 2: Election and Tenure of Office.

Trustees shall be elected by secret ballot at each annual meeting of the members, and shall be elected for a three-year term. Members of the board of trustees shall not serve more than six, three-year terms beginning from and after adoption of this Bylaw by the membership at an annual meeting. Trustees shall be elected by a plurality vote of those members casting secret ballots at a duly convened annual meeting of members. If an election of the trustees shall not be held on the day designated herein for the annual meeting, or any adjournment thereof, a special meeting of the members shall be held for the purpose of electing trustees within a reasonable time thereafter.

The members were then asked to cast their ballots for the ByLaw Amendment. A Ballot Counting Committee was appointed. The members of the Ballot Counting Committee were Shawn Powelson, Alli Conine, Dale Wetzel and Jamie Cheatham. The Ballot Counting Committee reported that there were 40 votes in favor of the Bylaw Amendment change and three votes against the ByLaw Amendment change. The ByLaw Amendment passed.

The chairman announced that a second item of new business was the election of trustees to the Cooperative. Jim McVay presented the Nominating Committee Report to the membership. The Nominating Committee composed of Ed Cupp, Milan Reimer, Dale Wetzel, Robert Buerkle, Clark Rusco and Kim Miller, were duly appointed, qualified and acting nominating committee members of the Cooperative, and met on February 26, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in Scott City, Kansas. The Nominating Committee placed into nomination the following candidates:

District 2 – Charles Ayers, District 3 – Roe Johnson, District 4 – Ron Davis, District 6 – Dan Bonine and District 7 – Dave Lowe.

The members were told additional trustees could be nominated from the floor.

The qualifications for the office of trust were read from the ByLaws to the members.

Once again, it was announced that nominations for trustee could be made and were requested from the floor. Upon motion made and duly seconded, the nominations were closed after more than one minute passed. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made from the floor to dispense with the casting and counting of ballots for trustees as there were no nominations from the floor, and to approve the full slate of candidates named by the Committee on Nominations for three-year terms. On motion made, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote, the casting and counting of the ballots for trustees was dispensed with and the nominations made by the Committee on Nominations were approved by unanimous vote for three-year terms.

The chairman asked for and found that there was no additional new business to present at the meeting. The chairman of the meeting, and President of the Board, Wes Campbell, ordered that the meeting was adjourned by motion made, seconded and carried at 3:15 p.m. MDT.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, JAMES M. MCVAY



Wheatland Electric Board of Trustees



Wes Campbell
President



Patrick Riley
Secretary



William Barnes
Treasurer



Charles Ayers
Trustee



Dan Bonine
Trustee



Vic Case
Trustee



Katie Eisenhour
Trustee



Robert Hiss
Trustee



Lawrence Houston
Trustee



Roe Johnson
Trustee

General Counsel



Jim McVay
General Counsel

Wheatland Management

▶ **Bruce W. Mueller**
General Manager

▶ **Phillip Shelley**
Director of Operations

▶ **Lynn Freese**
Director of
Consumer Services

▶ **Radona Smythe**
Director of Finance
& Accounting

▶ **Jevin Kasselmann**
Director of Broadband &
Information Technology

▶ **Barbara Kirk**
Manager of Human Resources

▶ **Shawn Powelson**
Manager of Member Services &
Corporate Communications

▶ **Luke West**
Manager of Safety/Policy
and Documents

▶ **Pam Murphy**
Executive Assistant

Committed to the Communities We Serve



Wheatland trustee Katie Eisenhour and Scott City employees pose for a photo while serving at a Cram the Van event.



Manager of Safety and Policy Luke West and the Tribune line crew give a safety demonstration during Kids Ag Safety day in Tribune.



Wheatland employees line up endless rows of cups for iced tea to be served at the annual Beefiesta in Scott City.



Wheatland employees and family members prepare thousands of tiny bite-sized pieces of steak for the annual Beef Tasting Booths in Scott City.



Electric cars race against the clock to complete as many laps as possible at the annual Sunflower ElectroRally at the Scott City airport. Wheatland sponsors electric car programs in Great Bend and Scott City, as well as providing an army of volunteers to help put on the annual race.



Wheatland Electric Cooperative Offices

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 Wheatland Electric Cooperative Territory

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