ROUGHRIDER NEWS

ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE



Linemen can be stranded on a pole if they come into contact with energized electrical lines, or experience heat stroke, a heart attack or other condition that prevents them from climbing down. That's why OSHA requires linemen to receive pole-top rescue safety training annually. Roughrider held this training March 24 in Dickinson and March 25 in Hazen. During the training, linemen climb a pole, secure a rope around the waist of a 200-pound mannequin, and lower the "body" to the ground. Thanks in part to scheduled safety training, Roughrider's linemen are equipped to react quickly and efficiently, and bring their co-worker and friend home safely, should an accident ever occur.

- IMPORTANT:
 Annual Meeting update
- Roughrider announces scholarship winners
- Unclaimed capital credits is your name on the list?
- Scam alert
- Meeting minutes ... and more





IMPORTANT: Annual Meeting update

Roughrider Electric Cooperative will hold its Annual Meeting Wednesday, June 2 at 2 p.m. MT, at the Dickinson University Indoor Rodeo Arena. Without knowing the future and putting safety first, we plan to hold it in the parking lot.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, this business-only meeting will be held drive-through style. Members will be given a small gift, snack and bottled water for attending the meeting and voting for the open board-director positions.

Registered members attending

the meeting or members who cast a mail-in ballot will be eligible for door prizes to be drawn at a later date.

Ballots and more information pertaining to the meeting will be mailed to all members with the Annual Report, scheduled to be mailed in May.

Report from

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MARCH 26, 2021

Call to Order: A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Roughrider Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Roughrider) was called to order at 10:05 Central Time at Hazen headquarters of the cooperative at 800 Highway Dr., Hazen, North Dakota.

Agenda: The Board approved the agenda as amended.

Minutes of the previous meeting: The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the Feb. 19, 2021, meeting.

Consent Agenda: The Board reviewed, discussed and approved the Consent Agenda, including proposed membership applications, service connects and assignments, proposed cancellations of membership, and requests for retirement of capital credit accounts.

Co-General Managers' report: Don Franklund and Travis Kupper presented the Co-General Managers' report. This past month, they held an employee WebEx meeting on March 10, 2021, with Roughrider employees. Discussion included a pandemic update, Federal COVID-19 sick leave, vaccinations, the upcoming annual meeting, and the Southwest Power Pool winter event.

2021 Annual Meeting: Management recommended holding the annual meeting in a format similar to that which was held in 2020. Further discussion ensued, and the consensus was to hold a drive-in annual meeting on June 2, 2021, at 2 p.m. MT in Dickinson, at a location to be determined, and it will be live-streamed. Mail-in voting will be offered, as well.

Chief Financial Officer report: Mr. Craigmile reviewed Roughrider's financial statistics with the Board and noted that its financial ratios remain above the Rural Utilities Service minimum requirements. Various components of the Financial Report were discussed among the Board and Mr. Craigmile.

Operations and Construction report: Mr. Bentz referred the Board to his written report. He noted it has been a good year to get line patrol done. In addition, Roughrider has a lot of new service requests, including 17 in the last week.

Upcoming meetings: The next Board meeting was set for 10 a.m. Central Time on April 30, 2021, at Roughrider's office in Hazen, North Dakota.

Adjournment: There being no other business, upon motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned. ■





oughrider Electric Cooperative is testing distribution poles within the Gorham and Skunk Hill Substations around the areas of Fairfield; Fryburg Substation around Fryburg; Russian Creek Substation north of Dickinson and New Hradec and west of Manning; and within the Hazen Substation near Hazen. Work is slated from mid-April to mid-May. Testing will continue until the work is completed.

Inspection consists of team members accessing all cooperative distribution lines using fourwheelers, and testing each pole for rot and other damage.

The cooperative will be contacting members who are served off of these substations.

For your safety and theirs, do not approach the pole-testing crew. We continue to be prudent and practice social distancing.

Thank you, members, for your understanding as we work to make the system as reliable as possible. ■

Scam alert

cammers will say and do anything to make money, and some of their recent targets occurred in neighboring electric cooperative service areas. Around the middle of March, a handful of people reported receiving calls in which they were told they needed to pay a certain amount of their bill within a short amount of time, or their power would be disconnected.

At Roughrider Electric Cooperative, we would never ask for a credit card number over the phone! We offer a variety of payment methods that should be used by our members.

We recommend using SmartHub, a web and mobile app that allows

you to view and pay your bill, print statements, receive important co-op updates, compare electrical usage and more ... whenever it works best for you.

Additional payment options include:

- Auto Pay;
- Pay by Phone at 844-241-0260;
- Pay Now one-time online payment;
- Pay by Mail to Roughrider Electric, 800 Highway Dr., Hazen, ND 58545-4701
- Drop Boxes at the offices in Hazen and Dickinson, or visit our website for additional locations; or

To pay in person, call us and schedule an appointment.

To learn more about these payment options, call us or visit www.roughriderelectric.com and click Your Account.

Members, please be aware of scams. If you receive a questionable call about your electric bill, do not share personal or financial information. Hang up and call our office at 800-748-5533. Thank you and stay safe! ■



Cooperative scholarship winners announced

s part of our commitment to community and area youth, Roughrider Electric Cooperative is pleased to award several scholarships for the 2020-21 school year.

Roughrider assists in developing leadership in our service area by helping worthy recipients obtain a higher education with assistance from a scholarship. This scholarship program is designed to recognize and encourage the achievements of our members and their dependent children.

Roughrider Electric awarded nine \$500 scholarships this year. One graduating senior from each of the

high schools within our service area is chosen by his or her school to receive these funds. These schools include: Belfield, Beulah, Center-Stanton, Dickinson High, Dickinson Trinity, Hazen, Richardton-Taylor, South Heart and Hope Christian Academy.

Roughrider also awarded one \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from a high school outside of our service area, whose parents are members of our cooperative.

We congratulate the following graduating seniors, who each received a scholarship award of \$500:

 Belfield High School, Kaylee Obrigewitch

- Beulah High School, Kelsey McCloud
- Center-Stanton High School, Kori Nagel
- Dickinson High School, Kaia Lehman
- Dickinson Hope Christian Academy, Emma Dazell
- Dickinson Trinity High School, Anna Kessel
- Hazen High School, Hunter Keller
- Richardton-Taylor High School, Carly Diede
- South Heart High School, Madison Bebee
- At Large: Killdeer High School, Shadera Burian

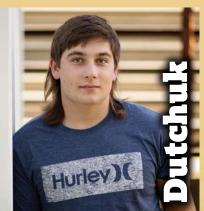
Basin Electric Power Cooperative scholarship

Each year, Basin Electric Power Cooperative provides \$1,000 to Roughrider Electric Cooperative to be awarded as a scholarship to a qualified candidate. Roughrider is pleased to offer this \$1,000 scholarship to Courtney Leben, who was picked from all the qualified applications received. She is currently enrolled at the University of North Dakota.

3C Construction scholarship

One \$500 scholarship was made available, on behalf of 3C Construction, to applicants who plan to attend a certified vocational or technical school and pursue a career as a lineworker. Roughrider is pleased to offer this \$500 scholarship to Dawson Dutchuk, who attended Beulah High School. He plans to attend the Bismarck State College lineworker program.







Scholarship
information and
applications will
be available in
December from high
school counselors
and on Roughrider
Electric's website.





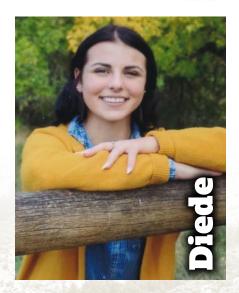
















UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS

The following list contains the names of current or former Roughrider Electric Cooperative members who have unclaimed capital credit checks that were mailed in December 2020. These checks have either been received but not cashed, or returned to Roughrider by the postal service because they could not locate the members at the address on file. A further search by Roughrider personnel has not turned up their whereabouts.

If you know of the whereabouts of members on this list, please have them contact Roughrider at 800-748-5533. Please keep in mind that not all of the capital credit amounts are large but we would like to get these checks to the proper parties.

Persons who wish to claim checks from the following list should be prepared to provide proper personal identification.

What are capital credits?

Roughrider Electric Cooperative is a nonprofit business. We exist only to provide goods and services to you, our members; not to make a profit for a shareholder or investor. Cooperatives are operated to provide at-cost electric service to their members.

When all the expenses are paid, the cooperative's margins are credited to you in the form of capital credits. As the financial condition of your cooperative allows, you are paid these capital credits. In the meantime, your capital credits are your equity in the cooperative.

Refunds are allocated based on the amount of business a member does with the cooperative — the more electricity used, the larger the capital credit check.

If you have questions about your capital credits or would like a more detailed explanation, contact Roughrider at 800-748-5533.

Installment One: Names A-J

(K-Z to be published next month)

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