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Remember to have all scholarship applications completed and in the NEA office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022.

**Happy Valentines Day and Presidents Day!**

**Our office is open on Presidents Day.**

## CONGRATULATION JOURNEYMAN CHANCE WILDER



Left to right: Journeyman Chance Wilder and Operations Manager Rick Bridge, with Wilder's Journeyman certification.

December 2021 finished on a high note for NEA lineman Chance Wilder. With all his hours accomplished, Chance took his final test to finish obtaining his Journeyman card during the last week of December and passed in excellent shape.

Entering 2022 as a Journeyman is a huge accomplishment and relief for him, as the 8000 hours and testing schedule over the last four years had at times been quite challenging. With his young family (his wife, and two daughters under the age of 3) study time had to be thoughtfully arranged; and with another daughter coming in May of 2022, the completion of this part of his training and advancement was the perfect end to 2021 and beginning to 2022.

“Chance is a wonderful part of the NEA team - we are very proud of him and this milestone in his career. Field work came more easily for him; he really dug deep to accomplish the testing - proving how much he really wanted this”, stated Human Resource Manager, Twyla Barker.

## NEA Board of Directors Announces 2022 Nominating Committee Appointments:

Each year your cooperative holds an Annual Meeting of the Membership. NEA will host our membership meeting on May 19, 2022 in Lusk, WY., at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds. More information on the Annual Meeting will be posted over the coming months via the newsletter, newspapers, our SmartHub and on social media. We encourage our members to ask questions, stay informed and attend the event in May.

Part of the process for holding an Annual Meeting is the appointment of men and women to a nominating committee, consisting of nine NEA member representatives to accomplish the task of nominating qualified persons to run for election for Niobrara Electric Association's Board Member positions.

Each of NEA's three districts consists of three board members to represent the districts. Terms for board members run for three years. In 2022, the terms limits for Jack Hammond (District 1), Neal Wurdeman (District 2) and David Keener (District 3) will expire.

It is the Nominating Committees' responsibility to submit these individuals, and/or others as their nominations, on behalf of the membership, to run for reelection or election.

Two of the three current board members with expiring terms have chosen to announce to the nominating committee their interest in being nominated for reelection. These individuals may run unopposed. Or, if the nominating committee has other interested and qualified individuals who have stated their intent to also be nominated, may submit them as candidates to run for a position in their respective district(s).

District 1 will have a vacancy, as Jack Hammond will not seek reelection.

Districts a candidate may run in is based on where the candidate's primary residential membership meter is located on our system.

The nine members nominated for committee are as follows:

District 1: Richard A. Ladwig, Denzel Coffey, Ken Dixon and Brad Reese (alt.)

District 2: Cheryl Lund, Dan Hanson, Rod Nelson and Stan Rennard (alt.)

District 3: Judson Skavdahl, James A. Phipps, Jim Ellicott and Laura Buttons (alt.)

Please direct questions or concerns about Nominating Committee or Annual Meeting to your representative director or call our office and visit with Shawna Glendy or Twyla Barker.



NEA Line Superintendent Jason Fish energizing the new service.

It was a frosty January morning when Line Superintendent Jason Fish energized the new NEA service for Trans World/Rocky Mountain Resources LLC.

The 8.5 miles of underground and overhead line was built through four NEA member's land (Manning's, Murray and Netz) taking about six months to complete.

Currently, the line is serving oil load. In the future, it will become a valuable tie line to Lusk Rural substation at the Douglas booster site.



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### Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

7:30 am—5:00 pm

Friday 7:30 am—4 pm

**Outages** ....1-800-322-0544  
or 307-334-3221

Phones are answered 24 hours a day.

Phones will be answered by Niobrara Electric Association during office hours and SRS will take all other calls and dispatch NEA personnel.

## OUR CREWS ARE WORKING TO SERVE YOU

### HELP US KEEP THEM SAFE.

To provide excellent service and keep our crews as safe as possible, please help us with the following:

At a job site, do not stop to ask crews what they are working on or when power might be restored. Crew members need to give the repairs their full attention to ensure safety. Asking them questions can divert their attention and increase the amount of time it takes for the issue to be resolved.

When driving by a utility truck (or any roadside vehicle with flashing lights), please move over and give them space. In a work zone, follow all signage, including speed limits. Drivers who travel through a work zone too fast can endanger workers on the ground and up in the bucket.

If one of our employees is in your yard or on an easement to address service issues, be sure to secure your dogs. Please keep meters and padmount transformers (green boxes) free from obstructions.

Please be patient as we work on an outage or other issues. Safety is our top priority, for you and for our employees.



### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### District

John Hester	1	Keeline, WY	President
Andy Barnette	2	Lusk, WY	
David Keener	3	Marsland, NE	Sec./Treas
Bill Wilson	3	Harrison, NE	
Jack Hammond	1	Lance Creek, WY	
Jim Dunn	3	Harrison, NE	
Neal Wurdeman	2	Lusk, WY	
Bradyn Bruegger	1	Lance Creek, WY	
JD Wasserburger	2	Lusk, WY	Vice President

### Board Minutes

Management Reported on Budget, Proposed Legislation (FYI only), Tri-State updates regarding member departures, meeting with Governor Gordon and Duane Highley, in addition to public comments. Guideline 045 on Capital Credit Retirement was also evaluated. No near miss or safety issues to report.

Director Wilson report on Tri-State business.

Director Keener report on NREA business.

Director Wasserburger reported on WREA Board.

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