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REMINDER—SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE IN THE NEA OFFICE BY 5:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY THE 22ND OF FEBRUARY.

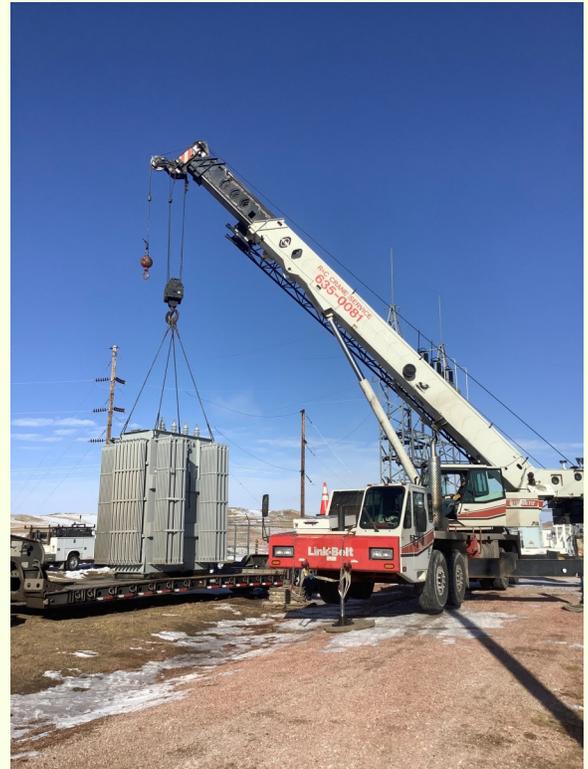
NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING DURING THE LAST WEEK OF FEBRUARY TO OFFICIALLY NOMINATE MEMBERS TO RUN FOR POSITIONS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE PROCESS OR A NOMINATION, NEEDS TO FILL OUT A CANDIDATE INTEREST FORM. CALL OUR OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

In July of 2022, extensive damage occurred to a vital component of NEA's Van Tassell substation. Due to supply chain challenges, six months after the damaged transformer had to be removed from service, a replacement has now been set.

In the interim, a mobile sub, rented via our power supplier Tri-State G&T, was in operation.

We were fortunate to gain access to Tri-States mobile when our transformer was damaged, as that critical equipment is not always available. However, the rental was costly.



The new transformer has more capacity at 7.5 MVA. The previous transformer was a 5 MVA. More capacity means more load availability for our members.

Originally, an ordered replacement transformer was a year out for delivery. However, one was located and purchased from Sunbelt Solomon out of Solomon, Kansas.

Following coordination on delivery and preparation for setting, R&C Welding out of Scottsbluff craned the equipment into the Van Tassel substation. The setting was accomplished January 12th. Bushings were fitted and testing took place on the 17th. Once testing was accomplished the equipment was energized on the 19th.

A waiting period takes place following energizing a substation transformer. As this article is being written, the transformer is scheduled to come online the 31st of January.

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Monday—Thursday

7:30 am—5:00 pm

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**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.



Craning of the replacement substation transformer.

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### Board Minutes

Management Report: No accidents or near misses. Updated SDS process and link on employee phones reported. GM and OM met with ESC Engineering regarding 4 year work plan. Discussion of rotten pole replacement. Also, agreements received from 3 companies interested in entering joint venture to build multiple sites. CFC presentation on Financials.

Director Wilson report on Tri-State business.

Director Keener report on NREA business.

Director Wasserburger—no report on WREA business.

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