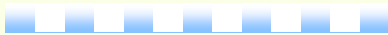


DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT MEMBER SERVICES

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

On February 21, 2024, seven (7) of the nine (9) appointed Nominating Committee members met at the NEA headquarters and conducted business to place interested and qualified members as candidates on the Niobrara Electric Association's Board of Director ballot.

The Annual Meeting of the Membership will be held at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds on Thursday, May 23rd. Voting on the election of the three incumbents, Bradyn Bruegger, Andy Barnette and Jim Dunn will take place during the business portion of the meeting.



Irrigation Letters will be sent to members during March. Please keep in mind there is a prepayment or bank letter guarantee requirement for active services.

Systems that do not meet safety requirements and have functional capacitors will not be energized.

OPPORTUNITY FOR IRRIGATION EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT

Our power supplier, Tri-State G&T, is working with member cooperatives on irrigation efficiency. With the improvement of motors and other associated technology, capitalizing on opportunities to decrease both NEA and member demand costs makes sense.

The goal is to educate our members and offer solutions to at least ten (10) irrigating members (we hope to double this number next year) on the rising cost of demand charge for both NEA and our members. Utilizing Tri-State's **Irrigation Assessment Incentive**, we can deliver options for running members' irrigation systems more affordably and productively.

Call our office to find out more and sign up for low or no cost irrigation assessments, covering well draw and screens, performance of motors, pumping pressure for pivots, application efficiency, and irrigation scheduling. There are electric motor and variable speed drive control rebates that may be available upon assessment.

After assessment (4-6 hours site visit) a report will be compiled, providing low and no cost measures to improve irrigation coverage along with detailed recommendations (if applicable) for the member.

For more information on Tri-State's Electrify and Save programs stop in our office or visit our website and look for rebate information under the Services tab.

LED lighting, heat pumps, Energy Star rated appliances, weatherization incentives, electric motors, and electric forklift options as well as incentives for irrigation and oil and gas are available.

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.

Closed Fridays and Holidays

(New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas)

Phones numbers for outages.

After hours:

SRS Dispatch

1-800-322-0544

During Business Hours

307-334-3221

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Employees of NEA Scholarship Opportunity 2024

Last July we held our First Annual Employees of NEA Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Tournament. Employees of NEA wanted to start this tradition to raise money for students in the community to go to college on. We want to encourage ALL students in our community to attend some sort of college.

We are now accepting applications for two (2) \$500 scholarships to be awarded to students that will be attending any kind of trade school; and two (2) \$500 scholarships for students attending any Jr College or University. There is no specific membership to the NEA necessary, this is for all 2024 graduating students of Niobrara County and Sioux County High Schools. We will also accept high school students with a GED equivalent transcript that plan to go on to college.

To apply, please send an essay of no more than 500 words, introducing yourself, where you plan to attend college, what you plan to study at college, and how you can use the scholarship money to further your education.

The deadline to apply is March 15, 2024. Winners will be awarded by April 30, 2024.

You can either hand deliver your essay to the NEA office or email them to julieh@niobrara-electric.org

Please call the office and ask for Julie or Shaylee with any questions 307-334-3221.

On January 24, 2024, NEA filed an application with the Wyoming Public Service Commission (PSC) to increase its Avoided Cost Rate (ACR) for net metering tariffs, effective February 1, 2024, it was approved by the PSC February 27th, 2024. The rate increased from \$0.01632 per kilowatt hour (kWh) to \$0.02403 kWh in accordance with Wyoming Statute 37-2-122 (d)(i), which states that a distribution cooperative's ACR is the wholesale power supplier's (Tri-State G&T) ACR.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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