



Big Horn Rural Electric Company

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UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS >>>

- May 14th Meeteetse School Cafeteria
- May 15th Burlington Fire Hall
- May 16th Ten Sleep School Cafeteria
- May 21st Shell Community Hall
- May 22nd Deaver Community Hall



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR BILL, BUT ONLY SPEAK SPANISH? CALL THE OFFICE AND ASK FOR JAZMIN.

Meeting to start at 5:30pm and dinner to be served at 6:00pm!

Watch the website and postcards providing more information for your specific districts.

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**GOT A RECIPE YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE? EMAIL IT TO US AT JAZMIN@BIGHORNREA.COM OR MAIL IT TO US AT
PO BOX 270 BASIN, WY 82410**

YOUR CANDIDATE

You are a member, not a customer. Cooperatives are unique businesses because they are owned by you, the member. This means you have a voice in the way we run the co-op. Members elect the co-op's board of directors and can run for a seat on the board if they wish to do so. Your vote and participation help shape the direction of the cooperative. Mail-in ballots will go out in May and you will have the opportunity to elect a board member from this district:



WILLIAM "WILLIE" BRIDGES, PE **DISTRICT #5**

First and foremost, I would like to take the time to thank the members of Big Horn Rural Electric for the trust that they have placed in me to serve on the Board of Directors these last nine years. It has been a pleasure to serve the member owners of this great co-op.

Over the last nine years, I have worked hard to gain a better understanding of the electric industry and the co-op business model. We as a Board have worked earnestly to keep rates as low as possible and keep the co-op financially viable. From the reports given at the District meetings, you as members can see that the company is on a good financial standing. With that position, we can continue to provide excellent service and reliability for our members.

I would ask for your continued support to serve on the Board of Directors of Big Horn Rural Electric. Much is changing in the electric industry and it is essential that the directors are knowledgeable and experienced to help guide the co-op through these changing times. I would appreciate your vote for Director from District #5.

Below is a list of Willie's accomplishments

Graduate of University of Wyoming. BS Civil Engineering (1990).

Owner of Pryor Mountain Engineering 24+ years.

Served on numerous councils and boards.

Resides in Cowley, WY with wife, Jody. Has 5 children, 18 grandchildren.

Credentialed Cooperative Director

Board Leadership Certified Director

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Director representing Big Horn REC.



>>> ENERGY EFFICIENCY: TIP OF THE MONTH

A well-designed landscape can add beauty to your home and reduce home heating and cooling costs. Plant deciduous trees with high, spreading crowns to the south of your home to block sunlight in the summer and reduce the need for air conditioning. Deciduous trees lose their leaves in the winter, allowing sunlight to warm your home.

Plant evergreen trees and shrubs with low crowns to block winter winds. Dense evergreen trees and shrubs planted to the north and northwest are the most common type of windbreak and can help lower energy used for home heating.

Source: energy.gov



April is National Safe Digging Month, a great reminder to always contact 811 before you dig! No matter how small your next home digging project is, remember to keep yourself and your community safe by contacting 811 to have the approximate location of buried utilities marked with paint or flags before breaking ground. Visit <https://www.onecallofwyoming.com> for more info.

TRI-STATE VISIT

Big Horn's power supplier Tri-State G&T CEO Duane Highley and associates Reg Rudolph and Becky Condie attended February's board meeting. Rudolph presented information on the potential Bring Your Own Resource (BYOR) program that is pending Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approval. This program allows members such as Big Horn to build a renewable resource that is owned by and serving load of Big Horn's but incorporated into the Tri-State system. Highley touched on the rate increase, the potential federal funding projects, member power contract terms and the potential exit of La Plata Electric Association (LPEA). Condie is the new Member Relations representative for the Wyoming members. She is based out of Wheatland.



SAFETY DEMO



Clint Getzfreid, Tony Nelson, and Wade Koehn recently did a safety demonstration at the Basin Fairgrounds for the Leave No Trace Behind event for the 8th graders in the Big Horn Basin area.



ATTENTION IRRIGATORS

You will see your annual Horsepower Charge on the bill you receive the first part of May. The minimum annual charge under the irrigation rate will be the highest of the following:

The horsepower multiplied by \$30.

For example - a service with a 25 HP motor would be billed $25 \times \$30 = \750.00

A charge of \$200.00.

If you have made any changes to you irrigation, or have any questions please call our office at (800)564-2419.



OPERATION ROUND UP

Big Horn REA's Operation RoundUp Foundation Board is turning 25 years old this year. Operation RoundUp has made several impacts in our communities over the years. Donated funds have been utilized for building improvements to Senior Centers, community halls, CPR mannequins, playground equipment, sports equipment, and other items. Funds have also been for member medical issues and fire loss. There is not a community in our service territory that hasn't benefited from this generous member-funded organization.

If you aren't already participating in Operation RoundUp, contact our office and get set up. Your electric bill will round up to the next highest dollar every month, and the additional cents will then go to the Operation RoundUp fund.

The RoundUp Foundation Board evaluates all applications submitted and determines who will receive the funding and how much will be donated to applicants. This board is separate from the Big Horn REA Board.

This small change, together with other members, will make a big difference in our communities.



Pictured above from left to right is Mary Mills, Sherry Firnekas, Jennie Rael, Lisa Cook, Veda Gerrard and Sharon Fech. Jennie presenting Sherry with her 25 years of service plaque.



CONGRATULATIONS SHERRY FIRNEKAS!

Sherry Firnekas was recently presented with a plaque in grateful appreciation of her 25 years of service on the Operation RoundUp Committee.

We at Big Horn REA are very grateful for having her be apart of this committee for so many years.

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