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General Manager's Report — By Ron Roodell



73rd ANNUAL MEETING HOSTS RECORD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

The 73rd Annual Meeting of the cooperative membership held on September 24, 2011 had record member attendance. There were 470 voting members who registered for the meeting with total meeting attendance approaching 600. The meeting schedule was different this year than in years past with the business meeting taking place first, followed by a delicious lunch served by the St. Agnes Parish Council of Catholic Women & Faith Community of Red Lodge.

The business meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Board President, John Prinkki. Presentation of the flags was provided by the American Legion—Carbon Post 17, and the national anthem was sung by Tamara Upton. The Invocation was given by Pastor Robert Bilyeu of Luther Community

Church. Reports were given by President Prinkki, Auditor Rick Matusiak, and General Manager Ron Roodell.

Included on the agenda for the meeting were proposed changes to the cooperative bylaws and the election of trustee for district's 1, 3 & 7. Proposed changes to the bylaws were the result of work completed by the Bylaws Review Committee over the course of the last couple of years. Changes proposed covered the first four (4) articles of the bylaws with the most significant change being that of voting by mail. Votes were taken separately for Article I and Article II, with Articles III & IV being voted on together as they included language associated with vote by mail.

Voting results for the bylaws changes were:

ARTICLE I—
MEMBERSHIP:
338—Yes
107—No

ARTICLE II—RIGHTS
AND LIABILITIES OF
MEMBERS:

315—Yes
128—No

ARTICLES III—MEETING
OF MEMBERS &
IV—BOARD MEMBERS:

304—Yes
134—No

Trustee elections saw all three incumbent directors losing their bid to retain their seat on the board.

Voting results were as follows:

DISTRICT 1:
DAN DUTTON—290
Martin Kimmet—164

DISTRICT 3:
PAT HOFFMAN—238
Lance Million—220

DISTRICT 7:
DAVID PETERSON—250
Allen Nordahl—201

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Bless This Land





The SURVEY Says:

A member information and interest survey was developed and distributed to voting members at the annual meeting held September 24, 2011. The lucky winner of the \$100 cash prize drawing executed to drive member participation was Joliet member, Donald Blyton.

The survey was developed to obtain new data now available for capture in BEC's recently implemented new business system, define member interest in existing products and programs, and obtain the pulse of members interest in new products and programs.

Survey participation was 229—49% of the 470 attending voting members. Respondents by membership were 63% individual, 30% joint and 7% organizational with 87% stating that they were Full-time residents and 13% declaring themselves as Seasonal.

Regarding existing products and programs the top categories of interest are:

1. Renewable Energy—Solar
2. Energy Efficiency Programs
3. Energy Efficiency Products, and
4. Low Income Senior Citizen and Low Income Disabled Program

The top ranking new product and program interests areas are:

1. Rebate Programs
2. Recycle Programs
3. Energy Efficiency Improvement Grants, and
4. Electric Equipment Purchase Programs

Get all the latest news and look for BEC's new web site launch and new product and program information in December at www.beartotheelectric.com.

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Congratulations go to Mr. Dutton, Mrs. Hoffman, and Mr. Peterson. Thank you goes to Mr. Kimmet, Mr. Million, and Mr. Nordahl for the commitment and time they have given to your cooperative. And thanks go to you, the members, for making the time to attend your annual meeting.

Board Re-organization Meeting
Immediately following the annual meeting, the Board of Trustees held a re-organization meeting for the purpose of electing board officers and representatives for the following year.

Results are:

President:
ROXIE MELTON

Vice-President:
DAN DUTTON

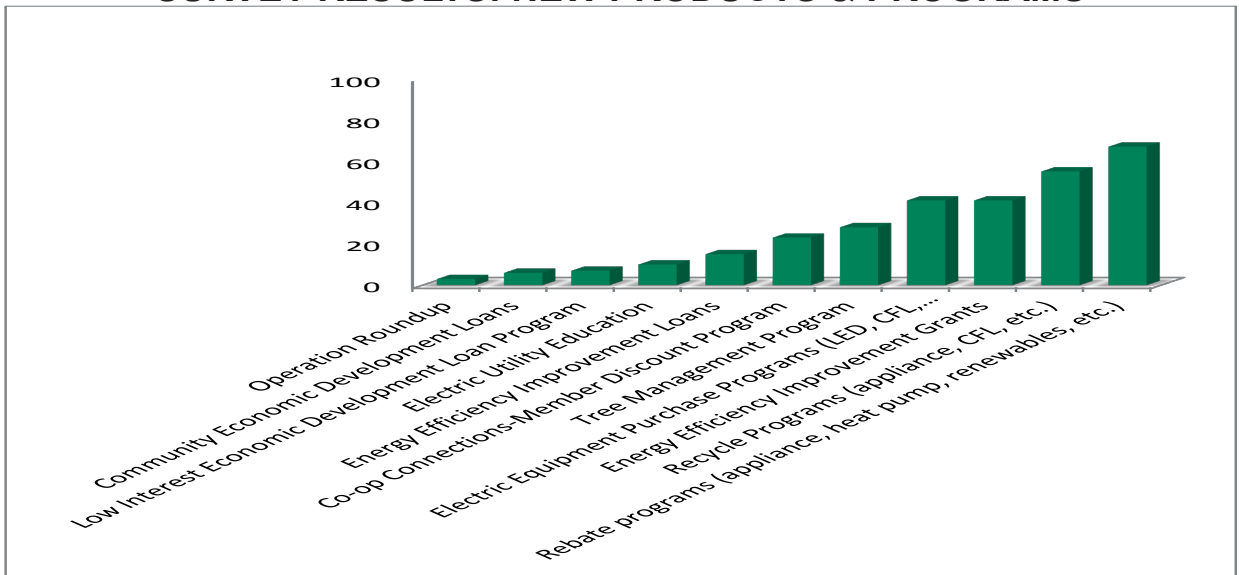
Secretary/Treasurer:
PAT HOFFMAN

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer:
JOE KERN

Southern Board Representative:
ARLEEN BOYD

SME Board Representative:
ARLEEN BOYD

SURVEY RESULTS: NEW PRODUCTS & PROGRAMS



WELCOME DAVE WERNER

MANAGER, ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS

Beartooth Electric Cooperative announces our new Manager of Engineering & Operations, Dave Werner.

Dave is a United States Marine Corps veteran, where he served as Radar Technician/Collateral Duty Inspector in both El Toro, CA and Iwakuni, Japan. He is a graduate of the University of Wyoming earning a BS in Electrical Engineering and joins BEC after a long history with Powder River Energy Corporation, Gillette, WY.



Dave Werner
Manager, Engineering & Operations

Dave's primary responsibilities at BEC include the management of the engineering and operational functions of the cooperative which consists of the planning, design, coordinating, and supervising of work involved with engineering, construction, maintenance, and operation of the cooperative's electric distribution system.

Dave and his wife, Pam relocated from Gillette, WY to Red Lodge in July.

If you stop by the office or see Dave in town—give him a warm welcome to both Red Lodge and the Beartooth Electric team.

NAME OUR NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Beartooth Electric member services is holding a "Name our Newsletter" Contest. Enter your creative idea for a newsletter name and we will pick one winner on November 30, 2011.

The winner will receive a two-month's residential base rate credit to their account.

How to enter:

Please submit your ideas by e-mail to krobbins@beartoothelectric.com or call Kaaren at 406-446-2310.

Also, please include your name, address, and phone number.

You may enter as often as you'd like, however each name entry submitted must be different.

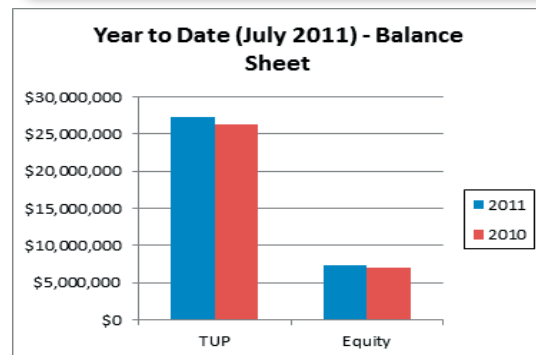
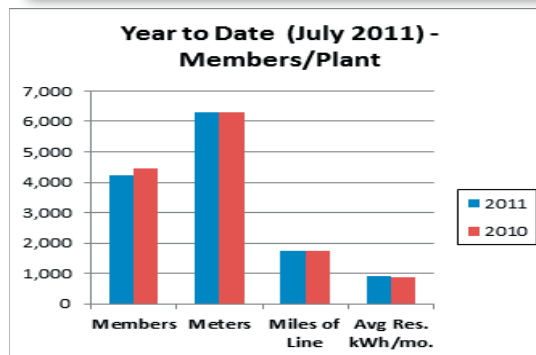
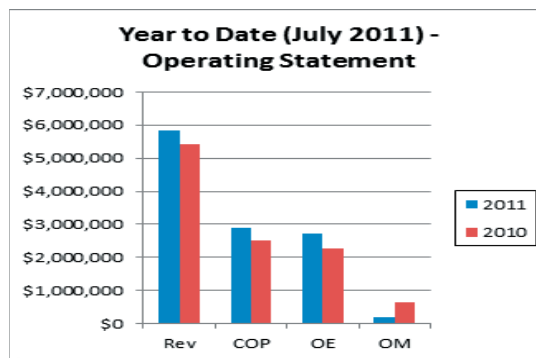
Good Luck!



BOARD ROOM REPORT

The Board of Trustees did not meet during the month of September due to the Annual Member Meeting. Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 28, 2011, 12:00 PM.

Financial Summary: (Abbreviations) Rev – Revenue, COP – Cost of Power, OE – Operating Expenses, OM – Operating Margins, TUP – Total Utility Plant.



THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH

WORD LIST

Harvest
 Indians
 Pilgrims
 Thanksgiving
 Pumpkin Pie
 November
 Turkey
 Family
 Corn
 Bounty
 Ceremony
 Worship
 Tradition
 Holiday
 Gobble
 Yams
 Feast
 Colony
 Sail
 America
 Prayer
 Freedom
 Dressing
 Potatoes
 Harvest

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Announcements

- Effective November 1, 2011, the monthly billing date has effectively moved to the 1st of each month. Payments are still due in the office on the last business day of each month by 2:00 PM.

Special note: Irrigation accounts will move to the 1st of the month billing date commencing April 1, 2012.

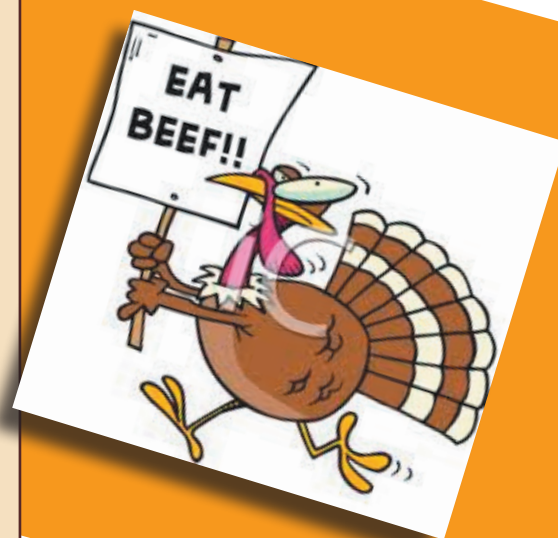
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 Submit your articles offered for free, sale or trade to BEC member services at bec@beartoothelectric.com or call us at 406-446-2310 for listing in our NEW MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS. Please provide article description, asking price, your name and phone number. Call TODAY!



FOR SALE: Red Lodge Flying Club Plane Share—
 1980 Cessna 182, \$6,500. Call Toby or Evette 406-662-5054.

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 More home page news, easier navigation, everything energy efficiency.

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