

RuralHILIGHTS

Local News from Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative



All members who cast a vote will be eligible to win the \$500 Grand Prize!

Ballots Mailed

Chroc Wete Place

During the week of June 22, members were sent an envelope containing voting material necessary for casting a ballot in the 2020 Director Election. If you have not completed your ballot and dropped it in the mail, you should do so immediately. It must be postmarked by July 10, 2020.

The Return Envelope is pre-paid and self-addressed to Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS) in Eden Prairie, MN. Please do not include any other material inside the Return Envelope with your ballot.

Voting Directions

- 1. Properly complete the ballot.
- 2. Insert completed ballot inside the Return Envelope and seal it.
- 3. Drop Return Envelope in the mail.

Five additional winners will receive a check for \$100!



SAMPLE

Voting Instructions

- Mark your selections by filling in the box next to your choice.
- · Every member may vote for one candidate in each district.
- · Detach ballot and place in the enclosed return envelope. Mail to: Survey & Ballot Systems, P.O. Box 46430, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.
- · Do not mail to RECC.
- Envelopes must be postmarked by July 10, 2020. Please allow sufficient time for delivery.

MARKING INST EXAMPL	
Distric	ct 4
Thomas Hart	(Vote for one)
Distric	ct 5
Curt Diemer	
Denver Eytchison	(Vote for one)
Garry Niemeyer	
Mark Schmid	
Distric	ct 6
Mel Repscher	(Vote for one)

Maintaining right-of-way keeps co-op prepared

RECC linemen spent nearly three weeks working in a right-of-way north of Pawnee. They cleared brush and removed trees that sprung up in the secluded area. Linemen replaced nine poles and strung new wire throughout the entire section.

This particular right-of-way was not designed to deliver power to

individual homes or businesses. This was known as a tie-line and its purpose was only to interconnect two different sections of our electrical distribution system if needed.

In the past, the tie-line was rarely used, but the co-op is constantly improving and modernizing our system. The tie-line is an asset that

can be used for back feeding if an outage occurs, but only if it remains operational. In an emergency, it gives us options. The tie-line is energized and will be maintained.

Network Administrator Brandon Taylor was able to accompany the crews and get some great aerial photos with RECC's drone.



▲ Matt Evans, Apprentice Lineman

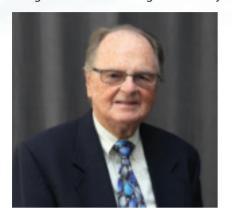




▲ Drayton Davis, Apprentice Lineman

Long-time director retires, leaving vacancy in District 5

Director John Beatty has retired from the RECC Board after 27 years of service. The announcement came during the May 26, 2020 RECC regular board meeting. Beatty was also RECC's Secretary-Treasurer at the time of his departure. Congratulations J.B. and good luck in your retirement.







"It was an honor to serve as a director on the RECC board, and I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to represent the cooperative. The people at RECC make it a great organization and I enjoyed working with them for many years. I am happy with the changes we have made to improve the co-op and amazed at how fast the time flew by."

John Beatty



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Now is the time to have your voice heard



"RECC is run by a democratically elected board. Having your voice heard and participating in the democratic process is important. It ensures that your concerns are taken into consideration in all decisions made by the Board."

President/CEO David Stuva

Election and Incentives

The 2020 Director Election will be independently conducted by Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS) and votes will remain anonymous, but RECC will be provided with a list of those who participated in the election. All members who cast a vote will be entered into a post-election drawing. RECC will award \$1,000 in cash prizes as an incentive for members to participate in this year's election. The Grand Prize is \$500 and five other lucky winners will receive \$100.

RECC survey to be sent out this fall

Members will randomly receive a Satisfaction Survey soon. Members who complete the survey will be entered in a drawing to win a bill credit. The survey results are anonymous and will be used to help improve your service. Please complete questionnaires if you are selected.





2020 Director **Election ballots** must be postmarked by July 10, 2020