



HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC NEWS & VIEWS

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July CEO Message



Craig Gates
General Manager/CEO

Thank you to the members who joined us in person on Saturday, May 14th at the Student Union Building on the campus of MSU-Northern for Hill County Electric's 77th Annual Meeting of Members. It was so nice to be able to meet in person this year!

Voting for one trustee position and proposed Bylaw Amendments

occurred in person at the meeting and via mail. Shane Barrett, trustee for District 1 ran uncontested, and was re-elected as the District 1 trustee. Shane received 315 yes votes and 41 ballots were left blank. The Bylaw changes had 297 yes votes and 58 no votes. HCE's Bylaw books will be updated soon for our membership. Total votes were 356 with one person voting for Shane but they did not vote for or against the bylaws.



The HCE Board of Trustees and officers remains the same:

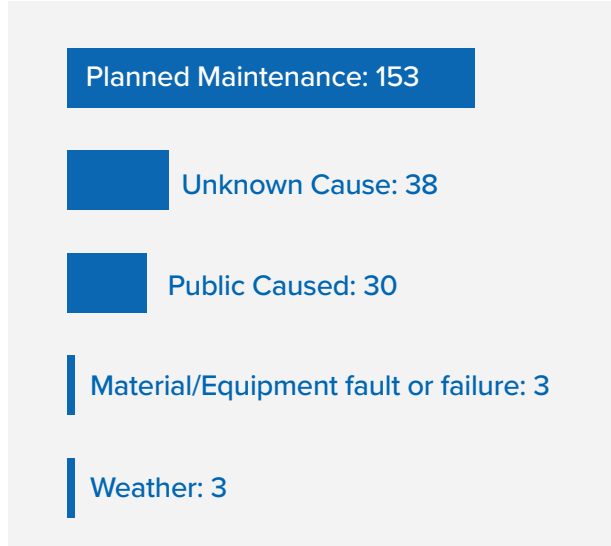
- *Shane Barrett, President - District 1 Havre*
- *Leslie Smith, Vice President - District 3 Rudyard*
- *Nick Siebrasse, Secretary/Treasurer - District 5 Havre*
- *Gerald Rutledge - District 4 Big Sandy*
- *Trevor Standing Rock - District 2 Rocky Boy*



I would also like to congratulate all of our HCE scholarship winners. Laramie Peterson and Riley Pleninger each received a \$1,000 scholarship from Basin; Rhett Wolery received a \$500 Basin scholarship; Mary Gibson was awarded the \$1,000 Tell Us Your Story Scholarship and Samantha May and Choral Wicks each received a \$500 scholarship from MECA. Five lucky high school students attending the meeting were the winners of the Luck of the Draw Scholarship.

HCE Happenings

Last month, Hill County Electric (HCE) had approximately 227 account hours affected by outages. Of these hours:



HCE and Basin Electric Power Cooperative awarded the first Teacher Appreciation Award to Sheena Wortman.

HCE Awards First Teacher Appreciation Award

Hill County Electric is proud to offer a unique opportunity to rural communities. Recruiting and retaining good, quality educators in rural schools is a significant challenge in Montana. HCE will annually present an area teacher with a \$1,500 award through our Teacher Appreciation Program (renewable one-time) to a current or incoming educator who teaches at a Class B or smaller school district in HCE’s service area.

Congratulations to Sheena Wortman winner of the first HCE Teacher Appreciation Program award! Sheena, the teacher at Bear Paw school, received \$1,500 from HCE’s Teacher Appreciation Program. Basin Electric Power Cooperative matched HCE’s contribution for a total award of \$3,000. Thank you, Sheena, for your dedication to your school and students.

Visit <https://www.hcelectric.com/community/teacher-appreciation-program> for complete details on this great opportunity for our rural educators.

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SUMMER STORM SAFETY WORD SEARCH

Summer means fun in the sun! But the season can also bring strong thunderstorms.

Read the storm safety tips below, then find and circle the bolded words in the puzzle below.



- If you hear thunder, that means **lightning** can strike nearby. Go indoors.
- Wait at least 30 minutes after the last rumble of **thunder** before going back outside.
- During a thunderstorm, stay away from tall, isolated **structures** or trees, which are more susceptible to lightning strikes.
- Avoid standing near **windows** during a thunderstorm.
- Strong summer storms occasionally cause power outages. During an outage, it's best to have an **emergency kit** on hand.

Swap and Shop

Welcome to our Swap and Shop! Feel free to post and find classifieds from other members!

Check out the current version online at www.hcelectric.com/swap-and-shop. Ads submitted online are usually added within 2 to 3 business days. Due to print deadlines and space available, some ads may appear in the next magazine.

**Indicates photo available on our website version.*

Wanting to Buy

Looking for an older pull-type camper for storage. Call 406.390.2276.

Misc For Sale

Small Pot Belly woodstove with stove pipe, 1950 era Royal typewriter, manual Olympia typewriter, Seventec collegiate typewriter. Call 406.930.2200 for pricing and more information.

Bowflex Trainer M5*

Selling Bowflex Trainer M5. Asking \$750, call 406.547.2409.

Dexter Trailer Axle

Dexter trailer axle, 7-foot wide, P-15 Model SLR with electric brakes. Asking \$100, call 406.547.2184.

MinnKota Motor

MinnKota endura boat motor, 40 lbs. thrust. Asking \$100, call 406.547.2184.

Wood Oars

7-foot wood oars with oar locks, like new. Asking \$70, call 406.547.2184.

2003 Chevy Duramax

2003 Chevy Duramax 2500HD Ext Cab Long box with 65,000 miles, in great condition. Asking \$30,000, call 406.759.5894.

Wanting to Sell

Goodyear Wrangler ST P235/75R16 tire and 16-inch rim. Asking \$150, if interested call 406.378.3243.

Wanting to Buy

Looking to buy 1955 to 1959 Chevy car or pickup to restore or driveable, call 406.326.2287.

Boat For Sale

1971 Sanger V-Drive fiberglass boat with 440 Chrysler engine and homemade trailer. Asking for \$6,000. Call Lenard at 406.378.2572.

Wanting to Buy

Looking for an older pull-type camper for storage. Call 406.390.2276.

Wanting To Buy

Looking for ornate hot water (heating) radiators, height of 30" or less. Call 540.624.0502.

GM Muncie Transmission*

GM Muncie 4-speed transmission with Hurst shifter linkage. Was coupled to HP 327 SBC engine, splines, gears, etc. In great condition, more information and photos are available. Asking \$1,200 OBO, call 540.624.0502.

Versatile Tractors For Sale

850 Versatile, \$6,500 OBO and 145 Versatile \$2,500 OBO, call 406.355.4298.

Antique Hot Water Radiators*

Two antique hot water radiators from a working system. Under window sizes, one without legs. \$150 each, call 540.624.0502.

John Deere Combine For Sale

1979 John Deere 6600 Combine with 22-foot header and 3424 hours. Good tires, clean, runs well and includes lots of extra parts. Call 406.355.4479.

Tractor Accessories For Sale

Selling 3-point blade, 3-point chisel and 3-point dirt bucket for a small Dearborn tractor. Also a small 4M tractor for sale for parts. Call 406.670.9818 for pricing.

2003 Honda VTX1800 Road Bike

Motorcycle includes windshield, backrest, storage tote and engine guard/footrest. Red in color, in excellent condition. Low mileage, stored in garage and covered, carefully ridden. For more information and pricing, call 406.378.2484 and ask for Paul.

Front End Loaders For Sale

Westendorf TA45 Loader with quick attach 7 ft. bucket and quick attach Bale Spear, JD Mounts. Also selling a Leon Loader with 7 ft. Bucket, International Harvester mounts. Call 406.398.5330.

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