

Annual General Meeting is Rescheduled

Date: Thursday, April 28, 2022

Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: The Lakedell Ag Society & Community Center, 461043 Range Road 12 Westeros, Alberta • Tel:(780) 586-2505

With the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions regarding events, West Wetaskiwin REA has rescheduled the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to an in person event.

Registration: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Registration will recognize members and provide pertinent advance AGM information.

AGM Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

There will be no dinner function at this AGM but light refreshments will be available. For members concerned with social distancing, chairs can be located to accommodate that concern.

The AGM agenda will include the Financial Report (presented by MNP), the President's Report, the Operations Budget for next year, confirmation of the Auditor, and the election of Directors.

Additionally we are pleased to confirm a guest speaker, Mr. Bill Klassen, General Manager of Battle River Power Coop.

Call Out for Directors

In 2022 there are 2 (two) Director positions up for election. To be considered for election a member must be 18 years of age or older with an interest in land in our service area, have a signed Electric Service Contract with West Wetaskiwin REA and be a member in good standing (not in arrears with the REA or any contractors).

The deadline to declare your intent to stand for election to the nominating committee is Thursday April 21, 2022. Interested members should contact Jean-Anne at the REA office (780-335-9378) by that date and she will connect you with the nomination committee to formalize your intent.

Directors do not need direct electrical industry experience or knowledge; rather they are expected to bring both their personal member knowledge and individual perspective to their decision making. Directors must be committed to work for the three-year term towards the continued effectiveness in West Wetaskiwin REA's ability to serve its membership.

Interested members can visit the West Wetaskiwin REA website to download a copy of *Responsibilities of Directors of West Wetaskiwin REA* located on the <Power Points> page.



For Power Troubles:

Battle River Power Coop (our distribution system operator)
Toll-free: 1-877-428-3972

For RRO Billing and Account Inquiries:

Battle River Power Coop | Box 1420 Camrose, Alberta T4V 1X3
Toll-free: 1-877-428-3972
E-mail: brpc@brpower.coop | Website: www.brpower.coop

For REA Inquiries, New Service and Service Change Requests:

Contact West Wetaskiwin REA, RR #1
Station Main, Wetaskiwin, Alberta T9A 1W8
Tel: 780-335-9378 (WEST)

E-mail: westwet@telus.net | Website: www.westwetaskiwinrea.com

For service requests: go to www.westwetaskiwinrea.com/new-or-changes-to-services.html

Moving High Loads

If you are going to be moving an over-sized load or equipment this spring, be sure to follow these guidelines.

Plan your route and take notice of any power infrastructure (poles, lines, guy wires, etc.).

Failure to observe the the minimum distances assigned for working around power infrastructure can have serious consequences. Not adhering to clearances exposes you to the risk of serious injury or fatality and the liability for any costs/loss/damage resulting from non-compliance.

Verify the height of your equipment and/or load.

If your load is over 13.6 feet (4.15 meters), it is considered “Over Height” and you must obtain a travel permit if you are travelling on any Alberta roads. Permits are available from Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation. Contact them at 1-800-662-7138 or their website: www.alberta.ca > infrastructure-transportation – *Oversize and Overweight Permits*.

Contact Battle River Power Coop to confirm the route and review legislative requirements.

You can contact the Operations Department toll-free at 1-877-428-3972 or email us via our website: www.brpower.coop/contact-us/ and submit a *Highload Form*.

Battle River Power Coop qualified personnel will review the details of the respective load and planned route and determine if it requires an escort and/or line lifts. If the load requires an escort, we will work with you and determine appropriate resource allocation. Please note Battle River Power Coop requires a **minimum of 5 working days** to facilitate move requests.

Responsibility for Power Infrastructure on Members' Land

It is important for members to realize that power infrastructure located on their land is their responsibility and they are liable for any damages to distribution system components.

This means that if you personally run into a pole or line, you are responsible to pay for the damage.

Equally, if a third party damages distribution system components on your land, as the landowner you are liable for the repair and/or replacement cost.

Examples of “third party” damage that a member would be responsible for might include the following:

- Vandalism – someone purposefully damaging poles or lines on your land.
- Contractors, engaged by you to work on your land, that accidentally damage or negatively impact the integrity of power structures.
- Livestock activities that negatively impact the integrity of power structures. For example, cows rubbing against guy wires or horses that constantly rub directly on a pole – both activities can cause the pole footing to loosen and make it vulnerable.

Member-owners and landowners need to be cognisant of their liability relating to any damage caused to power equipment on their respective properties, whether or not they have personally caused that damage.



Regulated Rate Option



The Regulated Rate Option (RRO) may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. It is not a 'regulated' rate, rather is a default rate. If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you are on the RRO. For March 2022, the RRO is priced at \$0.09412 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed orange bill. For April 2022, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate is \$0.09482.

Members are free to purchase electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit ucahelps.alberta.ca or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta).

Information on West Wetaskiwin REA's Code of Conduct Regulation Compliance Plan can be found on our website: www.westwetaskiwinrea.com