

Responsibilities of Directors of West Wetaskiwin REA

It is important to understand the responsibilities of an REA Director, for both the nominees that are considering standing for election and for the membership in choosing a qualified individual for a Director position. To stand for election a member must be 18 years of age or older, 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).

When considering becoming a Director of the West Wetaskiwin REA it is important to understand the following.

- You need to devote the time needed to fulfill the duties of a Director including:
 - regular attendance at board meetings (currently the BOD meets monthly),
 - commitment to read Board materials and come to the monthly meetings prepared to provide input,
 - attendance at stakeholder sessions as required, and
 - adhoc representation at forums or committees relating to the REA.
- Directors must be committed to work for the continued and increased effectiveness in West Wetaskiwin REA's ability to serve its membership and ensure the REA's interests are paramount above any personal gain or position.
- The term of office is three years.

With regards to responsibilities outlined in the *Rural Utilities Act*, the following excerpts outline key duties relating to the power of Directors.

Directors are responsible for the general direction and supervision of the affairs and business of the association and may appoint managers or others considered necessary for the conduct of the affairs and business of the association.

The power to enter into an agreement for co-operation, joint venture, reciprocal concession, etc. with a person, company or association so as to directly or indirectly benefit the REA.

Ancillary accountabilities of Directors include, but are not limited to, the following:

The power to enter into arrangements with a government or authority that seem beneficial to the association.

The power to purchase, lease, exchange, hire or dispose of property necessary for the purpose of the business.

The power to invest and deal with the money of the association not immediately required (subject to regulations) and to pledge REA credit for the purchase of goods or other transactions.

Nominees and members are encouraged to take these responsibilities and obligations into account when accepting a nomination or when voting for a candidate.

The Process

Members interested in standing for election as a Director of the West Wetaskiwin REA must declare themselves in advance of the meeting to enable members to review the interested candidates. The declaration date will vary annually based on the timing of the Annual General Meeting. Please contact Jean-Anne at the REA office (780-335-9378) for the current year deadline and she will subsequently connect you with the Nominating Committee.

The Committee will assist the member in formalizing the respective nomination. Communication support will be provided to create a brief bio that will be forwarded to voting members in advance of the AGM. Voting will occur at the 2022 AGM.