

Announcing West Wetaskiwin REA 2020 Annual General Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Location: Falun Community Hall
272019 AB-13, Falun, AB

Registration: 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Members will be checked in quickly and allowed to proceed directly to seating that will follow Alberta Health COVID-19 protocols for indoor group functions. The Board of Directors strongly encourages members to wear masks in consideration of their safety and the safety of fellow members. For members who do not have masks, disposable masks will be available.

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 p.m. AGM* will begin promptly and no dinner will be served at this meeting therefore no ticket purchase is required.

**Note: the AGM is open to members in good standing. If you are unsure whether you have a current contract, please contact the REA.*

For more information, please feel free to contact any Directors or the office (see below).

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The AGM agenda will include annual reports and election of Directors. To facilitate timing, a copy of the 2019 AGM minutes will be posted to our website (www.westwetaskiwinrea.com) for members to review in advance of the meeting.

Please note that all necessary COVID-19 guidelines will be in place. For more details visit our website.

Election of Directors

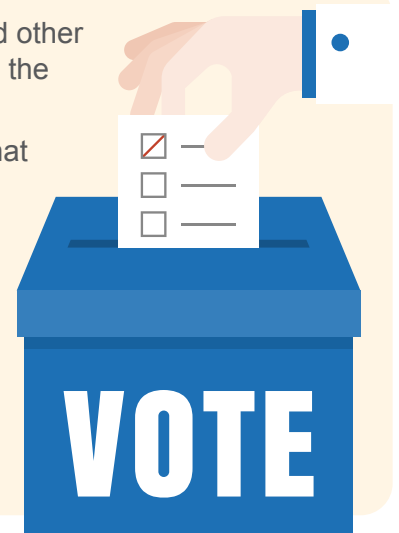
This year there are 3 Director terms that expire. West Wetaskiwin REA would like to encourage interested members to consider running as a Director. Key considerations are as follows.

Nominees must have a current signed Electrical Service Contract with the REA and be a member in good standing (not in arrears with the REA or our contractors)

Nominees should consider the time commitment and be able to participate in the

majority of monthly meetings and other obligations that may arise during the course of a three-year term.

Elected Directors must ensure that our members' interests are paramount above any personal gains and be committed to work for the continued and increased effectiveness in West Wetaskiwin REA's ability to serve our membership. For more information visit www.westwetaskiwinrea.com.



For power troubles or service requests, contact: FortisAlberta (the distribution system operator for West Wetaskiwin REA): Toll-free: 1-855-333-9473 or 780-310-9473

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Make It Safe, Make It Visible

As a farmer, sometimes you have to travel between fields necessitating driving on public roads and highways throughout Alberta. Oversized and slow farm machinery, mixed with traditional highway traffic, can result in collisions and other accidents. You can prevent farm machinery incidents on public roads by focusing on three main areas.

- **Make your machinery and equipment safe and visible:** follow regulated requirements for lighting and signage including a clean slow moving vehicle (SMV) sign as appropriate. Complete a safety check of any vehicles that will be travelling on public highways (hitch pins, tire condition, etc.)
- **Follow safe driving tips:** travel at a speed that will ensure you can maintain vehicle control, observe road precautions, avoid busy roads/travel times if possible, always stop and make sure the way is clear, and ensure all drivers have a valid driver's license.
- **Drive defensively:** stay alert for hazards and if traffic is lined up behind you be sure the shoulder width is sufficient and solid enough to support your equipment before you move over.

For more information visit: www.agric.gov.ab.ca to view *Safe Transportation of Farm Equipment in Alberta*.

Look Up And Around This Harvest Season

West Wetaskiwin REA would like to remind all farmers as you head out for harvest to be sure to look up and around your work area to identify where the power poles and powerlines are located.

Farm machinery/equipment has increased in size over the years, while powerlines remained a constant height. This translates to a change in distance that an operator must allow between machines and electrical structures.

Additionally, remember that GPS does not always indicate the position or the height of power poles.

West Wetaskiwin REA encourages members to check your surroundings all day/every day and be certain that you can safely navigate around the power poles, power lines and guy-wires.

If you have any doubts or questions about clearance, you can call our system operator FortisAlberta toll-free 1-855-333-9473 and they can provide information about the height of specific lines and safe clearance distances.

We encourage our members to stay safe this harvest season and watch out for power lines and poles.



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 August 2020, the RRO is priced at \$0.07041 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed orange bill. For September 2020, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate is \$0.07830.

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