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AGM Information

This years Tomahawk REA Annual AGM will be held in the evening on Tuesday, April 17th at the MacKenzie Centre in Drayton Valley. Every effort to secure a location closer to members was made but for reasons out of our control we were not able to secure a suitable location.

As a member of the Tomahawk REA you have a vote. Please come out to learn what has happened during the last year, review financials and participate in Director elections.

There are three (3) director positions up for nomination/ election. Director duties our outlined on the back page— please note this is not an exhaustive list.

Please refer to our website at www.tomahawkrea.com for more immediate information as it becomes available.

The meeting is open to members only—to be clear, all parties on the land title are invited to attend—1 voting card will be issued.

Upon registration, all voting members will receive their AGM package including the agenda with related attachments.

Registration and voting cards will not be issued to those with outstanding contracts...if you think you may be on this list please have your legal address handy and give us a call or complete and print the online contract form at www.tomahawkrea.com under MEMBER SERVICES and click the Membership Contract link (instructions are below). Every effort is being made to contact all these landowners prior to the AGM in order to have the contracts completed and accepted by the Board.

Complete this form by ensuring the names on the contract are the same as the names on your title certificate and all signatures are in place and witnessed. Attach a copy of your title certificate for verification purposes if possible.

Mail to: Tomahawk REA, PO Box 10030, RPO BLACK GOLD, Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1W5

Drop off: 6226 50th Avenue, Drayton Valley, AB

(Intercon Messaging building) slide under Tomahawk door if closed

Scan and email to: office.trea@gmail.com

Message from the Chair

Cheryl Thomas

It is hard to believe that it is 2018 already. Nine months since the AGM. The last nine months has involved a tremendous amount of training and learning for the mostly new board of directors. During 2017 the entire board on two separate occasions have had the opportunity to partake in board governance training. All current board members have taken the training at least once. Two board members and administration have taken advise and training on Code of Compliance so that we can manage our own Code of Compliance with the MSA. Administration has spent a good portion of time organizing files and the office, as well as updating the membership registry. We still have approximately 140 Electric Service Contracts (aka membership contracts) that are incomplete. Tracy has been in contact trying to get this completed so that our registry is up to date.

The board realizes that there are still lots of unanswered questions and we are trying to address them. Some of these questions were issued at the open house and I am still getting requests for answers.

Were recordings of past meetings or ballots of the 2017 AGM retrieved?

The previous recording and ballots of the 2017 AGM were not recovered from previous administration. For the 2017 AGM the board will be requesting that the recorder maintain a copy in his possession should this situation arise again.

How does T-032 work?

The 2015 – 2016 version of the T-032 Policy stated that TREA would have a 65% maximum investment of the NHC – Normal Historical Costing – which is the expected average cost per pole (overhead) or per meter (underground). This investment would be recoverable over time thru an IRRR (Investment Rate Recovery Rider) of \$2.00 per billable kVa. The 65% TREA investment was then borrowed from EQUUS at a rate of 4.08% to be repaid over 15 years.

The 2017 T-032 Investment Policy required a 10% contribution of the total cost by the member. The remaining 90% was divided that 25% was invested (paid for) by TREA and the remaining 65% could be paid in full or over time by the

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member at 6.0%. The 25% investment portion by TREA was recovered thru the member distribution rates. The 65%, if paid for over time TREA would obtain a loan from EQUUS at 4.08%

What steps has the Board taken to ensure adequate insurance coverage in the event of a catastrophic event such as fire?

We have been evaluating it and are locked into our current insurance policy as it has a two year cancellation clause (cancellation notice has been given). REA's can get individual REA insurance under a group rate with AFREA, we are still investigating our options to ensure that the association will be covered in case of loss.

What is an REA?

REA is an abbreviation for rural electrification association. It is an example of grass roots activism by rural Albertans that has had lasting benefits across several generations. The implementation of power co-ops by farmers in the late 1940s-early 1950s changed the face of agriculture. You enjoy electricity today because other rural Albertans cooperated to make something possible that seemed impossible.

Today, REAs exist in Canada only in Alberta and operate in service areas across the province. Although there were greater numbers during the early years of the movement, amalgamations and sales reduced their numbers to 31 today.

AGM Agenda

It is critical to abide by the agenda that will be presented at the AGM. After the meeting is called to order promptly at the specified time on the agenda, quorum will be established.

Quorum for the Tomahawk REA AGM must reach 50 members, If quorum is met, you can expect the meeting to proceed with:

- Review and Adoption of Minutes
- Review and adoption of Rules of Order
- Chair Report
- Financial Report—Accountant

Volunteers & Follow up Information

Volunteers are always welcome, needed and appreciated. If you can spare some time to help with the AGM please contact us! Check in on our website often between now and the AGM—we will be posting new information as it becomes available.

Questions? Please email office.trea@gmail.com or call:

780.514.8732

2017 Work completed & in Progress

- Obtaining firm quotes on an official valuation of Tomahawk REA assets
- Beginning work on TREA asset management
- Continuing to contact residents with outstanding Tomahawk REA electric service contracts
- Working with Parliamentarian and Returning Officer with AGM Planning
- Took over membership register from EQUUS and work together to ensure both TREA and EQUUS registers are up-to-date
- Took over newsletter communications
- Took over compliance reporting from EQUUS
- Designed relational database with reporting capabilities for membership information, communication logs, assets, contacts, board meetings, board members and more
- Completed governance training
- Halted Policy T-032—new service investments in late October, allowing those in progress to proceed and grandfathering in all existing
- Held a Membership Open House
- Attended AFREA District meeting held in Rocky Mountain House in November 2017
- Attended AFREA Annual AGM in Edmonton in February 2018
- Continue to work with our DSO to streamline both operational and administrative processes
- Renewing communications with neighbouring REA's including Drayton Valley and Lindale

Director positions

Nominations for Director positions will be handled as follows

Nominations from the floor

Acceptance of Nomination

Each Nominee will have a few minutes to speak before voting begins. A Short Board Meeting will be held immediately after the AGM for the appointments of new Directors and selection of Chair and Vice-Chair positions.

Director responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- One (1) board meeting per month except December
- Volunteer time to complete tasks arising out of board meetings
- Three—four (3-4) possible additional meetings throughout the year; dependant on needs of both the Board and Membership
- Training in governance and other matters as required
- Completion of the Code of Conduct
- Submit expenses quarterly

Note to all Members

All members are free to purchase electricity services through TREA's regulated rate tariff or from a retailer of their choice. The delivery of electricity to you is not affected by your choice. If you change who you purchase electricity services from, you will continue receiving electricity from TREA. For a current list of retailers you may choose from, visit <http://www.ucahelps.alberta.ca> or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta).

Notes/Feedback/Suggestions/Inquiries

