

### **MEMBER NEWSLETTER**

March 2021

## **Supplemental Bylaw No. 8**

On March 12, 2021 at a Special General Meeting, the West Wetaskiwin REA Board of Directors passed Supplemental Bylaw No. 8.

This standardized supplemental bylaw, pre-approved by Rural Utilities, allows for alternative methods of voting when an in-person member meeting can't be scheduled.

It was ratified to allow us to conduct the legislated business of holding our Annual General Meeting during the current pandemic restrictions.



# Mark Your Calendars

Notice of 2021 Annual General Meeting Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

Location: Virtually on a Zoom platform. Time: 7:00 p.m.

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions and with the passing of Supplemental Bylaw No. 8, the REA will hold a virtual AGM via Zoom. Members will require a computer to attend and participate.

This means a somewhat different registration process to ensure that only eligible members attend and the process is outlined to the right. The meeting will be limited to 100 participants and deadline dates for registration, etc. are very important.

The AGM agenda will include annual reports (Chairman, financial and budget) and election of Directors (see reverse for nomination information).

### **Registration Process for 2021 AGM**

#### Members must register by April 20, 2021.

**Registration must be completed via email** – either direct to the REA (<u>westwet@telus.net</u>) or by submitting the Send a Message form on the website (<u>www.westwetaskiwinrea.com</u>) <Contact Us> page.

Registration must include your complete name and Site ID number so you can be verified as a member in good standing and eligible to attend and vote.

Once confirmed, you will receive email communications including a confirmation of your registration, an instruction sheet on how to download the Zoom application to your computer and a complete registration package which will contain all the information applicable to the meeting and a meeting link to join the AGM on the 28th.

We are encouraging members who are interested in running for a Director position to declare themselves prior to the meeting and information on those individuals will be forwarded to confirmed attendees to expedite voting.

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 For REA inquiries contact: West Wetaskiwin REA R.R. #1 Station Main, Wetaskiwin, Alberta T9A 1W8 Phone: 780-335-9378 (WEST) E-mail: <u>westwet@telus.net</u> <u>www. westwetaskiwinrea.com</u> For billing or account inquiries contact: Battle River Power Coop Box 1420 Camrose, Alberta T4V 1X3 Toll-free: 1-877-428-3972 E-mail: <u>brpc@brpower.coop</u> <u>www.brpower.coop</u>

## CALL OUT FOR DIRECTORS

This year there are 2 (two) Director positions to fill. Due to the unique meeting environment of 2021 and to facilitate a smooth vote for all members, including those new to Zoom, we are asking interested members to declare themselves in advance of the AGM. We will be sending a list of nominees and a brief background to members before the meeting so they are informed as to who is standing for election.

To be considered 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). The Director term of office is 3 (three) years.

To assist interested members, we have created a nominating committee that can guide you through the process and facilitate formalizing your nomination. We will also provide communication support to create a brief bio or overview of why you wish to be a Director and why you should be elected.

The Rural Utilities Act states: Directors are responsible for the general direction and supervision of the affairs and business of the association and appoint managers or others considered necessary for the conduct of the affairs and business of the association.

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. Directors do not need direct electrical industry experience or knowledge; rather they are expected to bring both their 'insider' member knowledge as well as an outside perspective to their decision making.

Equally important is the ability to devote the time needed to fulfill the duties including meeting preparation and attendance.

Interested members can visit the website to download a copy of *Responsibilities of Directors of West Wetaskiwin REA* for more information.

If you are interested, please contact Jean-Anne at the REA office (780-335-9378) and she will connect you with the nominating committee.

The deadline to declare your intent to stand for election to the nominating committee is Thursday April 22, 2021.

If members need any additional information on the AGM or Director nominations please do not hesitate to contact any of the Directors (see contact info below).

	Dean Knull, Chair	780.352.1348
	Ron Holmlund	780.352.4842
	Neil Stone	780.586.2106
	Ron Stevens	780.352.2681
	Mike Wollin	780.352.9642
	Ken Adair	780.352.6318
	Dave Watt	780.205.2222
	REA Office	780.335.WEST(9378)
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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 2021, the RRO is priced at \$0.06763 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed orange bill. For April 2021, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate is \$0.08434.

Members are free to purchase electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit <u>ucahelps.alberta.ca</u> 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: <a href="https://www.westwetaskiwinrea.com">www.westwetaskiwinrea.com</a>