

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

January 2023



The West Wetaskiwin Rural Electrification Association (WW REA) will be holding this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on

Thursday, April 6, 2023.

Location: Lone Ridge Community Hall

263001 – Highway 13 County Wetaskiwin, Alberta

5:00pm: Registration & Meet Your Directors

6:00pm: Dinner 7:00pm: AGM*

*Note: The AGM is open to West Wetaskiwin REA members in good standing. If you are unsure if you have a current contract, please contact the REA (Tel: 780-335-9378) or email (westwet@telus.net).

To ensure adequate seating and guarantee the number of attendees for food service, members are requested to confirm attendance and purchase tickets by Monday, March 27, 2023.

The AGM is the perfect time for members to connect with fellow members, Directors and to get updates about West Wetaskiwin REA issues and successes. Agenda items will include, but are not limited to the following.

- ▶ Annual Financial Report
- ▶ Annual Chair Report
- ▶ Overview of the 2023 Operating Budget
- Presentation from Battle River Power Coop, WW REA System Operator
- Nomination and election of Directors

Ticket Information

Tickets for the AGM and dinner are \$20.00 per person and may be purchased through the REA office (Tel: 780-335-9378) or by contacting any Director (see Director contact information below).



Dean Knull, Chair	780.352.1348
Ron Holmlund	780.361.7929
Kevin Cummings	780.387.6506
Ron Stevens	780.352.2681
Neil Stone	780.586.2106
Dave Watt	780.205.2222
Mike Wollin	780.361.9642

Call Out for Directors

For members interested in standing as a Director, there are 3 positions that are up for election this year. Details on the nomination process and the role of a West Wetaskiwin REA Director can be found on the reverse of this newsletter and the website: www.westwetaskinrea.com.

To be eligible for election as a Director of West Wetaskiwin REA, a member:

- 1. must be 18 years of age;
- 2. have an interest in land in the West Wetaskiwin REA service area, and
- be a member in good standing (not in arrears with the REA or any contractors).

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 <u>www.westwetaskiwinrea.com/new-or-changes-to-services.html</u>

Responsibilities of Directors

It is important to understand the responsibilities of an REA Director for their 3-year term of office.

First, and foremost, 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.

Additionally, Directors must devote the time needed to fulfill Director duties 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
- ad hoc representation at forums or committees relating to the REA.

The Nomination Process

Members interested in standing for election as a Director of the West Wetaskiwin REA must declare themselves on or before Monday, March 27, 2023. No nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Please contact the REA office (780-335-9378) or a fellow Director and you will be connected 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 posted on the REA website in advance of the AGM. Voting will occur at the 2023 AGM and successful candidates announced.

Key Duties Relating to Directors of West Wetaskiwin RFA

With regards to responsibilities outlined in the Rural Utilities Act, the following excerpts outline some 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.

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



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



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.



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



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.

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 January 2023, the RRO is priced at \$0.13500 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed orange bill. For February 2023, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate is \$0.13500.

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).