



2014 Annual Report



67th Annual Membership Meeting
April 15, 2015

Syracuse Fair Building
806 S. Main, Syracuse, Kansas

Trustee Election

The following trustees have been nominated by the nominating committee for the position of trustee:

- ▶ **District 2**—Charles Ayers
1335 N County Rd 13, Leoti, KS
- ▶ **District 3**—Roe Johnson
1848 Rd O, Tribune, KS
- ▶ **District 4**—Ron Davis
500 N Gardner, Syracuse, KS
- ▶ **District 6**—Dan Bonine
3901 19th St, Great Bend, KS
- ▶ **District 7**—Dave Lowe
735 W 178th St S, Caldwell, KS



Charles Ayers



Dan Bonine



Ron Davis



Roe Johnson



Dave Lowe

Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the meeting.

Proposed By-Law Amendment

The Wheatland Board of Trustees has recommended that the following amendment be made:

a. Article 4, Trustees, Section 2: Election and Tenure of Office.

Trustees shall be elected by secret ballot at each annual meeting of the members, and shall be elected for a three year term. Members of the board of trustees shall not serve more than six, three year terms beginning from and after adoption of this bylaw by the membership at an annual meeting. Trustees shall be elected by a plurality vote of those members casting secret ballots at a duly convened annual meeting of members. If an election of the trustees shall not be held on the day designated herein for the annual meeting, or any adjournment thereof, a special meeting of the members shall be held for the purpose of electing trustees within a reasonable time thereafter.



Operating Statement

for year ended 12/31/2014

Income

Electric Revenues	101,347,232
Water and Broadband Revenues	6,631,413
Interest Income	1,264,924
Capital Credits from Other Cooperatives	13,074,332*
Non-Operating Income (Other)	(204,411)
Total Income	122,113,490

Expenses

Purchased Power/Cost of Sales	66,623,688
Operations & Maintenance	8,699,049
Administrative & General	10,400,094
Depreciation	9,576,071
Total Interest	7,484,398
Taxes	4,544,825
Other	101,131
Total Expenses	107,429,256

Total Margins	14,684,234
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(*) Of this amount \$12,268,860 is a non-cash allocation of margins from Sunflower Electric Power Corporation for the year of 2014. This amount will be available to be paid out to members at such time when Sunflower makes cash distributions to Wheatland.

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2014

Assets	
Cash & Short-Term Investments	1,764,665
Memberships and Other Investments	70,558,328
Notes Receivable	26,132,454
Accounts Receivable	6,038,531
Materials and Supplies	3,337,053
Prepayments	3,900,231
Other Current Assets/Deferred Debits	8,800,342
Plant Assets (All Operations)	308,059,311
Accumulated Depreciation	(85,788,499)
Total Assets	342,802,416
Liabilities	
Principal Owed on Long-Term Debt	207,658,557
Interest Payable on Long-Term Debt (in 2015)	663,091
Notes Payable	30,679,837
Accounts Payable	3,086,643
Property Taxes Payable (due in 2015)	2,584,501
Consumer Deposits	565,575
Other Liabilities	7,843,040
Total Liabilities	253,081,244
Equities	
2014 Operating Margin	630,229
2013 Non-Operating Margin	14,054,005
Prior Years Margins	74,063,986
Other Margins and Equities/Deferred Credits	972,952
Total Equities	89,721,172
Total Liabilities and Equity	342,802,416



Property Taxes Paid in 2014

Wheatland Electric will pay a total of \$3,756,085 in property taxes for 2014. These amounts were assessed against assets such as electric lines, poles, buildings, trucks and water and broadband-related equipment owned by Wheatland. As a not-for-profit cooperative, Wheatland is exempt from income tax. The following is a listing of property taxes assessed by county for 2014:

County	Amount	County	Amount
Barton County	\$488,834	Lane County	\$152
Finney County	\$968,429	Logan County	\$2,280
Gray County	\$37,083	Reno County	\$5,586
Greeley County	\$224,450	Scott County	\$312,071
Hamilton County	\$309,316	Sedgwick County	\$2,166
Harper County	\$351,868	Seward County	\$33
Haskell County	\$141	Sumner County	\$199,925
Kearny County	\$281,779	Wallace County	\$3,165
Kingman County	\$119,916	Wichita County	\$268,891
Total Taxes Paid (18 counties) \$3,576,085			

Rebates Available to Upgrade Your HVAC Save Energy, Save Money



Did you know that Wheatland offers rebates to residential members for the installation of energy-efficient heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems?

Heating and cooling a house often accounts for the majority of a household's monthly energy costs. Many homeowners have a great opportunity to save energy and money by installing a more efficient HVAC system.

Essentially, higher efficiency

equates to lower monthly energy bills and improved comfort. For example, you could receive a \$410 rebate for a four-ton (48,000 BTU) heat pump.

For eligibility requirements or to download a rebate form, visit www.weci.net and click on the "Energy Education" tab and then on "Rebates." You can also contact any local office.

Rebate Levels

BTU	Min SEER	Central A/C	Heat Pump
Up to 36,000*	13	\$200	+\$150
*Add \$30 for each ½ ton above 3 ton (36,000 BTU)			

Plug-in to Savings!

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TOP LEFT: Linemen from Scott City retire old line materials after upgrading a stretch of line in Scott County.

TOP RIGHT: Children in Great Bend are given the opportunity to safely explore a Wheatland line truck during the “Touch a Truck” event sponsored by the Great Bend Public Library.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Wheatland crews restore power after a storm in the Great Bend area.



Employee Service Awards

40 Years

George E. Andrasek
Mary Ann Davis

35 Years

Joseph L. Birzer
Randy G. Coleman
Lynn B. Freese
Gregory M. Ladner
G. Joyce Trettenero

30 Years

John E. Houston

25 Years

Todd A. Nemechek
Gregory A. See
James S. Zorn

20 Years

Jana S. Harkness
Bryan L. Mulligan
Mike R. Olson

15 Years

Chad M. Deniston
Loren R. Goss
Colton T. Green
Mark A. Maier
Randy L. Rogers

10 Years

Darrin A. Campbell
Paula S. Crook
Wade M. Grumbein
Keith D. McMillan
Radona L. Smythe

5 Years

Marcus B. Goebel
Patricia A. Hanna
Brandon M. Ritchie



Minutes of 2014 Annual Meeting WHEATLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. April 2, 2014

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on April 2, 2014, at the Holcomb Recreation Center, Holcomb, Kansas at 12:30 p.m. CDT. The meeting was held pursuant to notice mailed to each member of the Cooperative. Charles Ayers offered an invocation just prior to the luncheon at 11:30 a.m.

Wes Campbell, President, who acted as chairman throughout the meeting, called to order the 66th Annual Meeting. Chairman Campbell welcomed each one to the 2014 Annual Meeting and then introduced the officers, trustees of the Cooperative and their spouses. Bruce Mueller, then introduced special guests in attendance, Bob Hall, KEC Director of Finance, Lynn Ballinger, representing Representative Tim Huelskamp, Stuart Lowry, SEPC President and CEO, Ed Wiltse, General Manager of Lane Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc., Nikki Pfannenstiel, SEPC, Dow Morris, Assistant General Manager of Lane Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc., Glenda Cafer, Attorney, Terri Pemberton, Attorney, Dale Wetzel, WEC Nominating Committee, Robert Buerkle, WEC Nominating Committee, Bailey Harris 2014 Youth Tour Winner and Ernie Lehman, CEO Midwest Energy.

The Chairman announced there were 61 members present in person at the meeting and 3 members present by proxy. As our membership exceeds one thousand, fifty members present or by proxy constitute a quorum. Since there were 61 registered members present in person and 3 by proxy, a quorum was declared. A list of the attendance of the 2014 Annual Meeting is attached hereto as Reference "A".

Keen Brantley read the official Notice of Annual Meeting and Affidavit of Publication in the Kansas Country Living Magazine. The Notice of the meeting with Certificate of Mailing is attached to the minutes of the meeting as Reference "B".

The preprinted 2013 Annual Meeting minutes were handed out when members registered. A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve them as presented was made. On motion made and duly seconded reading of the minutes was waived. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes and they were approved.

Joel Bryan, as Director of Finance, reported the Treasurer's Report was published in the March issue of the "Kansas Country Living" magazine and was mailed to each of the members, along with the official Notice of Meeting. Mr. Bryan presented the Treasurer's Report. He inquired whether there were questions relative to that report. Joel then announced he would entertain a motion to accept the report as mailed to each of the members of the Cooperative. Upon motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the treasurer's report was approved.

The Chairman introduced Stuart Lowry, President & CEO of Sunflower who gave an update on SEPC progress in building Rubart Station and its attempts to secure permission to build a power plant South of Holcomb. On April 1, 2014, Rubart Station actually generated 5 MW of electric power as a test run. SEPC's goal is to improve its power generation along with maintaining competitive G&T Rates. SEPC electric rates have remained lower than any other commodity over the past 20 years.

Phillip L. Shelley, Director of Operations reported on Wheatland's efforts to improve and maintain electric infrastructure allowing Wheatland to provide reliable electric service to all Wheatland's member customers. Wheatland Electric is trying to establish reliable transmission to serve Harper and Sumner Counties.

Bruce Mueller, General Manager of Wheatland presented the highlights of Wheatland's business activities for the past year including ASCI Member Service Satisfaction Ratings. Wheatland Electric is rated well but Wheatland wants to improve its rating. Wheatland has revised its billing statements to improve the information shown to the membership on their bill.

Mr. Mueller then discussed why Wheatland is asking the membership to support Self-Regulation for the cooperative.

Self Regulation is to be voted on by member-patrons. The reasons for voting to deregulate are:

- a. Enhances member control of the cooperative
- b. It takes up to 240 days to get a ruling from KCC on rates
- c. Costs of KCC filings are very high, ranging from \$200,000 to \$400,000
- d. Members are still able to petition the KCC for any rate review
- e. WEC is the last REC to be regulated of 29 REC's – 28 REC's have deregulated
- f. WEC will hold town hall meetings to inform it's members

Meritorious service awards were presented by David Lowe to Wheatland Electric Inc. employees and trustees, who have been with Wheatland Electric Cooperative as follows:

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40 Years

Lawrence G. Lubbers
John A. Quigg

35 Years

Donald D. Erb
Sheila A. Helm
Lawrence D. Houston * Board Member
LeRoy L. Keith
David L. Reese

20 Years

Bruce E. Loy- received a Watch
Curtis A. Peterson – received a Watch

15 Years

Chris A. Huber
Carlos F. Pardo
Matthew E. Riley

10 Years

Nick A. Buehler
Kevin R. Morphew
Robert D. Morris

5 Years

William (Woody) Barnes * Board Member
Vic Case *Board Member
Clinton A. Gulick
Robert Hiss * Board Member
Wayne R. Parks
Nathan H. Porter
Debbie S. Stonestreet
Kyle G. Strickert
Charles T. Suchy

The Chairman then inquired whether there was old business to come before the meeting. There was none.

The Chairman called for new business.

Keen K. Brantley, Attorney for Wheatland Electric read the following proposed By-Law Amendment recommended by the Board of Trustees: Shall Article 4, Section 2 of the Cooperative's By-Laws be amended to read:

Article 4–TRUSTEES, Section 2. ELECTION and TENURE of OFFICE.

All trustees shall be elected by secret ballot at each annual meeting of the members, and beginning with the 2014 annual election instead of electing all of the trustees annually, one-third (1/3) of the trustees, or as near thereto as possible, shall be elected for a four (4) year term. Members of the board of trustees shall not serve more than five (5), four (4) year terms beginning from and after adoption of this by-law by the membership at an annual meeting. Trustees shall be elected by a plurality vote of those members casting secret ballots at a duly convened annual meeting of members. If an election of the trustees shall not be held on the day designated herein for the annual meeting, or any adjournment thereof, a special meeting of the members shall be held for the purpose of electing trustees within a reasonable time thereafter.

The members were asked to cast their ballots for the By-Law Amendment and a Ballot Counting Committee was appointed as follows: Joel Bryan, Shawn Powelson, Larry Wetzel and Jackson E. Wetzel. The Ballot Counting Committee reported there were 41 Yes Ballots and 2 No Ballots cast. The By-Law Amendment was passed.

The Chairman conducted a drawing for attendance prizes throughout the meeting, and the list of prize winners is attached hereto as Reference "C".

The Chairman announced that an item of new business involved election of three trustees. The Chairman asked for the nominating committee report from Keen Brantley. The Nominating Committee Report was made to the membership. The nominating committee comprised of Ed Cupp, Milan Reimer, Dale Wetzel, Robert Buerkle, Clark Rusco, and Kim Miller duly appointed, qualified, and acting nominating committee of Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Inc., met on February 10, 2014 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. The Nominating Committee placed in nomination:

District No. 1, four year term, Katie Eisenhour

District No. 2, four year term, Vic Case

District No. 4, four year term, Patrick Riley

The qualifications for the office of Trustee were read from the by-laws. Nominations were requested from the floor. Upon motion duly made and duly seconded the nominations were closed and a unanimous ballot was cast in favor of the nominees placed in nomination by the Nominating committee.

The Trustees elected for the following terms were: District No. 1, four year term, Katie Eisenhour, District No. 2, four year term, Vic Case, District No. 4, four year term, Patrick Riley.

The Chairman directed the report of the nominating committee be made a part of the official minutes of the meeting and attached hereto as Reference "D".

There being no additional business to be brought before the membership the President ordered the meeting was adjourned by motion made, seconded, and carried at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Keen K. Brantley



Wheatland Electric Board of Trustees



Wes Campbell
President



Dave Lowe
Vice President



Patrick Riley
Secretary



Dan Bonine
Treasurer



Ron Davis
President Emeritus



Charles Ayers
Trustee



William Barnes
Trustee



Vic Case
Trustee



Katie Eisenhour
Trustee



Robert Hiss
Trustee



Lawrence Houston
Trustee



Roe Johnson
Trustee



General Counsel

Jim McVay
General Counsel

Wheatland Management

▶ **Bruce Mueller**
General Manager

▶ **Beth Looney**
Assistant General Manager

▶ **Phillip Shelley**
Director of Operations

▶ **Lynn Freese**
Director of
Consumer Services

▶ **Vince Strickler**
Director of Administration
& Benefits

▶ **Radona Smythe**
Director of Finance
& Accounting

▶ **Jevin Kasselmann**
Director of Broadband &
Information Technology

▶ **Shawn Powelson**
Manager of Member
Services & Corporate
Communications

▶ **Luke West**
Manager of Safety/Policy
and Documents

▶ **Pam Murphy**
Executive Assistant

Cram the Van Collects 6,615 lbs. of Donations



Mission Mart in Conway Springs received a \$500 donation and 450 pounds of food from the “Cram the Van” food drive.



Wheatland staff presented the Barton County Food Bank with 300 pounds of food.



Wheatland’s Tribune office delivers 735 pounds and \$250 to Greeley County Food Bank in Tribune.



Bruce Mueller (second from the left), Manager, was on hand to deliver 1,710 pounds of food in Scott City.

Spotlight on EXCELLENCE Gold Award Winner

The Spotlight on Excellence Awards, sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, is a program that recognizes outstanding work produced by electric cooperatives across the country.



Wheatland Electric Cooperative Offices

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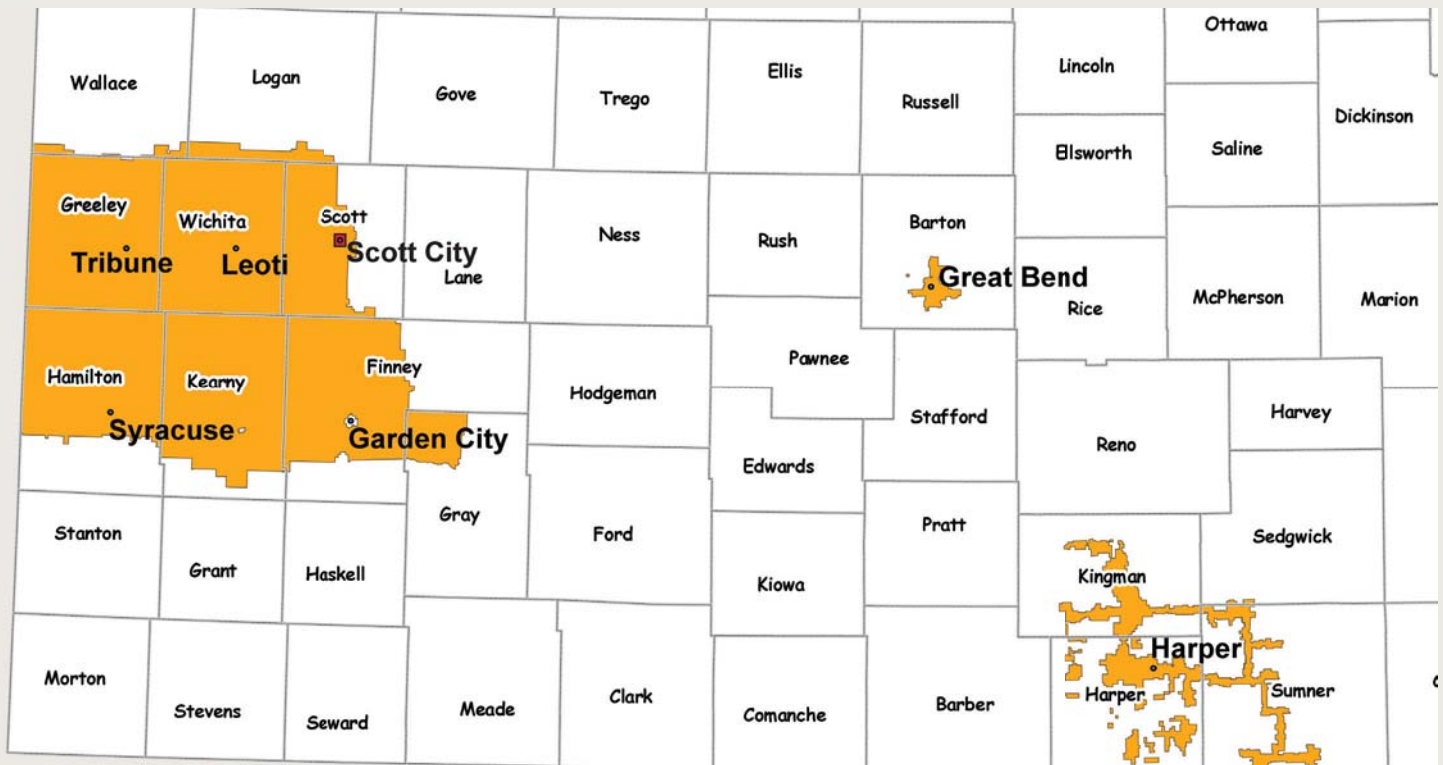
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