



April 2023

FALL RIVER FLASHES

Committed to safely and economically provide reliable energy and other services which bring value to its membership.

AVOID DITCH BURNING DAMAGE

Every spring, Fall River Electric crews are called out because of fire damage to power poles and equipment. Avoid burning weeds and brush around poles or near ground-mounted transformers (those green metal boxes). The cost to replace or repair can be in the tens of thousands of dollars and landowners are responsible to cover the costs of repair or replacement.



FALL RIVER CARES

One of the seven guiding principles of Fall River Electric is "Concern for Community," which is why Fall River Electric donated to the Community Foundation of Teton Valley in support of the foundation's 2023 annual Tin Cup Challenge. With the considerable number of community nonprofits in Teton Valley, this is a way for Fall River Electric to not only donate but provide a method for owner-members of the Cooperative to give to their favorite nonprofit(s) and watch their donation go even further thanks to the match program! In 2022, the event raised \$2.5 million from 1,308 donors. This year's Tin Cup Event Day will be held Saturday, July 15, in Driggs.

For more information on the Tin Cup Challenge, visit www.cftetonvalley.org.



Fall River Electric's ENERGY EXPO is just around the corner:

Saturday, June 17, at North Fremont High School in Ashton

FREE BREAKFAST, FREE PRIZES, DOZENS OF VENDORS, KIDS ACTIVITIES, ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS, & MORE!



The May and June *FLASHES* monthly newsletters will be combined and mailed alongside your ballot to cast your vote for three candidates who will serve on Fall River Electric's Board of Directors. Watch your mailbox in late May for candidate information, your ballot, and a list of all the activities planned for the Co-op's Energy Expo on June 17.

There is Still Time To Become A Candidate For The Co-Op's Board Of Directors



There is still time to nominate yourself or someone from any of the three districts where positions are up for election to the Fall River Electric Board of Directors. Three positions are up for election this year, including District 2, West Victor, where Jay Hanson has reached his term limit and will not be seeking reelection; District 3, East Victor, where Georg Behrens currently serves; and District 8, northern Island Park, currently represented by Jeff Keay.

If you or a friend are interested in becoming a candidate, all you need to do is call Fall River's CEO Bryan Case to obtain a nomination by petition form which will allow you to submit your name along with fifteen signatures of members from within the district for which you are seeking to be a candidate. Those names and signatures must arrive at the Ashton, Idaho, office of Fall River Electric by April 21, 2023, to be placed on the official election ballot. Remember, to be a qualified candidate, you must live in the district you are seeking election to. Ballots and voting information will be mailed to ALL owner-members of Fall River Electric in mid-May. Winners will be announced at the Co-op's annual business meeting, which begins at 10am on June 17 in Ashton at North Fremont High School.

Qualifications and expectations for board members can be found in the Cooperative's bylaws, which are located on our website, www.fallriverelectric.com. Remember, the deadline for petitions is April 21, 2023.



Taylor DeTienne received his Journeyman Lineman certification from CEO Bryan Case (left) and Operations Manager Brent Gamett.



Where Service Matters

800-632-5726
208-652-7431

ASHTON

1150 North 3400 East
Ashton, ID 83420

DRIGGS

1605 N Highway 33
Driggs, ID 83422

WEST YELLOWSTONE

436 Madison Ave
West Yellowstone, MT 59758

All Our Offices Are Open

Monday - Friday
8:00am - 4:30pm

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Husk Crowther
District 1
Rexburg/Rigby
Vice President

Jay Hanson
District 2
West Victor



Georg Behrens
District 3
East Victor
President

Anna Lindstedt
District 4
East Driggs



Brent Robson
District 5
West Driggs/Tetonia

Dede Draper
District 6
Ashton



Jodi Stiehl
District 7
South Island Park
Secretary/Treasurer

Jeff Keay
District 8
North Island Park



Doug Schmier
District 9, West Yellowstone

Bryan Case
Fall River Electric
CEO/General Manager



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Keep up to date, including on power outage information, by "liking" Fall River Electric on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fallriverrec.

Celebrate Earth Day & Arbor Day In April

Celebrate Earth Day on April 22! This annual event is a day held to promote environmental awareness and calls for the protection of our planet. Today, Earth Day is celebrated in more than 190 countries.

Earth Day was founded by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson to promote ecology and respect for life on the planet, as well as to encourage awareness for the growing problems of air, water, and soil pollution. You can find more information about the history and special events at earthday.org.

Earth Day is followed quickly by Arbor Day, celebrated this year on April 28. Arbor Day was first celebrated in Nebraska in the 1870s when pioneer families from the east settled in the midwest and wanted to plant trees.

Why trees? Whether in the 1870s or today,

Call Before You Dig: Look Up Before You Move It

Before you start your landscaping or construction project this spring, be sure you locate any underground utilities such as buried power lines, propane, water lines, and communication cables. If you dig them up, you will be responsible for the cost to repair them. Digging up power or gas lines can also be extremely dangerous.

A FREE locate service called Digline is available by calling 8-1-1. Call two business days before you plan to dig to have all the buried utilities located.

Farm operations will soon be in full swing, too. When moving equipment like grain augers or tillage equipment, or handling sprinkler pipes or moving pivots, LOOK UP! Make sure you have the proper clearance to overhead power lines. When you disc or till, watch out for power poles and their guy wires.

Patronage Capital Summaries Arrive This Month



As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Patronage Capital earnings summaries will be arriving in the mailboxes of each owner-member this month! This summary represents your share of the excess "margins" generated in

trees absorb excess and harmful CO2 from our atmosphere. In fact, in a single year, an acre of mature trees absorbs the same amount of CO2 produced by driving the average gasoline powered car 26,000 miles.

Trees help us breathe clean air. Trees absorb odors and pollutant gases (nitrogen oxides, ammonia, sulfur dioxide, and ozone) and filter particulate matter out of the air by trapping them on their leaves and bark.

So, let's all join together this spring and plant a tree in your yard or neighborhood park and celebrate Mother Earth!



2022, plus amounts earned previously. Unlike for-profit businesses that generate profit, any excess revenue collected by Fall River, called margins, are paid back to our owner-members on an approximate twenty-year cycle. All Patronage Capital amounts earned are based on the amount of electricity you consume.

The mailing you will receive this month represents a summary of your Patronage Capital since you have been a member, but does not represent funds that can be cashed out at this time or applied to your present statement.

