June 2019 Newsletter



A Message from



Chet McWhorter CCPPD GM

It appears Spring may have finally sprung! As you all are aware, it has been a weird, wet, cold, and wild Spring. With Winter holding on too long, bomb cyclones, and flooding, we at CCPPD have been very busy! Many farmers I've talked to are itching to get into the fields and get on with planting. I can't blame them; delays are irritating, and it seems that the weather can cause the greatest delays of all!

CCPPD is amid many projects. We have contracted GMS to do a system wide inventory and to provide us with GPS accurate details for our maps. This will help us to serve you all better in that we will have a very accurate picture of what is in the field prior to responding to any outages or other emergency. The linemen will be able to load the needed parts and pieces ahead of time which will save trips and ultimately save time and money. Additionally, a more accurate accounting will help us with long term planning in terms of replacements and upgrades.

We are also amid creating a long-range work plan. We operate on an annual plan, a three-year plan, a five-year plan, and a long-range plan that looks out fifteen to twenty years. These plans allow us to accurately budget the needed upgrades and replacements that our system constantly requires. We are hopeful to have these necessary plans in place by mid-year.

the General Manager

On the docket this year as well, we have a few line sections that need rebuilt to handle added electrical loads. Over time as more and more services are added to line sections the



existing wires and poles can no longer handle the strain of the increased loads. These areas are normally noted in the plans and we then prioritize based on the expected life to try to ensure that none of you are adversely affected. Later this year we hope to reconstruct the substation at Bancroft. This station is very old and was inherited from NPPD when CCPPD took over the services at Bancroft. Upgrading this substation will allow Bancroft to receive excellent service for years to come and will allow for expected load growth in the area. This project has been in the works for many years and we are very hopeful that it will be completed by spring of 2020.

Of course, we have the normal maintenance, tree trimming and removals, meter work, and the rest. It seems to me that we are keeping quite busy but it's all relative I'm told, and after all, "Every day is a bank account, and time is our currency. No one is rich, no one is poor, we've got 24 hours each." According to Christopher Rice anyways. Thanks for reading and Happy Spring!

Customer Billing Minimum Attention Customers!

Cuming County Public Power District customers will no longer receive a copy of their electric bill until your bill is larger than \$5.00. Irrigation customers will have this happen periodically since their irrigation units sometimes use very little electricity. As a reminder, there is no penalty amount charged unless the current bill is larger than \$40. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.



Field Data Acquisition Project Continues

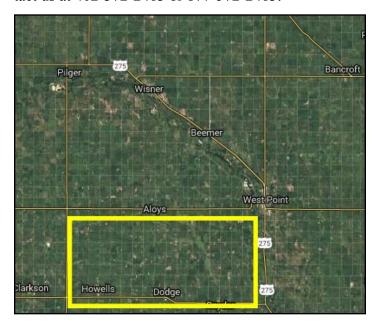
What is Field Data Acquisition? Basically, it is capturing GPS (Global Positioning System) information for all electrical structures including poles, meters and transformers. Cuming County Public Power District is going to be gathering all of this information for our GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping system. This will allow us to use any electronic device to view all of the equipment and locations of the equipment in our entire system.

This GIS system is tied into all CCPPD customer data, billing and accounting software. This will allow the linemen to pinpoint the problem before going out to repair an issue as well as helping them know exactly what material is needed. For outages, it helps with planning for system improvements and shows what customers are affected. For staking and planning, it allows for correct quantities to be ordered and material needed prior to construction.

The next step in the process of converting our system to GIS is to locate, identify and connect all of the information. A company by the name of GMS (Global Mapping Solutions) will be helping us with that by checking, marking and documenting each CCPPD structure. This will include poles, underground transformer boxes and any related electrical equipment. This company started working for CCPPD in May of 2019 and will continue for several months. They will have CCPPD signs on their vehicles as well as letters from CCPPD. They also will be working on Saturdays and Sundays to complete their work.

We will notify customers by social media, the CCPPD website, press releases, public postings, newspapers and radio on what sections they will work on next. We will also have a map posted to pinpoint the areas they will be working in. See the map below to view where they are currently working. Please tune in to one of these platforms to stay informed.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at 402-372-2463 or 877-572-2463.





Featured CCPPD Employee

Scott Haber



Scott Haber is the Cuming County Public Power District Operations Manager. He began his career at CCPPD on May 16, 1986. He has over 30 years of experience with CCPPD. Scott handles anything to do

with the operations department. He schedules jobs for the linemen, and works closely with customers on their needs or services with the District. Scott takes care of safety issues, schedules vehicle maintenance, takes care of paperwork and keeps in touch with all departments within CCPPD.

Scott started as a Groundman and soon became an Apprentice Lineman. He worked and took the proper testing to become a Journeyman Lineman and then moved into the Working Foreman position. He was then promoted to his current position of Operations Manager.



When not working, he enjoys being outside, watching sporting events, camping, and most of all spending time with family. He and his wife, Sarah, live in Beemer and have three kids: Corie, Colten and Cason.

Please help us thank Scott for his dedicated service to Cuming County Public Power District.

Summer Lineman Intern

Brendan Yoch is CCPPD's intern for summer 2019. He is currently in the Utility Line Program at Northeast Community College in Norfolk, NE. Brendan is familiar with Cuming County since he has lived in Madison County his whole life and is orginally from Norfolk. He likes playing video games, frisbee golf, watching Netflix, being with friends and spending time with his parents and brother.

Brendan has a long history with the electrical industry since his grandpa worked for NPPD for 30+ years. He has always known he wanted to be a lineman and work outside rather than behind a desk.

He said, "I'm super excited to be working here and also grateful for the opportunity to be getting more skillful and trained for when I graduate from the Utility Line Program."

Please help us welcome Brendan Yoch to CCPPD!



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Regular meetings of the CCPPD Board are normally held on the second Wednesday of each month at the CCPPD office $\,$

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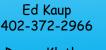


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