Cuming County Public Power District

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Manager's Report



Chet McWhorter CCPPD GM

And in other news, cow flatulence is destroying the planet. This is the world we live in. A world where the line between sanity and insanity is so utterly blurred that there is little chance for any of us to avoid slipping from one to the other several times per day. A world that calls good evil and calls evil good. A world that celebrates everything but the things that our grandparents held near and dear; family, God & country. In the immortal words of the wicked witch of the west, "What a world!"

Of late there has been a lot of coverage and mileage gained over a supposed "Green New Deal". Franklin Delano Roosevelt championed the real New Deal to get America back to work and out of the depression. The Green New Deal is in and of itself depressing and will likely lead to another great depression if it is enacted.

Among other items, this Green New Deal aims to get the country to a 100% renewable energy platform by 2030 or so. Short of 100% renewable,

the proponents of this mandate would be satisfied with 100% carbon free or carbon neutral energy. Also, it calls for the removal of beef from the food supply as, according to their "experts", cow flatulence is a pollutant and it is contributing to global warming or climate change. You read that correctly, cows are bad. They are hurting the environment. You are no longer to be allowed your cheeseburger or your ribeye. We know what is best for you and will decide for you.

It is imperative that everyone understands that there is no way to get to a carbon free energy platform without inclusion of Nuclear and Hydroelectric sources. It is also very unlikely that we can continue to use electricity in the manner we have become accustomed without the advent of some sort of carbon sequestration mechanism. The sun doesn't always shine in the USA. I know that is shocking to hear but night in California happens at roughly the same time as night in New York. Also, the wind doesn't always blow somewhere in the USA. The wind blows a lot in Nebraska, but not all the time. Even if it did blow all the time, it is not reasonable to think that some wind in

Nebraska could power California and New York

According to Bruce Walker, assistant secretary of the US Department Of Energy's Office of Electricity, "I started my career as an engineer, so one of the things I'm happy to say is you can't legislate physics," Walker said. To "those that are thinking you are going to turn the system to 100% renewable in 10 years, I would offer that engineering is a great science, and I think people need to actually do the analysis that would be necessary to determine what level of renewable penetration would be viable from a resiliency and/or reliability standard."

The notion that we can just count on solar panels and windmills to provide all our electrical needs is short sighted and impossible with the current technology. The good news is that without cattle on any of the soil in the USA, we will have room for all the acres of batteries, panels, and wind towers that would be necessary to meet the Green New Deal mandates. Can you imagine what the Midwest would look like when the corn and bean fields are replaced with solar panels and battery packs? Ya, me neither.

Recognition Dinner

The CCPPD annual Recognition Dinner was held at Indian Trails Country Club. We had wonderful food catered by Theresa Klitz and her crew.

We recognized a few employees for years of service. Kari Haase & Brian Throener for 20 years with CCPPD. Monte Draper for 10 years with CCPPD. Danny Kluthe for 15 years as a CCPPD board member. Tristan Bettenhausen was given his plaque and statue for completing his Journeyman Lineman status. Jess Hunke completed the NRECA Supervisory Program. And Nicki White completed the NRECA Certified Cooperative Communicator Program.

We had an enjoyable night. Thank you to everyone that was able to attend.

Danny Kluthe 15 Years CCPPD Board



Kari Haase



Monte Draper
10 Years at CCPPD



Jess Hunke
NRECA Supervisory Program



Brian Throener
20 Years at CCPPD



Tristan Bettenhausen Journeyman Lineman Program



Nicki White NRECA CCC Program





Ag Appreciation Dinner

Nielsen Center West Point, Nebraska

March 19, 2019

Social 6pm and Dinner 7pm

Stop by the CCPPD office to pick up your free tickets!



Featured CCPPD Employee

Tisha Wilson



Tisha Wilson started her career at Cuming County **Public Power** District in July of 2009. She is the Support Services Supervisor. Her job duties include: purchasing, materials management & warehousing, customer agree-

ments, easements, SCADA/automation, FR clothing, Operations support, irrigation load control and special projects. She is an Alum of University of Nebraska-Lincoln with an Industrial Engineering degree.

West Point is where Tisha, her husband Bob, and her kids call home. She has three children; Ellie is a junior at Wayne State College studying Elementary Education, Sophie is a senior at West Point-Beemer High School and will study Pre-Vet when she attends college next year and Sam is a 5th grader at WPB Middle School



Outside of work Tisha enjoys gardening, music, volunteering and traveling. She volunteers her time at West Point Cub Scouts, Grace Lutheran Church and the West Point Community Theatre.

Please help us thank Tisha for her dedicated service to Cuming County Public Power District.

NEBRASKA RURAL ELECTRIC YOUTH ENERGY LEADERSHIP CAMP

July 8 - 12, 2019

High school students, grades 9 - 11 Nebraska State 4-H Camp - Halsey, Neb.

If you are interested in applying for this all-expense paid camp, complete the application form and return it to Cuming County Public Power District

YOUTH ENERGY LEADERSHIP CAMP APPLICATION FORM
Name
Age Current Grade
Address
Phone number ()
City State
Name of parents
Name of your sponsoring rural electric system
Cuming County Public Power District

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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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