

Cuming County Public Power District

West Point, Nebraska

May 2020

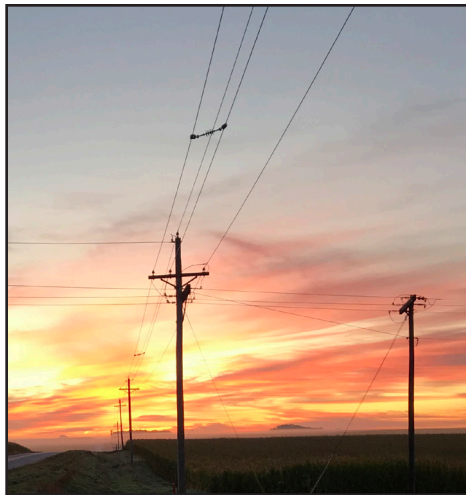
A Message from our GM, Chet McWhorter

When I wrote last month's article, I thought that we would be well past the COVID 19 pandemic and associated issues by the time it was published. Little did I know that I would be writing a second monthly column before the virus had peaked and life returned to normal, whatever that is. Plato said, and I agree with him, "there is what there is, and there is what we'd like there to be." I'm pretty sure that at this point in our lives there are very few people that have things going exactly how they'd like them to be. We're all living a new version of life that was not predicted and not very certain. In times like these, it's important to have some things that work exactly the way they always have.

At CCPPD, we try to be as unobtrusive as possible in the daily lives of those we serve. We are doing our jobs just exactly right when you don't really think about the power district at all. Need to charge your phone? Plug it in and that ought to do it. Need some light to read a book? Flip the switch and you're good to go. Need some toasted bread? Throw it in the toaster and a few minutes later, yum! These are normal things and when we're successful with our work you

do them with no thought to where the electricity to do this work came from. That's the sweet spot we hit 99.999% of the time.

The service we provide, the power to your homes, fields, and businesses, is essential. We know that. The folks that started CCPD 80+ years ago wouldn't have believed how much we've come to rely on the electrical service that



they worked so hard to get to each farm. Electrical power touches every part of our lives. Whether it's the cell network, the internet, fuel pumps to keep our vehicles running, or the hospitals working to keep us safe from the virus, electricity is the backbone of this nation and the developed world.

Like I stated earlier, it's



nice to have some things that worked the way that they always did in uncertain times. There are many things that don't. My dog for example. She used to be good at chasing squirrels, birds, cats, and balls. Now, since the start of the pandemic, she's only good at following me around, getting in the way, and eating any food that I set too close to the edge of my desk. When something's good, it shouldn't change. When it comes to the steady, reliable, and cost-based service you receive from CCPPD, you can count on that not changing. Be well and stay safe! Hopefully one day very soon I'll see you all out and about living a normal life. Thanks for reading and God bless you and yours!

CCPPD Monthly Emails:

- ✓ General Information
(monthly newsletter, electrical Safety, etc.)
- ✓ Grassroots
(political issues affecting our industry)

Emails will be once or twice a month. Email Nicki White nwhite@ccppd.com if you would like to be added to the email list. If you already receive the CCPPD emails, please check toward the first of the month in your junk folder as they could be delivered there. Thank you!

Board Member Spotlight

Fred Schneider



Fred Schneider, Board Treasurer,
Subdivision I

We want to express our deepest sympathy to the Schneider family. Fred passed away suddenly on March 29th.

Fred started as a board member for CCPPD in January of 2017. He attended all the meetings and trainings to learn about the industry and his role as a board member. He was a kind, fun-loving, witty person and just a nice guy. We will miss him greatly at board meetings, state and national meetings and all of our CCPPD events.

Each month CCPPD features a board member and we wanted to highlight some of Fred's answers about his family and hobbies.

Tell us what you enjoy about being on the board? Meeting all the people. All the training and learning from the classes. Listening to some of the speakers and working with a great group of people.

What do you enjoy in your downtime? Golfing with my wife. Traveling on our Junk Jaunts and driving my old Corvettes.

Do you work somewhere and what do you do?

Owner and operator of the Beemer Body Shop.

Tell us a little about your family:

My wife, Terri, and I have been married for 45 years. Terri is a clinical nurse for Faith Regional in Wisner. My daughter, Maryia, is finishing up her school Psychology Doctorate degree. She lives in Uehling, NE.

Do you have a hobby?

Collecting and selling vintage Chevrolet and AC Delco collectibles and racing with my daughter in the Sandhills Open Road Challenge.

To Fred's friends and family, we are sending love and many prayers. A man gone too soon. We know he will be missed by so many as he was involved in the Beemer

Fire and Rescue Department, the Beemer Community Theater and was always supportive of any community event.

We will miss you, Fred.



CCPPD Board Members

Two Directors Earn Gold Status

Congratulations to Greg and Leroy!

Two Cuming County Public Power District board members have earned Director Gold Credentials (DGC) from NRECA. Greg Strehle, CCPPD Board President and Leroy Mostek, CCPPD Board Vice President have both completed the

highest level that a board member can receive.

The first level is the Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate which includes completing 5 courses. The second level is the Board Leadership Certificate which a person has to

complete 10 credits within 8 specialty areas: Communications, Cooperative Business Model, Grassroots, Financial, Governance, Power Supply, Risk Management and Technology.

DGC completion includes completing the first two levels and 3 additional credits from the Board Leadership Certification.

We are proud of our board members who take their role seriously and learn everything they can about the industry so they can do a great job at leading CCPPD. The board members work to keep rates low and make important decisions that affect everyone in our District.

Congratulations Greg & Leroy for completing the requirements to earn the Director Gold Credentials from NRECA. We are proud of you!



Greg Strehle, CCPPD Board President



Leroy Mostek, CCPPD Board Vice President

CCPPD's Operation Round-Up® Fund

Round Up Your Electric Bill

Cuming County Public Power District's Operation Round-Up® (ORU) fund is money collected from customers rounding up their electric bill. If your bill is \$27.50, we would round-up your bill to \$28.00 and the extra 50 cents would go into the ORU fund. The fund collects around \$1,000.00 each month.

Area schools have received over \$40,000. Fire & Rescue Departments have received over \$20,000. Funds are distributed to Cuming County area organizations or individuals that have applied for funding. A five-member board decides where the money is distributed. Our current ORU board members are Cindi Peters (Bancroft area), Brenda Bradfield (Beemer area), Brenda Duhmann (West Point area), Kay Raabe (Wisner area) and Danielle Ortmeier (Dodge area).

The next CCPPD Operation Round-Up® board meeting is March 25, 2020. Get your applications in (find them on our website www.ccppd.com). Also, please let us know if you would like to participate in the program. On average, it's around \$6.00 a year.

Authorization Form

Choose one Option:

- ☐ Yes, I would like to participate in the Operation Round-Up® Program. I wish to have my monthly electric bill rounded up to the next highest dollar.
- ☐ Yes, I would like to participate in the Operation Round-Up® Program. I wish to contribute \$_____ per month to the Operation Round-Up® Program, and the amount will be added to my monthly electric bill.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Account Number: _____

Please return to:

CCPPD • PO Box 256 • West Point NE 68788

Please call with any questions: 402-372-2463



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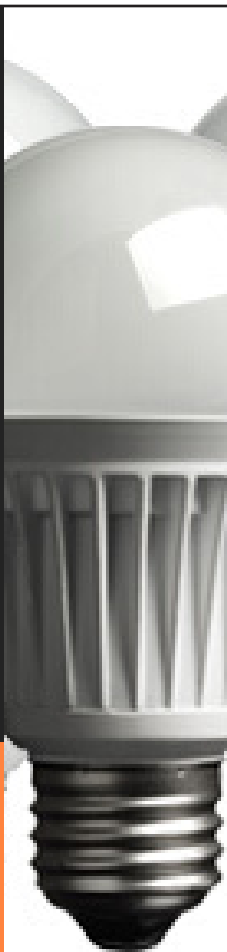
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- Heat Pump Water Heater
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Regular meetings of the CCPPD
Board are normally held on the
second Wednesday of each month
at the CCPPD office.

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