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2019 EEA ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

BY JOSH DELLINGER GENERAL MANAGER

Empire Electric Association's 2019 annual member meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20 at EEA's Calvin Denton Room, which is located at our main office at 801 N. Broadway, Cortez. Registration will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. This will be a business meeting only. Members who attend will get a \$10 credit on their electric bill.

There are three board seats up for election this year: District 2 (vacant), District 5 (J. Kent Lindsay, incumbent) and District 6 (David Sitton, incumbent). Directors normally serve staggered four-year terms. District 2 would normally not be up for election again until 2021. However, the seat is presently vacant due to the incumbent moving out of EEA's service territory and resigning from the seat. The winning candidate in District 2 will fill the remaining two years left on the term. The winning candidates in Districts 5 and 6 will serve four-year terms.

With the vacancy in District 2, the EEA board of directors used the opportunity to redraw district boundaries. The major change is moving from an east-west division to a north-south division between Districts 1 and 2. There were also some small boundary moves for the other districts as well. This effort resulted in a fairly even distribution of members between the seven districts. As of December 2018, the district with the most members has 1,880, the district with the least members has 1,740 and the average number of members per district is 1,823. The map included with this article shows the new



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board district boundaries.

Districts 2, 5 and 6 are generally described as follows:

DISTRICT 2

Generally, the northwest portion of the service area, including Monticello, Dove Creek, Cahone, and the northern half of Pleasant View. The eastern boundary begins at the southern midpoint edge of T39N R15W S32, and generally follows section mid-lines north until it intersects with the northern edge of the service area. From there the district boundary traverses counterclockwise around the northern and western boundaries of the service area until it intersects the northern edge of T37S R26E. From there the district boundary generally follows the northern edges of sequential township and range boundaries east to the point of beginning (much of this route is coincident with County Road CC).

DISTRICT 5

Generally, the southwestern portion of the service area including Towaoc and a portion of the city of Cortez. The eastern boundary is U.S. 160/491 from the New Mexico border to its intersection with Road G. The boundary then travels east along Road G until its intersection with Road 25. From there, it travels north along Road 25, continuing on S. Oak Street then

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Photo Contest Winner for March



Praying Mantis
by Denise Moore



Co-op Calendar

March 8

Empire's board meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. at its headquarters in Cortez. The agenda is posted 10 days in advance of the meeting at eea.coop. Members are reminded that public comment is heard at the beginning of the meeting.

March 8

International Women's Day

March 10

Daylight-saving time begins — set clocks ahead one hour

March 14-16

We will have a booth at the Four States Ag Expo. Please stop by and talk with our representatives. Information will be provided about our energy efficiency programs to assist members with energy savings.

March 20

First day of spring

Submit your 2 favorite photos for
2020 Empire Electric's Annual Photo Contest



CONTEST RULES



- Empire Electric Association members only.
- Maximum 2 photos per membership.
- Photo must be taken in EEA service territory.
- Photo must be landscape orientation.
- Photos can be submitted at www.eea.coop (up to 10 MB).
- Must have the original size resolution.
- Photos of individuals require a release form, available at www.eea.coop
- Contest entries are due by July 1, 2019.

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S. Maple Street, until its intersection with Main Street. The boundary then travels east on Main Street, until its intersection with Washington Street, where it then travels north on Washington Street until its intersection with Empire Street. The boundary then travels west on Empire Street until roads end, then generally continues west along section lines and Road K until its intersection with Road 23. From there it travels north on Road 23 to its intersection with Road L, then west on Road L and continues generally west along section lines to the midpoint of the southern edge of T36N R17W S15. From there it travels north along section midlines (generally consistent with Road 18) to its intersection with Road S, then west along Road S to road's end, and then continues west along section lines to the western edge of the service area. From there the district boundary travels south and then east along the service area boundary to the point of beginning.

DISTRICT 6

Generally, the southeastern portion of the service area including the town of Mancos. The eastern boundary is the eastern boundary of the service area. The northern boundary generally follows section midlines beginning at T36N R11W S18 and continues west (eventually coincident with Road L) to the midpoint of T36N R15W S17. From there the boundary follows section midlines south (coincident with Road 29 for part of the route) until it intersects with Road H. The boundary then travels west along Road H until it intersects Road 25. From there it travels south along Road 25 to the intersection with Road G, then west along Road G to the intersection with U.S. 160/491, and then south along U.S. 160/491 to the southern boundary of the service area. From there the district

boundary travels east along the southern boundary of the service area to the point of beginning.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

In order to serve on EEA's seven-member board of directors, the bylaws require the following qualifications. The director shall:

- Be a member of the cooperative.
- Be a bona fide resident of the district represented.
- Be a citizen of the United States of America.
- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Not be an employee of the cooperative.

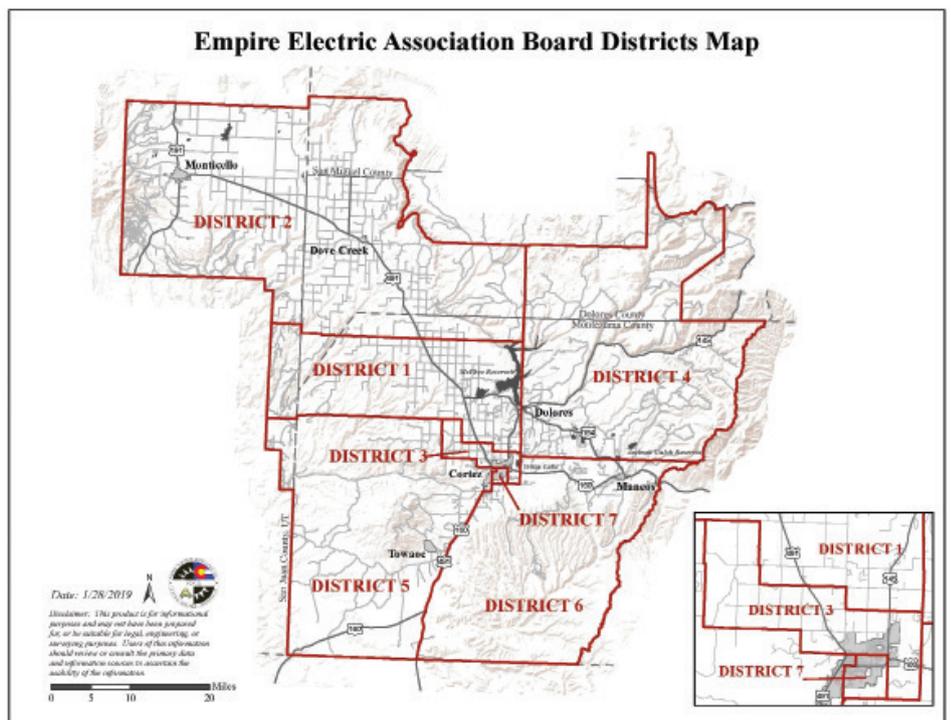
The map below will give you an idea if your bona fide residence is within the districts up for election this year.

Candidates may be nominated by petition only, and such petitions must include the signatures of at least 15 members of the cooperative whose bona fide residences are within the candidate's district. Qualifying candidates may pick up a nominating

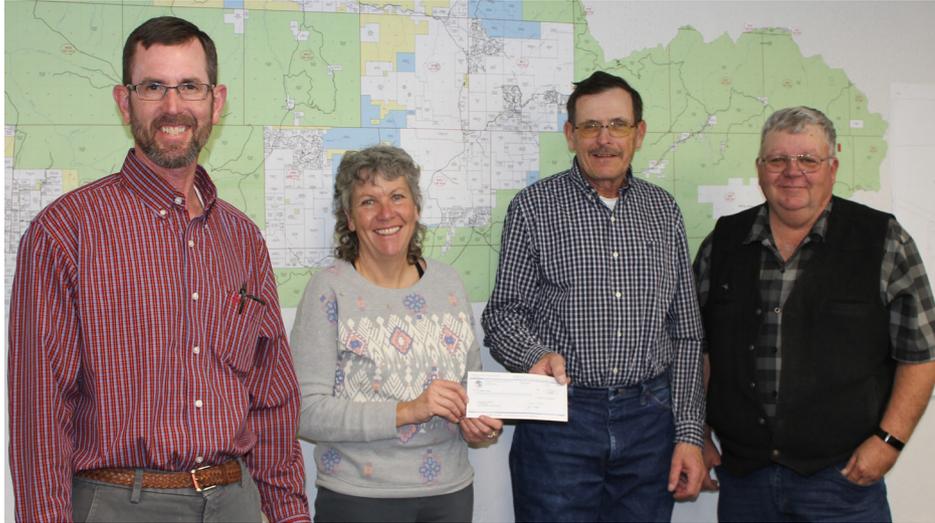
petition from the main office during normal business hours. Petitions will be available beginning on March 22, 2019, and must be submitted to EEA by May 6, 2019. The secretary will post a list of qualifying nominees in the main office at the end of the work day on May 6, 2019.

Each member of the cooperative is entitled to one vote on all issues properly brought before the membership, including the election of directors. Members may vote either in person at the annual meeting or through mail-in ballots provided by the cooperative. In order to be counted, mail-in ballots shall be received by EEA no later than 5 p.m. on June 14, 2019. All members are strongly encouraged to vote.

If you have additional questions about this year's election, the annual meeting or any other cooperative business, please give us a call at 970-565-4444 or stop by our main office at 801 N. Broadway in Cortez. We hope to see you at the meeting!

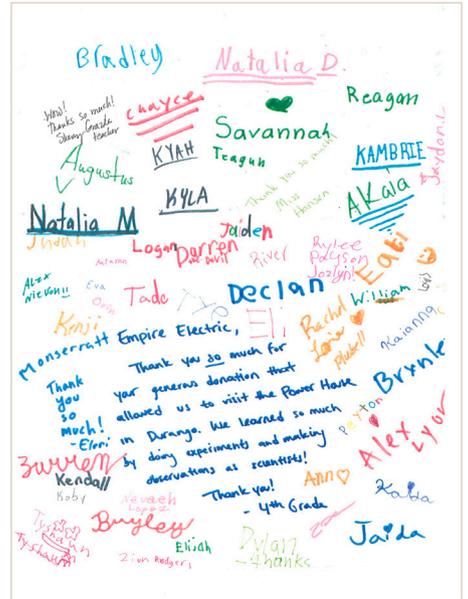


My Co-op Advantages



EEA Rebate Check Presentation

Dolores County commissioners Julie Kibel, Steve Garchar and Floyd Cook accept a rebate check for \$3,089.50 from Andy Carter, EEA energy manager advisor, for installing new energy-efficient LED lighting, exit signs and occupancy sensors in the Dolores County Courthouse and the Dolores County Weed District warehouse. Included in the check were rebates for installing a ductless air source split system heat pump at each location. Visit www.eea.coop to see how your business can be more energy efficient and receive a rebate check.



Dolores Elementary Thanks EEA for Powerhouse Trip

The Dolores Elementary fourth-grade class sent a “thank you” note to EEA for its donation to help fund a field trip to the Powerhouse Science Center. The science and energy center is focused on providing fun, memorable, interactive learning opportunities and is located on the banks of the Animas River in Durango’s historic coal-fired, steam-generated AC power plant. Visitor options consist of the historic coal tour and/or instructor-led science lessons. Field trips can be booked online at powsci.org/visit/field-trips. EEA will help fund classes on a first-come, first-served basis.

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My Co-op Employees

Congratulations to Matthew Podgornoff on his return to EEA in the position of facilities coordinator beginning on February 4. Matthew has a long history with EEA and started in May of 1999 as a part-time employee while attending school. He left in 2001 and returned on February 12, 2007, in the full-time position of utility technician. On June 1, 2009, he was promoted to vehicle mechanic. On January 16, 2011, he transferred to the custodian position and on October 1, 2013, he was promoted to facilities coordinator. On April 16, 2016, he moved to vehicle mechanic and continued in this position until he left EEA on June 26, 2017. We welcome Matthew back to EEA!

