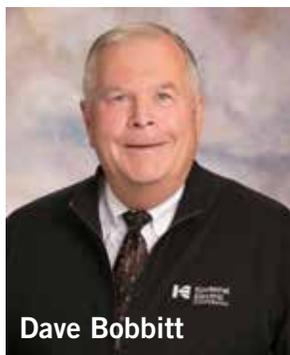


A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Annual Meeting & Election Update

KEC's 82nd annual meeting was held at the KEC office and streamed live on Facebook on July 8, 2020. Visit www.kec.com to watch a video of the meeting. The 20-minute video includes an update on the state of the cooperative, our COVID-19 response and more.



Election Results

We had two board seats up for election. Districts 3 and 4 were uncontested elections with one candidate each. Per KEC's bylaws if there is only one candidate per district seeking election, then the candidate is elected by acclamation at the annual meeting. Congratulations to District 3 director Todd Hoffman and District 4 director Dave Bobbitt, who retained their seats.



After the annual meeting, the board held a meeting to appoint the following officers:

Bill Swick, Chair; Tim Meyer, Vice Chair; Roger Tinkey, Secretary and Dave Bobbitt, Audit Committee Chair.

In early June members were mailed an election packet and ballot to vote by mail or online. KEC's board of directors recommended the ratification of three proposed amendments to KEC's bylaws. Each proposal was adopted by the membership.



Election Prize Winners

Members who cast their votes online and had a SmartHub account were entered into a drawing for a \$300 prize.

Congratulations to Douglas B. of Hauser for winning this prize. Three other members who voted by mail or online without a SmartHub account were selected for \$100 prizes. Congratulations to the following: Michael C. of Post Falls, Oliver A. of Post Falls and Robert S. of Coeur d'Alene.

2020 Annual Meeting Minutes

KEC is accepting comments on the 2020 annual meeting minutes through September 18, 2020. Minutes are posted at www.kec.com and printed copies are also available at the KEC office. Submit your comments by email or mail using the addresses below:

Email: cec@cec.com

Mail: KEC, Attn: General Manager
2451 W. Dakota Ave. Hayden, ID 83835

Thank you to all the members who watched the annual meeting live and voted in the election. We hope to be back to normal with our meeting next year.

Best Regards,



Doug Elliott
KEC General Manager/CEO

ABOUT OPERATION ROUND UP®

When neighbors are in need, we take action through Operation Round Up® grants. Last year, 30 local non-profits and community groups received \$61,818 to help with everything from energy payment assistance to various health care and school programs.

Participating in Operation Round Up® is easy. The average monthly member contribution is 50 cents and together our members have generated more than \$1.1 million since November 2002.

Are you “rounding up” your KEC bill? If not, we need your help! The program is easy. Each month, KEC “rounds up” the electric bills of participating members to the next highest dollar. The donations are placed in the Kootenai Electric Trust and a volunteer board of members determines how to allocate the funds to our community. They award grants to local non-profit organizations including schools, food banks, senior centers and more. Grants are reported quarterly in the newsletter and at www.kec.com. You may also visit KEC’s YouTube channel to watch videos of grants.

KEC also helps local students pay for college. We have supported more than 150 students with \$180,000 in college scholarships over the last 14 years. These scholarships help educate and strengthen our community. Watch for details about our 2020 scholarship winners in next month’s newsletter.

Kootenai Electric Trust Board Members

Jay Baker
District 1

Jessica Bacon Wourms
Secretary/Treasurer
District 2

Jim Kehrer
District 3

John Whittaker
District 4

Fred Muhs
District 5

Tom Craig Zajicek
Chair
District At-Large

Cheri Zao
Vice Chair
District At-Large

Operation Round Up® Grants Awarded to Our Community



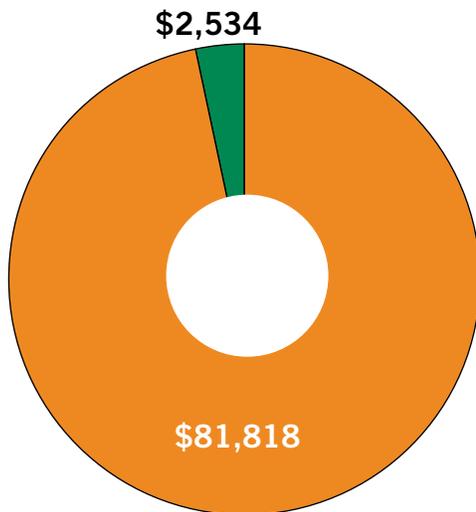
The Kootenai Electric Trust Board recently awarded the second quarter 2020 Operation Round Up® grants to the following organizations:

- \$2,500 to the Salvation Army Kroc Center to provide childcare scholarships to those affected by COVID-19.
- \$2,497 to the North Idaho AIDS Coalition to fund HIV test kits and technician fees.
- \$1,413 to Betty Kiefer Elementary to purchase a clothes washer and dryer.
- \$1,000 to One More Time for personalized birthday celebrations for hospice patients.
- \$750 to Orchard Ridge Senior Living to purchase iPads so residents can connect with loved ones during COVID-19 restrictions.

The next grant applications are due October 23, 2020. Applications are available at www.kec.com. Members who choose not to contribute to Operation Round Up® or who would like to begin contributing may simply opt out or opt in on their bill or contact KEC by phone, letter or email.

2019 OPERATION ROUND UP® ANNUAL REPORT

COLLECTED FUNDS: \$85,201



Grants and scholarships **Administrative Costs**

**Independent Accountant's Report
Conducted by Magnuson, McHugh &
Company, P.A.**

A sampling of 2019 grants:

- \$7,500 to KEC's Project Share program. These funds are available to KEC members who qualify for help paying their energy bills.
- \$2,500 to Camp Fire Inland Northwest to purchase a new food waste disposer for Camp Sweyolakan.
- \$2,500 to On-Site for Seniors to purchase a new sink and an ADA electronic door opener.
- \$2,500 to the Post Falls Senior Center for their Meals on Wheels program.
- \$2,500 to the Rathdrum Lions Club to purchase food for the weekend nutritional backpack program for students in need.
- \$2,476 to the Harrison Senior Center to purchase a new furnace.
- \$2,361 to Borah Elementary School to help purchase new gym seating.
- \$2,000 to Family Promise of North Idaho to provide overnight shelter and services for homeless families.
- \$2,000 to the North Idaho Fair Foundation for the Farm to Table field trip for fifth graders in the Lakeland and Post Falls school districts.
- \$1,500 to the Community Action Partnership Food Bank for their annual Thanksgiving food distribution.
- \$900 to the Rathdrum/Westwood Historical Society to make improvements to the Kootenai County Jail Museum.

NEWS BRIEFS

MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT CANCELED

After careful consideration, KEC has decided to cancel our annual member appreciation event due to the coronavirus pandemic. We hope to hold the event again in 2021.

WIN A \$50 ENERGY CREDIT

Below are 10 KEC account numbers. If you find yours contact us at 208.765.1200 to receive a \$50 bill credit.

**1324223, 1628304, 1486522, 1824033, 1587095,
1600979, 1818639, 1501315, 1820261, 1358434**

SMARTHUB CONTEST WINNERS

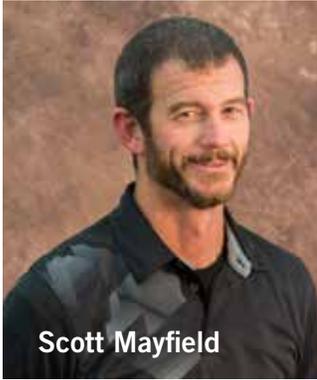
This spring we offered a contest to encourage members to sign up for SmartHub. Congratulations to the following \$50 bill credit winners: Colin N., Brandon A., Nathan L., Ron J., Donnie P., David M., Jim W., Cory T., Amy D. and Roger S.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The KEC office will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

KEC BOARD MEETINGS

Members are welcome to attend monthly board meetings. Meeting dates vary—please call Constance Felten at 208.292.3211 for details.



Scott Mayfield

Considering Solar? We're Here to Help

Today's consumers want and expect options, including the type of energy powering their homes. Many seek the least expensive option. Others prefer renewable or carbon-free alternatives.

Perhaps your preference is for power that strikes a balance between these attributes. Regardless, KEC is here to help and has options available to you.

Those interested in renewable power often consider solar. If this is you, we can help. KEC's Community Solar Project offers members the benefits of solar without the upfront cost or ongoing maintenance. Learn more about this program below.

KEC also has a solar demonstration unit at our headquarters. This installation helps members visualize the size, appearance and actual electrical production of a typical system sized for a home. KEC staff can help you evaluate your needs and offer guidance.

When assessing solar options, it's important to do your due diligence. Factors to consider include the seasonality of production, necessary maintenance and the reliability of the panels.

Although 96.6% of the power KEC sells is carbon-free, some members would like the option to be 100% carbon-free in their energy purchases. To meet that desire, KEC offers two carbon-free offset options: Buy a Block and Top It Off. Learn more at www.kec.com.

As your trusted energy advisor, KEC can offer a candid assessment of your specific situation. After all, KEC has a different bottom line that is not directly tied to the sale of a product or service. We constantly strive to find new ways to help you use energy more efficiently. Contact us at (208) 765-1200 or kec@kec.com with any questions.

Scott Mayfield is KEC's Energy Services Program Administrator. He has worked for the cooperative for seven years.

Units Available in the Community Solar Project

KEC's Community Solar Project is located in Worley and is comprised of 288 solar units. It's like a community garden, planted with solar panels. Completed in 2017, this 50 kW solar array allows participating KEC members to provide support for and receive benefit from locally sited solar generation.

HOW IT WORKS

- Members may purchase individual units, which represent a portion of the energy produced by the solar array.
- For 2020, each unit costs \$437. Members can purchase up to five units.
- Each unit is expected to generate about 234 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per year. Participating members receive bill credits for the energy created by their unit(s).

