



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

KEC's 81st Annual Meeting of the Membership took place at Lake City Church on May 13, 2019. More than 300 memberships attended the event.

prize, a unit in KEC's Community Solar Project. Congratulations to winner Heidi Priest, Post Falls. More than 30 other prizes were awarded at the meeting. Thank you to our vendors for donating the prizes.

We had two board seats up for election. Districts 1 and At-Large were contested elections with two candidates each. Congratulations to District 1 director Tim Meyer and District At-Large director Roger Tinkey, who retained their seats. After the 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.

Meeting Prize Winners

Congratulations to our grand prize winner, Joe Foredyce, Coeur d'Alene, who won a \$300 bill credit. Judy Busath, Hayden, was the lucky winner of the Nest Learning Thermostat. We also gave away five \$100 bill credits. Congratulations to:

- Margie Enriques, Coeur d'Alene
- John Albee, Post Falls
- Randy and Ruth Nevin, Hayden
- Dawn Workman, Post Falls
- Kathleen Barrett, Worley

Election Bill Credit Winners

Members who voted in the election were entered into a drawing for a \$100 bill credit. Congratulations to winner Mike Cutler, Athol. Those who voted online were entered into a drawing for an additional

2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

KEC is accepting comments on the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes through July 31, 2019. Minutes are posted at www.kec.com and printed copies are also available at the KEC office. Comments may be submitted by:

- **Email:** cec@cec.com
- **Mail:** Kootenai Electric Cooperative, Attn: General Manager, 2451 W. Dakota Ave. Hayden, ID 83835

Photos below (from left): KEC employees Cole, Suzie and Pam working the annual meeting.



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT METERS & METER BASES

Summer brings home improvement projects and remodeling. Sometimes those projects require moving or upgrading the electrical lines and equipment used to supply electricity to your property. Understanding which equipment belongs to KEC (and is our responsibility to maintain) and which equipment belongs to you, the property owner (and is your responsibility to maintain), is crucial in ensuring these projects are completed

safely and efficiently. It is also imperative that any work on these facilities be completed by those trained to work on energized electrical equipment.

Your electric service has two parts: the electric meter and the meter base. The meter is round and typically enclosed in clear plastic or glass (see photo at left). Meters are KEC's property. Removing the meter requires special training, precautions and safety equipment. Doing so improperly can lead to an electrical explosion.



The person working with the meter could be injured or killed. Under no circumstance should meters be removed or relocated—temporarily or permanently—by anyone other than an authorized KEC representative. Please contact us if you are planning to do this kind of work and we'll send a crew to your site.

The meter base is typically a rectangular metal box mounted near or on the outside of your home or business that the meter plugs into. Each meter base might look a little different. It belongs to the property owner who is responsible for maintaining it in good serviceable order. If it's damaged by weather or by any kind of accident, repair is the property owner's responsibility. If you inspect your meter base and believe it needs repair, we encourage you to contact a licensed electrician. Alternatively, you can take a picture of your meter base and send it to KEC using the form at www.kec.com. Sometimes KEC staff will be able to confirm those concerns or identify other issues that may need to be corrected by KEC as well. There are also occasions when KEC field employees may notice a meter base in disrepair and in those cases the property owner may be notified of the need to have the meter base repaired. A damaged meter base can be a safety hazard for both members and KEC employees. If you have any questions please call us at 208.765.1200.

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. 1648224, 1818374, 1827295, 1837422, 1836074, 1487723, 1283136, 1379284, 1829950, 1626020

KEC BOARD MEETINGS

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

CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG

Before you start any digging project be sure to call 811. Digging without calling can disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, harm you and those around you, and potentially result in fines and repair costs. Calling 811 gets your underground utility lines marked for free and helps prevent undesired consequences.

Kootenai Electric Cooperative is an Equal Opportunity–Affirmative Action Employer.

You're Invited to KEC's Member Appreciation Event



We hope you can join us for KEC's Member Appreciation Event on Saturday, September 7, 2019, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Bluegrass Park in Coeur d'Alene at 6071 N. Courcelles Pkwy.

Join us for a free BBQ lunch, safety demonstrations, bucket truck rides and other fun activities for the whole family. If you have any questions please contact us at 208.765.1200 or kec@kec.com.

Stay Back and Stay Safe

Working with electricity can be a dangerous job, especially for lineworkers. That's why safety is the number one priority for KEC. This is not empty talk. Over time, we have created a culture of putting our crews' safety and that of the community above all else. We want our employees to return home safely to their loved ones. This requires ongoing focus, dedication, vigilance—and your help!



Distractions can be deadly. While we appreciate your kindness and interest in the work of our crews, we ask that you stay back and let them focus on their task at hand. Even routine work has the potential to be dangerous, and it takes their full attention. Distractions can have deadly consequences. If a lineworker is on or near your property during a power outage, for vegetation management or for routine maintenance, please allow them ample room to work. These small accommodations help protect our crews—and you. Also, if you have a dog, try to keep it indoors while lineworkers are on or near your property. While most dogs are friendly, some are defensive of their territory and can't distinguish between a burglar and a utility worker. Our crews work best without a pet "supervising" the job.

Slow down and move over. In addition to giving lineworkers some space while they are near your property, we also ask that you move over or slow down when approaching a utility vehicle on the side of the road. This is an extra barrier of safety to help those who help all of us.

We recognize that for your family's safety, you want to make sure only authorized workers are on or near your property. You will recognize KEC employees by their service trucks with our name or logo on them. You may also recognize our lineworkers because they live right here in our community. If you have any questions please contact us at 208.765.1200 or kec@kec.com.

Heat Pump Water Heaters—Your Hot Water Solution



Did you know electric water heaters account for 18% of the energy used by an average home? That's more than the refrigerator, dishwasher and clothes washer and dryer combined. So what's a thrifty homeowner to do? Make the switch to a heat pump water heater and you can save an estimated 10% on your electric bills every year.

Plus, with a \$400 rebate available on heat pump water heaters from KEC, saving energy has never been easier. A heat pump water heater uses electricity differently—moving heat rather than generating it, so you use 2-3 times less energy and save more money. Compared to a standard electric water heater, a heat pump water heater uses 60% less energy. That is about \$3,500 over the life of the water heater.

You can select a specific water temperature, choose different operating modes depending on demand, even set it to “vacation” when you're gone. Learn more about heat pump water heaters, our rebates or find a qualified installer at www.kec.com.

Thinking About Purchasing an EV?

Electric vehicles (EVs) are a “hot item” in the auto world, with many auto manufacturers offering at least one model and more are on the horizon. Electric vehicles provide environmental advantages and, even though they may carry a higher initial price tag, tax credits and lower operating costs may balance out the initial investment.



Electric powered autos are not a new technology. Although electric vehicles may seem like the latest and greatest invention, in reality the technology has been around for more than a century. For a variety of reasons, EV technology languished with the rise of gas-powered engines, but today electric vehicles—once again—are charging to the auto transportation forefront. This resurgence is fueled by significant advancements in charging and energy storage technologies.

To help encourage efficient EV battery management strategies, KEC is offering a \$350 rebate for residential members on installed Level 2 programmable electric vehicle chargers. This type of programable charger allows members to selectively charge their vehicles during our non-peak hours—between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., which benefits KEC and its members by spreading out our electric load over time. Please contact KEC prior to installing an EV charger so we can ensure your electric service is adequately sized. For more information visit www.kec.com.