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EEA 2020 ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

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JOSH DELLINGER

Empire Electric Association's 2020 annual member meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 18 at EEA's Calvin Denton Room, which is located in our main office at 801 N. Broadway, Cortez, Colorado. 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.

The EEA board considered present board district composition at its December 2019 meeting and determined no changes to board district boundaries are needed at this time. As of December 2019, the district with the most members had 1,902; the district with the least members had 1,751; and the average number of members per district was 1,838.

There are two board seats up for election this year: District 4 (Bill Mollenkopf, incumbent) and District 7 (John Porter, incumbent). The winning candidates will serve four-year terms. In order to serve on EEA's seven-member board of directors, our bylaws require the following qualifications.

The director shall:

- *Be a member of the cooperative for at least one (1) year immediately prior to becoming a director.*
- *Be a bona fide resident of the district represented for at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to becoming a director, which means that the person must be a permanent occupant receiving electric service from the cooperative at his or her primary residential abode.*
- *Be a citizen of the United States of America and a registered voter in the person's director district.*
- *Be at least eighteen (18) years of age.*
- *Not be an employee of the cooperative.*

- *Complete a campaign contributions report in accordance with Policy 31 – Campaign Contributions Reporting.*

Districts 4 and 7 are generally described as follows:

DISTRICT 4

Generally, the northeastern portion of the service area including the town of Dolores. The eastern boundary is the eastern boundary of the service area. The northern boundary is the northern boundary of the service area. The western boundary is generally the mid-section lines beginning at T40N R15W S05 and continuing south (coincident with Road 28) until the mid-point of T36N R15W S17. From there the district boundary generally follows section mid-lines east (coincident with Road L) to the point of beginning.

DISTRICT 7

Generally, this is the eastern and southern portions of the city of Cortez and the Montezuma County area south of Cortez and north of County Road H. The eastern boundary begins at the intersection of County Road 27 and County Road H and runs north along section lines (generally coincident with County Road 27) until it reaches Empire St. The boundary then travels west along Empire St. to its intersection with Washington St., then south along Washington St. to Main St./Highway 160, and then west along Main St./Highway 160 to its intersection with S. Maple St. The

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Photo Contest Winner for March 2020



▲ **Sunset Over Ute Mountain** by Carla Fox

Co-op Calendar

March 8

Daylight-saving time begins; set clocks one hour ahead.

March 13

EEA'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 19

First day of spring.

March 19–21

EEA will have a booth at the Four States Ag Expo. Come and see what's new in the energy industry.



March 2020

Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Placing hot food in the refrigerator makes the appliance work harder than necessary, using more energy. Allow food to cool down before you place it in the refrigerator.

Source: energy.gov

Submit your 2 favorite photos for

2021

Empire Electric's Annual Photo Contest

This year's theme... **This is what makes My Community So Cool!**

Parades • **RODEO** • *4 Wheeling* • Farming
HORSEBACK RIDING • **Mountain Biking** • **Boating**
Fishing • *Snowmobiling* • **Special Community Events** • **Camping**

Many times, we are asked what we like best about our vibrant communities. Each community in the EEA service territory is unique. We would like our 2021 calendar to reflect what you **LOVE** about your community.

We are inviting our members to vote for their favorite photos through our Facebook page July 6 - 17.

- 1st Prize \$75
- 2nd Prize \$50
- 3rd Prize \$25

Prizes are paid as EEA Bill Credit.



- Must live in the EEA service area and have an account number a bill credit can be posted to.
- 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).
- **Set your cell phone on the highest resolution.** *Low resolutions will not print clearly and can not be accepted.*
- Photos of individuals require a release form, available at www.eea.coop.
- Contest entries are due by July 1, 2020.

CONTEST RULES

My Co-op Employees

Meegan Markham was hired as EEA's new energy management advisor on January 20, 2020. Meegan came to EEA from Tri-State Generation and Transmission's Nucla generating station, where she worked as the support services assistant. While at Tri-State, Meegan gained valuable energy industry experience while working on specialty projects for transmission and communications and also working alongside the member relations department at different functions. Prior to working for Tri-State, Meegan was an insurance claims adjuster. Member engagement manager Andy Carter said, "Meegan is a great addition to the EEA member engagement team and her enthusiasm and problem-solving skills will prove an asset to our co-op." Meegan is originally from upstate New York and earned a bachelor's degree in marketing management from Siena College. Welcome to EEA!



Spring into Action

In Colorado, spring storms can be sloppy, slushy and precarious. Stay tuned to the **National Weather Service** for severe storm watches and warnings, and be sure to have an emergency kit assembled in the event of a prolonged power outage.



Congratulations 2020 Youth Tour and Leadership Camp Winners!



Kennedy Brewer from Monticello HS was selected to represent Empire Electric at the NRECA Washington, D.C. Youth Tour in June.



Five top students from EEA area schools were selected to attend the CEEI's Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs in July.



Justin Brunner
Dolores HS



Olivia Chamberlain
Monticello HS



Aimee Crowley
Monticello HS



Devon McHenry
Montezuma-Cortez HS



Elizabeth Mee
Mancos HS

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boundary then travels south along S. Maple St., continues along S. Oak St., and then continues along Road 25 to the intersection with Road H. The boundary then follows Road H east to the point of beginning.

Candidates may be nominated by petition only and such petitions must include

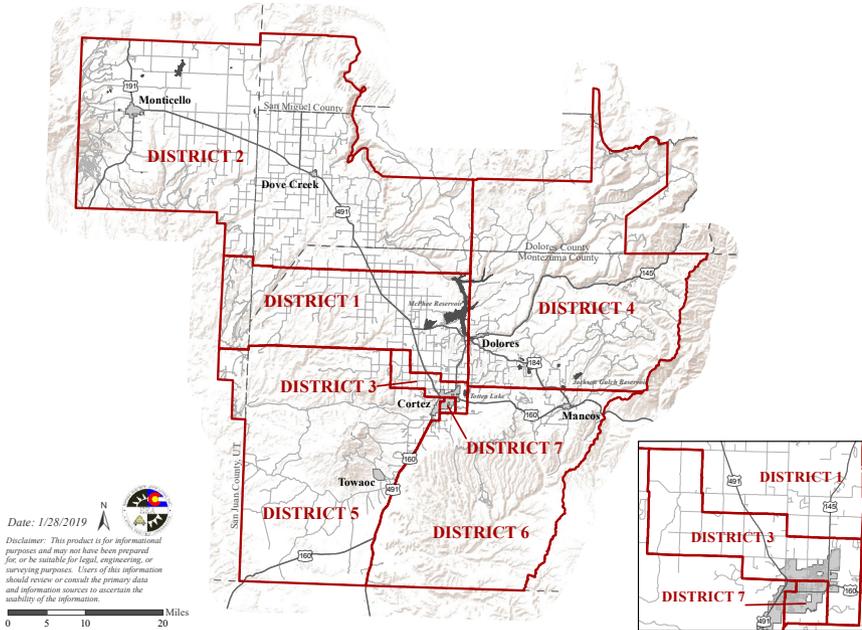
the signatures of at least 15 members of the cooperative whose bona fide residences are within the candidate's district. Qualifying candidates may pick up a nominating petition from our main office during normal business hours. Petitions will be available beginning on March 20, 2020, and must be

submitted to EEA by May 4, 2020. The secretary will post a list of qualifying nominees in our main office at the end of the workday on May 5, 2020.

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. Mail-in ballots will be mailed to members on or before June 3, 2020. In order to be counted, mail-in ballots shall be received by EEA no later than 5 p.m. on June 12, 2020. All members are strongly encouraged to vote.

If you have additional questions about this year's election, annual meeting or any other cooperative business, please visit our website at www.eea.coop, 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!

Empire Electric Association Board Districts Map



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