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## THE CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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#### Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for April is a credit of \$0.00313/kilowatt hour. This amounts to a deduction of \$3.13 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours.

The PCA was implemented in 2002 to cover only the increase (or decrease) in power costs (over and above 7¢/kwh) charged to us by our wholesale power supplier, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo) in Topeka. The PCA varies each month depending on the wholesale charges from KEPCo, and is a flow-through on your electric bill.

### FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

## Remember to #ThankALineworker on April 13

Lineworkers serve on the frontlines of our nation's energy needs, and on April 13, 2020, Caney Valley Electric Cooperative, along with other electric cooperatives across the country, will honor the brave men and women who work hard to keep the lights on.

Line crews work around the clock, sometimes in difficult and dangerous conditions, to keep power flowing to our local communities. Whether they're restoring power after a major storm or maintaining critical infrastructure to our electric system, lineworkers are at the heart of our co-op.

When a storm hits, they set aside their personal priorities because

Mother Nature doesn't work around holidays, vacations and birthdays. A service-oriented mentality is one of the many admirable characteristics of an electric lineworker.

Caney Valley Electric is proud to honor the 12 local lineworkers who maintain 1,701 miles of power lines in our service territory.

We invite all co-op members to take a moment and thank a lineworker for the important work they do. On April 13, you can use #ThankALineworker on social media to show your support for the brave men and women who power our lives.

**Allen A Zadorozny, General Manager**

Lineworkers  
know how  
to get the  
job done.  
Let's thank  
them for  
powering  
our lives.

Lineworker Appreciation Day  
April 13, 2020



# 2020 Annual Me



Nearly 480 members and guests gathered for the 72nd annual meeting at the Cedar Vale school gymnasium.

Caney Valley Electric held its 72nd annual meeting Thursday, March 12, 2020, at the Cedar Vale school gymnasium. There were 351 members registered, and about 480 were served a hamburger meal by the Cedar Vale Lions Club.

Don Land and Dan Hubert were reelected to the board of trustees in Districts I and III, respectively. Elected in District II was Alex Fulsom.

Special guests present included Susan Cunningham, senior vice president of regulatory and government affairs and general counsel

with Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo) in Topeka, and Larry Detwiler, director of loss control, safety and compliance with Kansas Electric Cooperatives, also in Topeka.

Caney Valley General Manager Allen Zadorozny announced the two students selected to represent our co-op at the Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, Colorado this summer: **CHRISTINA PERKINS**, Howard, and **CAITLIN WILLIAMS**, Peru.

Scholarship winners for the 2020-2021 school year were announced as follows: **BLAKE HAND** and **REAGAN WARBURTON**, Cedar Vale High School; **DUKE OLLENBORGER**, Central of Burden; **ALLYSSA VADEN**, Dexter High School; **NILE OS-BURN** and **MADelyn SIGNER**, Sedan High School; and **MARY LENITON**, West Elk High School. Each student will receive \$1,000 to help with tuition and related expenses.

**BOB KENNEDY** was recognized for 30 years of service at the cooperative. Zadorozny thanked him for his dedicated service, which is also embraced by all the cooperative's employees.

In his annual report, Zadorozny stated the cooperative experienced a satisfactory year in 2019. Due to the increased customer charges



Kenny Bates, president of the board of trustees, welcomes members and guests and opens the meeting.

# eting Highlights

placed on the electric rates during 2018 and 2019, adequate revenue was raised to cover the operating expenses and meet the required financial standards.

The cooperative's board continually monitors the business to assure the members are provided quality electric service at a reasonable cost. Factors that enabled 2019 to be successful at controlling expenditures were the absence of severe storms, close oversight of maintenance routines, and reduction of employees.

Safety is a goal the cooperative emphasizes, and Zadorozny reminded members to always be aware of the electric lines and share good safety rules with their children and grandchildren. He encouraged members to review the annual meeting program and visit with him in person or by phone any time for questions or concerns.

Zadorozny thanked the Cedar Vale Board of Education, superintendent Lance Rhodd, Principal Jackie Burdette and staff for allowing Caney Valley to use the facilities for the annual meeting, Shawnee Fulsom for organizing the meal, the Cedar Vale



**Bob Kennedy, staking and engineering technician, was recognized during the meeting for his 30 years of service at Caney Valley Electric.**

Lions Club for providing and serving the meal, Rosie Sweaney and the Sedan music department for providing musical entertainment and assisting with the meal, the Cedar Vale Library for help with child care, and the nominees as well as the board of trustees for their willingness to serve on the board.

Numerous door prizes were given away during the meeting. Special thanks go to Border States, Diversified, Poor Boy Tree Service, KEPCo, and KSI Engineering for donating several of the prizes. **MARLA SELLERS** won the grand prize of a 43-inch Smart TV, and **JON FALER** won a 32"-inch flat-screen TV.



**Larry Detwiler, director of loss control, safety and compliance at Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., addresses cooperative safety topics with members.**



**Susan Cunningham, senior vice president of regulatory and government affairs and general counsel with Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo), discusses power generation.**

## Youth Selected for Leadership Camp



Catlin Williams



Christina Perkins

Two area students were recently selected to attend the cooperative Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, July 10-16. Congratulations to **CHRISTINA PERKINS** of Howard, and **CAITLIN WILLIAMS** of Peru!

Perkins and Williams will participate with approximately 100 students from Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Wyoming in the weeklong trip, building their leadership skills, creating a candy cooperative, and making lots of connections and memories. Nationally

recognized speakers will make presentations during camp week. Students will also tour a coal mine and generation plant, attend a high-voltage safety demonstration, and build a transmission line from craft supplies.

Caney Valley Electric is proud to sponsor these two students to the 2020 camp, and wish them a very memorable week!

## Right-of-Way Clearing

As part of the cooperative's ongoing program to control harmful vegetation near our power lines, we have contracted with Poor Boy Tree Service Inc. of Fairplay, Missouri, to apply herbicide along our rights-of-way in 2020. The lines in the Sedan, Peru, south of Moline and west of Sedan areas in Chautauqua and Elk Counties are scheduled to be covered during the next few months.

Poor Boy's two-man crew will be applying high-volume foliar spray herbicide directly to small trees, saplings, and harmful re-growth that has occurred since the lines were cleared by tree cutting. They will be using the minimum amount of herbicide judged to be effective and will be targeting specific plants that pose a hazard to the electric system. You should expect to see their pickup and/or ATV with spray equipment working along the rights-of-way under Caney Valley's electric lines.

Trees continue to pose the greatest physical obstacle to providing economical and reliable electric power to the consumers on Caney Valley's system. The problems caused by trees and the costs of controlling them are born by all of our members collectively. We appreciate your support of the cooperative's efforts to reduce tree-related problems in a fair and cost-effective manner. If you have any questions about our spraying or line clearing activities, please call us at 800-310-8911 or 620-758-2262.

*Craig Lampson, Line Superintendent*

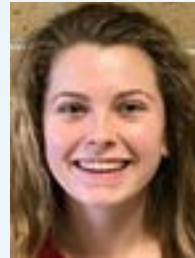
## Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients!

At the annual meeting held Thursday, March 12, seven area students were selected to receive \$1,000 scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year: **BLAKE HAND** and **REAGAN WARBURTON**, Cedar Vale High School; **DUKE OLLENBORGER**, Central of Burden; **ALLYSSA VADEN**, Dexter High School; **NILE OSBURN** and **MAD- ELYN SIGNER**, Sedan High School; and **MARY LENITON**, West Elk High School.

Congratulations to these students; and best wishes as you start your college endeavors!



Blake Hand



Mary Leniton



Nile Osburn



Duke Ollenborger



Madelyn Signer



Allyssa Vaden



Reagan Warburton

### Caney Valley's Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	Jan 2020	Jan 2019
Meters Billed	5,299	5,309
kWh Purchased	5,721,206	6,007,765
Cost per kWh	0.06420	0.06730
kWh Sold	5,201,390	5,250,062
Total Revenue	\$ 752,010	\$ 725,694
Purchased Power	\$ 367,787	\$ 405,356
Operating Expenses	\$ 254,511	\$ 246,127
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 68,290	\$ 67,429
Interest Expenses	\$ 45,137	\$ 46,277
Other Expenses	\$ 488	\$ 770
Operating Margins	\$ 15,798	\$ (40,265)
Non-Operating Margins	\$ 1,963	\$ 3,090
Total Margins	\$ 17,761	\$ (37,175)
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 17,761	\$ (37,175)