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Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for May is \$0.00684/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to \$6.84 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

Thank You for Attending

It was gratifying to see the large turnout for the co-op's annual meeting on March 17. We value your interest, support and participation in your co-op.

Attending the annual meeting enables you to be a part of the core principles guiding the cooperative's governance by casting your vote for board trustees and any specific questions or proposals that may be considered.

By attending, you were able to visit with board members and employees regarding any matters about which

you have questions, concerns or suggestions.

My report on the cooperative's operations was presented, and Doug Shepherd, vice president of management consulting services for Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., informed the members about KEC's professional services provided for all Kansas electric co-ops. A summary of the meeting can be found on Page 12B.

Allen A. Zadorozny, General Manager



74th Annual

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022

Caney Valley Electric held its 74th annual meeting Thursday, March 17, 2022, at the Cedar Vale school gymnasium. There were 330 members registered, and about 400 were served a hamburger meal by the Cedar Vale Lions Club.

Board Elections

STEPHANIE OLLENBORGER and **STEVE CLARK** were reelected to the board of trustees in Districts II and III, respectively. **TREY CLAPP** was elected in District I, replacing Kenny Bates who had to step down due to term limits. Bates was recognized for 23 total years of service to the cooperative as a board trustee.

Special Guests

Special guests present included Doug Blex, State Representative; Coleen Wells, senior vice president and chief financial officer with Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo) in Topeka; and Doug Shepherd, vice president of management consulting services with Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., also in Topeka.

Scholarship Winners

Ten scholarship winners for the 2022-2023 school year were announced as follows:

- ▶ **EMMA HOCKETT**, Caney Valley High School
- ▶ **RAE MCADAM**, Cedar Vale High School
- ▶ **MALARY DAVIS**, Sedan High School
- ▶ **BROOKE EVANS**, Sedan High School
- ▶ **GARRETT EVERETT**, Sedan High School
- ▶ **WYATT GOODE**, Sedan High School
- ▶ **ELLA GOODEN**, Sedan High School
- ▶ **LANDREA SEARS**, Sedan High School
- ▶ **ALANNA WALKER**, West Elk High School
- ▶ **HANNAH WHETSTONE**, West Elk High School

Each student will receive \$1,000 to help with tuition and related expenses.

Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp

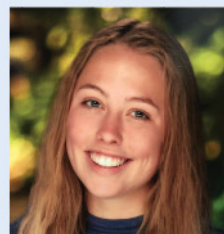
Allen Zadorozny recognized the three students selected to represent Caney Valley Electric at the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, this summer: **JACEY MCINTIRE**, Maple City, and **MACY HAAG** and **KARLY KILL**, both of Howard.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP WINNERS

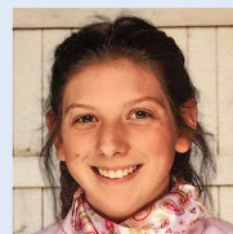
Three students will represent Caney Valley Electric at the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. This trip is part of a four-state camp sponsored by electric cooperatives in Colorado, Wyoming, Oklahoma and Kansas. Contest winners will learn about electrification, cooperatives, energy challenges, safety and interpersonal communications. The annual contest is open to all current high school juniors in Caney Valley's service area whose residence is served by Caney Valley Electric.



Macy Haag



Karly Kill



Jacey McIntire

Meeting HIGHLIGHTS



Approximately 400 members and guests attend Caney Valley Electric's 74th Annual Meeting.

Years-of-Service Recognition

DEBBIE WALL was recognized for over 40 years of service at the cooperative. Zadorozny thanked her for her dedicated service. All the employees were asked to stand and be recognized.

Reports

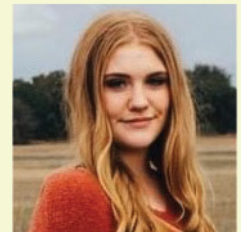
In his annual report, Zadorozny stated that the cooperative had a successful year in 2021. All of the required financial requirements were met above the standards set by RUS, CFC and CoBank, the cooperative's lenders. A warmer summer increased the kilowatt-hour sales for the year, which resulted in improved operations overall. For the first time in several years, the number of meters served did not decrease. He asked the members to review the information included in the annual meeting newsletter, and to contact him for any comments, concerns or questions. He also asked the audience to ask any questions or offer any comments during his report.

Door Prizes

Numerous door prizes were given away during the meeting. Special thanks go to Border States, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, and KSI Engineering for donating several of the prizes. Linda White won the grand prize of a 43-inch Smart TV and Steven Walker won a 32-inch flat-screen TV.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The 2022-2023 scholarship winners were announced at the annual meeting. Each student will receive \$1,000 to help with tuition and related expenses. Not pictured: **EMMA HOCKETT, RAE MCADAM** and **BROOKE EVANS**.



Malary Davis



Garrett Everett



Wyatt Goode



Ella Gooden



Landrea Sears



Alanna Walker



Hannah Whetstone

Outages for March 2022

Occasionally, a part or parts of the delivery system fail and an outage occurs. Below are the larger outages that occurred in March 2022.

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
3/1	Niotaze, Havana & Caney areas	66	20 min	Lines slapped together
3/8	Chautauqua substation - B phase	75	1 hr 45 min	Bad capacitor
3/22	Longton area	34	45 min	Pole on fire — lightning
3/29	South of Dexter	40	4 hrs	High winds — tree went through line

Right-of-Way Clearing



Craig Lampson
Line Superintendent

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 2022. The lines off our Caney substation in Montgomery and Chautauqua counties are scheduled to be covered over the next few months. **THIS INCLUDES AREAS FROM CANEY TO ELK CITY, WAYSIDE TO NIOTAZE and SOUTH TO THE STATE LINE.**

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.

Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2021
Meters Billed	5,273	5,262
kWh Purchased	5,449,264	5,926,346
Cost Per kWh	0.08157	0.08725
kWh Sold	5,757,021	5,383,106
Total Revenue	\$ 872,655	\$ 828,673
Purchased Power	\$ 445,496	\$ 517,732
Operating Expenses	\$ 250,560	\$ 240,138
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 71,003	\$ 69,875
Interest Expenses	\$ 37,311	\$ 38,593
Other Expenses	\$ 2,663	\$ 163
Operating Margins	\$ 65,623	\$ (37,828)
Non-operating Margins	\$ 3,351	\$ 4,993
Total Working Margins	\$ 68,974	\$ (32,835)
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ (14,701)	\$ 51,468

ENERGY EFFICIENCY Tip of the Month

Even in summer months, adding insulation to your attic can keep your home more comfortable and save energy used by your cooling system. If your attic insulation is level with or below your attic floor joists, you should add more.

If you can't see any of the attic floor joists because the insulation is well above them, you likely have enough insulation. Attic insulation should be evenly distributed with no low spots. Make sure the areas along the eaves are adequately covered.

SOURCE: [ENERGYSTAR.GOV](https://energystar.gov)



PLUG INTO ELECTRICAL SAFETY

May is Electrical Safety Month
Make Electrical Safety a priority this month and every month.

TIP Before planning those outdoor barbecues, make sure patios and pool areas are equipped with ground fault circuit interrupter outlets.