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Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for September is \$.01688/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to an additional \$16.88 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

Annual Meeting Well Attended

It was very gratifying to see the large turnout for the cooperative's annual meeting on Aug. 5. We value your interest, support, and participation in the cooperative's operations.

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.

Reports on the cooperative's operations were presented by Board President Kenny Bates, and me. A summary of the meeting follows on 16B.

ALLEN A. ZADOROZNY, GENERAL MANAGER

In Memoriam

The Caney Valley Electric Co-op Board and staff were saddened to learn of the passing of long-time employee **LLOYD W. "BILL" RUTTER** on July 14, 2021.

Bill started his career at Caney Valley Electric on Jan. 17, 1966, as an apprentice lineman, and left Aug. 19, 1988, as line foreman and inspector.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bill's family.

The board and staff would also like to express condolences to employee **DEBBIE WALL**, who lost her husband Billy on Aug. 3, 2021. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Debbie, son Matt, and their families.



Lloyd "Bill" Rutter



Bill Wall



Caney Valley Electric Annual Meeting Recap



A crowd of approximately 300 attended the annual meeting and enjoyed a hamburger meal served by the Cedar Vale Lions Club.

Caney Valley Electric held its 73rd annual meeting Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021, at the Cedar Vale school gymnasium. There were slightly over 200 members registered, and about 300 were served a hamburger meal by the Cedar Vale Lions Club.

CHRIS KELLY, District 2, and **CHARLES MCMILLAN**, District 3, were re-elected to the board of trustees. Elected in District 1 was **STEVE WARBURTON**, who replaced incumbent trustee **DALE STEWARD**, who did not seek re-election.

Special guests present included Leslie Kaufman, vice president of government relations & legal counsel, Kansas Electric Cooperatives (KEC), Topeka, and Susan Cunningham, senior vice president, regulatory & government affairs & general counsel with Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo), also in Topeka.

General Manager Allen Zadorozny announced the scholarship winners for the 2021-2022 school year and mentioned that an anonymous donor gave funds to award two extra scholarships this year. The following students were awarded \$1,000 to help with tuition and other expenses: **BROOKE**



Allen Zadorozny, General Manager, presents his annual report.

THOMPSON, Caney Valley High School; **MANDI FORD**, Cedar Vale High School; **GEORGIA KELLEY**, Cedar Vale High School; **HARLEY BRANSCUM**, Central of Burden; **JOSIE GAGE**, Dexter High School; **DESTINY LANE**, Sedan High School; **CAITLIN WILLIAMS**, Sedan High School; **DAKOTA WISEMAN**, West Elk High School; and **CRAIG LABRUE**, Winfield High School.

Zadorozny also announced that the following students

were selected to attend the KEC Youth Leadership Conference held virtually this summer: **ALANNA WALKER**, **HANNAH WHETSTONE** and **LYDIA WOODS**, all students at West Elk High School.

Grand prize winners of a 43-inch Roku TV were **H.E.** and **LOU KENNEDY**, and **LINDA HEINLE** won a 32-inch LG TV. Numerous other prizes were given away throughout the evening. Thanks go out to the following vendors who provided several of the prizes: Border States, KEPCo, and KSI Engineering.

Thank you to all those members who attended the annual meeting!



Kenny Bates, president of the board, welcomes the members and their families and guests to the 73rd annual meeting.



Rosie Sweaney, member from Sedan, provided musical entertainment prior to the meeting.



Scholarship recipients in attendance, left to right: Caitlin Williams, Destiny Lane, Brooke Thompson and Harley Branscum.



Susan Cunningham, senior vice president, regulatory & government affairs & general counsel with Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, discussed power supply.



Leslie Kaufman, vice president of government relations & legal counsel, Kansas Electric Cooperatives, spoke to the members about all the services provided by KEC.



Caney Valley linemen handed out attendance gifts to all the members and guests.

Statement of Nondiscrimination

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Caney Valley's Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	June 2021	June 2020
Meters Billed	5,246	5,211
kWh Purchased	5,765,149	5,743,317
Cost Per kWh	0.09423	0.07861
kWh Sold	3,809,162	3,734,225
Total Revenue	\$ 635,609	\$ 614,964
Purchased Power	\$ 544,754	\$ 452,911
Operating Expenses	\$ 238,307	\$ 228,614
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 70,105	\$ 68,693
Interest Expenses	\$ 38,814	\$ 43,026
Other Expenses	\$ 4,270	\$ 2,498
Operating Margins	\$ (260,642)	\$ (180,777)
Non-operating Margins	\$ 3,200	\$ 2,365
Total Working Margins	\$ (257,442)	\$ (178,412)
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 32,180	\$ (153,639)

Tips for a Safe Harvest

Agriculture is the backbone of our country, and our livelihood greatly depends on the crops provided by American farmers. In addition to being one of the most labor-intensive professions, farming is also considered one of the most dangerous jobs in the United States. The hard work and exhaustive labor are tough but rushing the job to save time can be extremely dangerous — even deadly — when farming near electrical equipment.

Every year, we see tractors and other farming equipment accidentally collide with utility poles and power lines, causing injuries and power outages. These dangerous accidents can be avoided by looking up and around your surroundings when operating large farm machinery. If you're preparing for harvest season, please keep the following safety tips in mind:

- ▶ Maintain a 10-foot clearance around all utility equipment in all directions.
- ▶ Use a spotter and deploy flags to maintain safe distances from power lines and other electrical equipment when working in the field.
- ▶ If your equipment makes contact with an energized or downed power line, call 911 immediately and remain inside the vehicle until the power line is de-energized. In case of smoke or fire, exit the cab by making a solid jump out of the cab (without touching it), and hop away to safety.
- ▶ Consider equipment and cargo extensions of your vehicle. Lumber, hay, tree limbs, irrigation pipes and even bulk materials can conduct electricity, so keep them out of contact with electrical equipment.



Sept. 19-25 is National Farm Health and Safety Week but practicing safety on the farm year-round yields positive results.

BOB NICHOLS, USDA

Outages for July 2021

Occasionally, a part or parts of the delivery system fail and an outage occurs. Following are the larger outages that occurred during July 2021.

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
7/7	Phillips substation	168	3 hr 45 min	OCR burned up in substation
7/8	South of Longton	62	1 hr	Reset OCR
7/9	South of Longton	30	3 hrs	Bad transformer on line
7/12	Belknap area	45	1 hr 40 min	Tree limb on line
7/13	Phase at Otto corner	58	1 hr	Arrestor blown on transformer
7/17	Fuller loop line	26	1 hr 10 min	Lightning
7/31	Dexter and Silverdale area	50	2 hr 35 min	Lightning
7/31	Sedan 99 feed north	60	1 hr	Tree limb on line
7/31	Sedan c-phase at plant	60	1 hr 25 min	Lightning
7/31	Sedan c-phase west	60	1 hr 50 min	Lightning