



# LIGHT LINES

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## NATIONAL & LOCAL EVENTS

### March 2025

American Red Cross Month  
 Craft Month  
 Gender Equality Month  
 Optimism Month  
 Spiritual Wellness Month

#### DATE

21 Common Courtesy Day  
 21 Flower Day  
 22 Water Day  
 25 Medal of Honors Day  
 26 Epilepsy Awareness Day  
 27 MLB Opening Day  
 29 Mom & Pops' Business Day  
 29 Vietnam War Veterans Day  
 29 New Moon  
 31 Farm Workers' Day

### April 2025

Cancer Control Month  
 Keep America Beautiful Month  
 Donate Life Month  
 Physical Wellness Month  
 Volunteer Month

#### DATE

1 April Fools' Day  
 2 Day of Hope  
 2 DIY Day  
 2 Walking Day  
 3 Party Day  
 4 Walk to Work Day  
 5 Self Care Day  
 6 Army Day  
 6 Good Deeds Day  
 7 World Health Day  
 10 Golfers Day  
 10 Siblings Day  
 13 Palm Sunday  
 15 Tax Day  
 18 Lineman Appreciation Day  
 18 Exercise Day  
 18 Good Friday  
 19 Husband Appreciation Day  
 20 Easter Sunday  
 20 Look Alike Day

## CEO'S VIEWPOINT

As part of our commitment to keeping you informed, we're excited to share important updates and opportunities for you to engage with Bridger Valley Electric Association (BVEA)'s governance and advocacy efforts.

### 1. Annual Meeting:

Join us for the **BVEA Annual Meeting** on **April 24, 2025, at 6:00 PM** at **Lyman Intermediate School Auditorium**. We will serve grilled hamburgers and hot dogs from **5:00 PM to 6:00 PM**. Those who register will receive a **\$25 power credit**.

### Key Highlights:

- **Elections for Directors:** Shape BVEA's leadership and vote for directors in Districts 1, 2, and 5 to help shape BVEA's leadership.
- **Business and Financial Reports:** Get updates on BVEA's operations, achievements, and financial health.
- **Community Engagement:** Meet fellow members, ask questions, and share your thoughts directly with the board and management.

### 2. Political Advocacy: Amplifying Our Voices Together

Advocacy is essential in the regulated electric utility sector. BVEA is actively involved and represented in national and state-level advocacy to represent our members' interests.

We are proud members of:

- **National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA):** A powerful 900+ member co-op force advocating for rural cooperatives nationwide.
- **Wyoming Rural Electric Association (WREA) and Utah Rural Electric Cooperative Association (URECA):** These regional bodies address local issues. Visit [wyomingrea.org](http://wyomingrea.org) and [ureca.org](http://ureca.org) to learn more.

**Join Voices for Cooperative Power:** Support grassroots advocacy by joining NRECA's initiative. Signing up is free and easy (only requires an email and address) at [voicesforcooperativepower.com](http://voicesforcooperativepower.com).

As policies affecting our industry evolve, your participation is crucial. Together, we can navigate challenges and create a sustainable future for all BVEA members.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement!

Warmest regards,

Andy Hewitt, CEO/General Manager

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### Office Hours

*November thru February*

8:00am - 4:00pm

Monday - Friday

*March thru October*

7:00am - 5:30pm

Monday - Thursday

### CEO/General Manager

Andy Hewitt

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### **District 1**

Gary Nix, Vice President

Lacey Bernard

*Mountain View, Robertson, Uintalands, Manor Lands*

#### **District 2**

Jason Haycock

Rick Maxfield

*Lyman Area*

#### **District 3**

Ruth Rees, Secretary/Treasurer

*Ft. Bridger, Milburne, Carter, Piedmont, Bear River Area (excluding Uintalands & Manor Lands)*

#### **District 4**

Clark Anderson

*McKinnon, Manila, Dutch John Areas*

#### **District 5**

Trip Applequist, President

*Farson, Eden, Granger Areas*

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## FROM THE BOARD ROOM

The Board met on February 11, 2025, and took the following actions:

- Approved minutes from the January 21, 2025 meeting;
- Discussed the student selection for 2025 Youth Tour scheduled for June 2025 in Washington, D.C.;
- Evaluated scholarship application forms and selection criteria for upcoming spring graduates;
- Confirmed Credentials Committee representatives for the board election at the April 24, 2025 BVEA Annual Meeting;
- Reviewed arrangements for the Political Action Committee (PAC) event planned during the URECA Annual Meeting in April 2025;
- Explored board member training opportunities available through URECA;
- Approved financial report, write-offs, new memberships, and safety report (no estate refunds);
- Received updates from representatives of Deseret G&T, URECA, WREA, and Federated Rural Utility Exchange.
- Heard reports from the CEO and department managers;
- Scheduled next meeting for March 4, 2025.

# ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL MEMBERS

Bridger Valley Electric Association invites you to attend our **Annual Meeting** on **Thursday, April 24th at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Lyman Middle School**.

Join us for a complimentary hamburgers and hot dogs before the meeting!

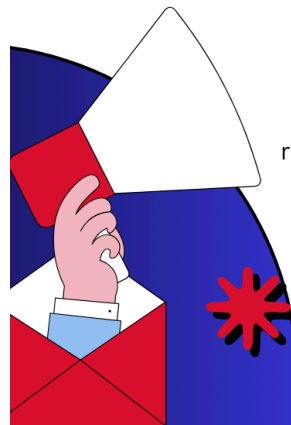
#### **New This Year:**

1. Online meeting registration opens April 1st. Members who register for the meeting will receive a **\$25.00 credit** toward their electric bill.
2. Voting members will be able to cast their votes online.

Please watch our website (bvea.coop) or Facebook page for more details as the meeting date approaches.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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## **2025 BVEA BOARD ELECTIONS - CANDIDATE PROFILES**

The BVEA Board of Directors consists of seven members representing five districts within our service territory. Each director serves a three-year term on a rotating basis, with annual elections held for one to three positions depending on the year. This year, three seats are up for election - one each from Districts 1, 2, and 5. The candidates running for these districts are as follows:

### **District 1 Candidate**



#### **Lacey Bernard (Incumbent)**

Born and raised in Mountain View, Lacey has called this community home for her entire life. Along with her husband of 16 years, she's committed to raising her family in the place she loves. When not serving the community, Lacey enjoys the outdoors—hiking, fishing, camping, and spending summer days at the lake with her family.

With a background in the electric co-op world and having already served one term on the BVEA board, Lacey understands the time and dedication required to effectively represent consumers. Her experience has given her valuable insights into the operations and challenges facing our electric cooperative.

Lacey prides herself on being open-minded and accessible. She genuinely values member concerns and is committed to ensuring the cooperative remains equitable while maintaining reasonable rates. Her approach combines independent thinking with a willingness to consider diverse perspectives.

As a board member, Lacey has demonstrated her ability to see the big picture and the courage to set direction for optimal outcomes. Her dedication, drive, and balanced approach to decision-making make her an effective advocate for all members.

"I appreciate this opportunity to serve our community and would be grateful for your support. Please take time to cast your vote, and I promise to work hard as your director."

*No other candidates filed to run in District 1.*

### **District 2 Candidate**



#### **Rick Maxfield (Incumbent)**

Rick Maxfield, a Lyman rancher who operates a backgrounding operation with his wife Bobbi Jo and family, brings extensive community service experience to the table. His leadership roles include serving on the Federal Land Bank advisory board, the Farm Service Agency Board, and currently the Farm Credit Services of America board. Rick has also advocated for the Farm Credit System in Washington, D.C., giving him valuable policy experience.

Now completing his fifth term on the Bridger Valley Electric board, Rick has "a lot of skin in the game." His years of service have provided him with deep knowledge of electric distribution and a true appreciation for electricity's essential role in our daily lives.

Rick is committed to maintaining both reliability and affordability in our electric service. He understands that in today's high-tech world, electricity and internet access are necessities, not luxuries.

As a rancher, Rick's flexible schedule allows him to devote significant time to board responsibilities. He prides himself on being approachable and ready to tackle any challenge that arises. When necessary, he's not afraid to speak up to ensure fair representation for his constituents.

Rick has earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), demonstrating his dedication to professional governance.

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Rick encourages all eligible BVEA members to vote and wants Lyman area residents to know they can always contact him directly with their concerns.

No other candidates filed to run in District 2.

### District 5 Candidate



#### **Marvin "Trip" Applequist (Incumbent)**

Marvin "Trip" is a dedicated rancher and veterinarian serving the Eden Valley. His wife Jennifer teaches middle school in Farson, where they raised their two children. Trip's community involvement extends beyond his professional life—he coached football and basketball at Farson-Eden High School and enjoys playing guitar, running, hiking, and spending quality time outdoors with his family.

Trip brings valuable experience from serving on multiple community boards, including the Sweetwater County Recreation Board and the Solid Waste Disposal Board. Having completed four terms on the Bridger Valley Electric board, he continues to expand his knowledge of cooperative operations and the electric industry.

As the current BVEA board chairman, Trip also represents Bridger Valley Electric on the Deseret Power Generation & Transmission Board, giving him a comprehensive understanding of our power supply and regional energy issues.

Trip's primary goal is continuing to provide reliable and affordable power in a responsible manner. He approaches the rapidly changing electric industry with enthusiasm and a readiness to meet new challenges head-on.

At his core, Trip believes in the cooperative business model and is dedicated to serving BVEA's member/owners. His decisions are guided by what's best for the entire community of members who own the cooperative.

With his experience, community connections, and commitment to responsible service, Trip is prepared to continue representing your interests in our energy future.

No other candidates filed to run in District 5.



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