



LIGHT LINES

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OFFICE HOURS

November thru February
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Monday – Friday

March thru October
7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Monday – Thursday

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

District 1

Gary Nix, Vice President
Lacee 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 Appellequist, President
Farson, Eden, Granger Areas

CALENDAR

March 2026

6 Employee Appreciation Day
8 Daylight Savings Begins
17 St. Patrick's Day
20 1st Day of Spring
23 **Bill Payments Due**
24 **BVEA Board Meeting**
29 Palm Sunday

April 2026

3 Good Friday
5 EASTER Sunday
13 Lineman Appreciation Day
13 **Scholarship Applications Deadline**
16 **Youth Camp Application Deadline**
22 **BVEA Annual Meeting**
22 Administrative Professionals' Day
23 **Bill Payments Due**
28 Safety & Health at Work Day

May 2026

7 National Day of Prayer
10 Mothers' Day
12 **BVEA Board Meeting**
16 Armed Forces Day
23 **Bill Payments Due**
25 Memorial Day (**Office Closed**)

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CEO'S VIEWPOINT by Andy Hewitt

Your Voice, Your Cooperative: Join Us on April 22nd!

At Bridger Valley Electric Association, we aren't just your power and wireless internet provider; we are a cooperative owned by the very people we serve. This relationship is built on two core principles that set us apart from traditional utilities: *Democratic Member Control* and *Member Economic Participation*.

- *Democratic Member Control* means you have a seat at the table. You help set the direction of this cooperative by electing your board of directors and voting on essential business. Your voice ensures our goals remain aligned with our members' needs.
- *Member Economic Participation* reflects our shared investment. When you pay your bill, you are contributing to the association's equity. Any margins left over are eventually returned to you in the form of capital credits—because a cooperative's success belongs to its members.

We invite you to exercise these rights at our *Annual Meeting on April 22nd, 2026*, at the Mountain View High School auditorium.

- 5 p.m.: Community Barbecue
- 6 p.m.: Business Meeting

To show our appreciation, we will issue a *\$25 bill credit* to members who register online in advance or sign in at the meeting. Enjoy a meal, talk with your neighbors, and help shape the future of Bridger Valley Electric.

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL MEMBERS

Bridger Valley Electric Association invites you to attend our **Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 22nd at 6:00 p.m.** at the Mountain View High School.

- Hot dogs and hamburgers at 5 p.m.
- Business meeting starts at 6 p.m.
- Online meeting registration opens March 16th.
 - Members who register for the meeting will receive a **\$25 credit** toward their electric bill.
 - 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!

www.bvea.coop



Sincerely,

Andy Hewitt

Andy Hewitt, CEO/General Manager

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BOARD ROOM

The Board met on December 16, 2025, and January 20, 2025, and took the following actions:

- Approved minutes from the November 11, 2025 meeting;
- Appointed Clark Anderson to the Deseret Power Advisory Committee and re-appointed Ruth Rees to a two-year term on the WREA Board of Directors;
- Approved minutes from the December 16, 2025 meeting;
- Signed the Deseret Resolution Line of Credit;
- Learned that the WREA selected Race Carr and Jaxson Hadley to represent WREA at the upcoming Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. in June 2026; the board selected Aiden Harmon and Andrew Harmon as the BVEA representatives for the trip;
- Appointed Gary Nix and Andy Hewitt as voting delegate and alternate for the NRECA Annual Meeting in March 2026;
- Discussed plans for the 2026 BVEA Annual Meeting scheduled for April 22, 2026;
- Discussed the upcoming election for the board of directors for District 1 and District 4;
- Approved financial report, write-offs, estate refunds, new memberships, and safety meeting report;
- 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 regular board meeting for March 24, 2026.

2026 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, two seats are up for election – one each from Districts 1 and 4. The candidates running for these districts are as follows:

District 1 Candidate



Gary Nix (Incumbent) – Gary Nix was first elected to the board in 1993. After serving on the board for the last 33 years, Gary's experience as a board member and as Vice President has been valuable. His business sense as owner of G.T. Nix Construction and his current knowledge of the utility industry can only benefit the members of Bridger Valley Electric. Gary now serves as Bridger Valley Electric's representative on the Deseret Power board, our power plant, and the Blue Mountain Energy board, our fuel supplier for the power plant. Gary also represents District 7 on the Federated National Rural Insurance Exchange board. This is a non-profit organization that insures 97% of the coops in the nation.

Gary would like to continue to serve as director because the utility industry is facing challenging issues due to increasing pressure on environmental concerns and renewable technologies. The war on coal is threatening to the industry and BVEA will need strong, experienced leadership to face these challenges.

BVEA is in good standing thanks to the concerted efforts of the entire team. The company preserves some of the lowest electric rates in the nation while still maintaining a strong equity level, good cash flow, reliability, and capital credit retirement.

Mr. Nix enjoys his family, which includes his wife Tanya, 5 children and 14 grandchildren. He also enjoys old cars, flying and about anything to do in the mountains. As the owner of G.T. Nix Construction in Mountain View, Gary has the flexibility in his schedule to allow time for service to Bridger Valley Electric. Besides the monthly meetings, Gary travels for various meetings as necessary to represent BVEA in other organizations involved in the power industry. He is a Certified Director with National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Gary would like to thank the members of District 1 for their confidence in him to serve as one of their representatives for the past 33 years.

Gary says, "We are blessed by the quality of our employees and dependable low-priced service we receive from BVEA. I would appreciate your support in continuing to serve as your representative on the board of District 1. You can vote in person at the annual meeting on April 22, 2026, online, or by your mail in ballot that you will receive in the mail prior to the meeting."

District 4 Candidate



Clark Anderson (Incumbent) – Clark and his wife, Libby, are residents of Lonetree, Wyoming. Clark, a retired math and science teacher, is now enjoying ranching along with some occasional trucking. He is the father of seven children and is proud of each of them. Clark has served the community by raising a family who have become an energetic and capable contributor to our society. Clark has been greatly satisfied and privileged by serving the last few years on the Bridger Valley Electric Association Board of Directors and on Deseret Power's Power Advisory Committee. He also represents BVEA on the Utah Rural Electric Cooperatives association (URECA) Board of Directors, where his knowledge has expanded and his influence can be even more effective.

Out of the eleven co-ops in Wyoming, BVEA is blessed to have the second lowest electricity rates. BVEA members can thank the Bonanza coal-fired power plant and its shares of hydroelectricity from Fontenelle and Flaming Gorge dams for that. Both sources are threatened by short-sighted activists. Clark welcomes an all sources approach for our electrical needs, but rates will climb and reliability will drop if we return to the previous administration's way of thinking. The Bonanza coal-fired plant is extremely clean and Deseret continues to improve its emissions so that it can deliver the reliable and affordable convenience of those miraculous little electrons. For most members it's just like the sun appearing over the horizon each morning. Members have not known any other way of life, and it just keeps getting better! Clark loves being a small part of your member-owned electric company. He thanks you for your support!


ENERGY EFFICIENCY

TIP OF THE MONTH

As we prepare for the seasonal shift, remember to set your ceiling fan rotation accordingly. In winter months (or whenever your home heating system is running), fan blades should rotate clockwise, which produces an updraft that pushes warm air down. In summer months (or whenever your home cooling system is running), blades should rotate counterclockwise, which produces a downdraft or windchill effect that makes you feel cooler. When used correctly, ceiling fans can boost comfort and allow you to adjust the thermostat a few degrees for energy savings.

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