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Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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2017 Annual Meeting

Get ready for the Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, March 19 at the Commons, 135 N. Bent, in Powell. Annual meeting registration will begin at 5:00 p.m.. Sandwiches and drinks will be served.

Election of directors

This year, we have two directors whose term is expiring: Jerry Thompson and Peggy Ruble. To run for this position, you must be nominated by someone at the annual meeting. Members may vote for a director in person or give their proxy to a member who will be at the meeting who can vote for them. Members will receive an annual meeting notice and proxy in the mail prior to the annual meeting. Each member at the meeting can hold up to 20 proxies.

Each member is entitled to one vote upon each matter submitted to a vote at the membership meeting and up to 20 proxies. If a husband or wife hold a joint membership, they are jointly entitled to one vote.



How does the board work?

What is the function of the board of directors. A rural electric cooperative board, working within the established bylaws, sets goals, writes polices, reviews the budget, and counsels members and legislators on issues that benefit members and issues that require their approval or support.

Garland Light & Power directors should understand, recognize, and believe in the cooperative principals and way of doing business. These include: member ownership, control by a member elected representative board, one vote, our non profit IRS tax status, and Garland's responsibility to set rates consistent with sound business practices.

Door prizes will be given away at the end of the meeting and you must be present to win. The grand prize this year is \$500 cash! Also, the "progressive drawing" is \$700. A name will be drawn from among the entire membership, but he or she must be present to win. Without a winner, the drawing is increased to \$800 next year.

Summer Hours

Garland Light & Power is changing to a 4/10 work week from May 1 to Oct 2

Hours of operation will be:
7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday
Closed on Fridays

Standby crews will be available from Friday through Sunday for outage situations by calling:

754-2881



**DON'T FORGET TO MOVE
YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD
ONE HOUR!!**



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
MARCH 12, 2017**

Paying For A System That Works Around The Clock

Your electric cooperative has been around for a long time, 80 years to be exact. We've witnessed the many ways electricity has transformed the communities we serve and our rural landscape. Before electricity, today's household tasks were hard work and dangerous. For example, cooking and washing clothes involved a lot of manual labor. Thankfully, practically everything we do from entertainment to our jobs is impacted by the ease of electricity.

A lot has changed since electric cooperatives first turned the lights on for rural Wyoming. One thing that hasn't changed is our mission to provide electricity to you. Because we've been reliably, efficiently and affordably delivering electricity to homes and businesses for decades, some of our member-owners ask why they still need to pay for a system that should have been paid for by now.

The truth is, most if not all, of the original system was paid for many years ago. The original infrastructure, such as poles and wires, which was paid for many years ago have likely been replaced or will be replaced. When you have a system that operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, equipment needs to be replaced at regular intervals. Imagine if you had a car that was 80 years old and it was driven all day, every day. By now, either the car would not be operating, or every part of the car, from the tires to the engine, would have been replaced many times. The same is true for utility infrastructure. While poles and wires generally have a life span of 30-40 years, some may not last as long due to a variety of conditions. For example, a major ice storm can cause power lines to snap and poles to break regardless of their age.

Paying for an electric cooperative system can be compared to paying for your home. Over many years or decades, the original tract of land and the physical property are paid in full. But infrastructure updates such as new furnace, air conditioner, windows, and roof are required, not to mention updates to appliances, carpeting, flooring and paint. Consider how inefficient it would be to heat your home with an 80 year old furnace. Think of the additional money you'd spend each month due to its inefficiency instead of replacing it with a new model. The same logic applies to your co-op as we need to replace vehicles and equipment over the years to serve you best. Aside from the cost of hard assets at the co-op, there are also the cost of property taxes, insurance, regular maintenance, and staffing that contribute to our overall system costs.

The original co-op infrastructure fulfilled the expectations of that time in terms of reliability and affordability. Over the years, many of those needs have changed. What's in place today is an improved distribution system that allows us to meet increasing demands for kilowatt-hours in an efficient manner. Not only has the need for electricity increased, but our processes now result in reduced outage times. We also work to extend the life of infrastructure through maintenance at regular intervals. Poles are routinely tested for rot and we trim vegetation throughout our system on cycles to maintain a high level of reliability. To balance reliability with affordability, we upgrade our system when and where it makes sense to do so. We balance financing upgrades and replacements with debt and equity so that we can keep your rates affordable while providing power that you can count on for home and business.

Color Your Springtime With Mood-Brightening Hues

A new coat of paint on your home's interior walls can create a lighter mood and a fresh, new look.

Choose a warm color in the red, orange or brown family to add drama to a room. Cool colors like blue, green and lavender are calming and soothing.

An energy-saving tip: before you start painting, seal any cracks and holes you find in the walls, and caulk around windows, doors and electrical outlets so heated or air-conditioned air won't leak outdoors.

If you've never tried an electric paint roller, consider trying one out. Manufacturers say a power roller makes painting easier, quicker and more even. You can also use a paint roller to finish your outdoor deck or porch.

Here is some advice from color experts about choosing paint hues for your home:

- Reserve red for kitchens or offices. The color is stimulating and raises your heartbeat for a jump-start in the morning.
- Green is a great color for the room where you like to relax. The soothing color is even used by therapists to treat depression or anxiety.
- Restful, meditative blue works best in a bedroom.
- Yellow is energizing and can lift your mood. A yellow bathroom can help you wake up in the morning. But don't paint your baby's nursery yellow: Too much or too bright yellow can be agitating and upsetting, especially to babies.
- For a small room, try light colors, which are reflective and can make a room seem brighter and bigger.
- Pair dark colors with light trim, as dark colors make a room seem smaller.
- Don't limit color to walls. Colorful throw pillows, drapes, vases and other accessories can enhance the mood of your room.



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Mark your calendar for the
Garland Light & Power Annual
Meeting on March 9, 2017
Plan to attend!!!

