Call For Board Of Director Nominations

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 6 of the Garkane Energy Cooperative Bylaws, members living in Districts 3, 5, 8, and 10 are hereby notified that elections will be held in said districts to select members for the Cooperative’s Board of Directors with each board member to serve a term of three years.

As provided in the Bylaws, a form of the Notice of Candidacy is included on Page 7 of this newsletter. Completed Notices of Candidacy must be filed (in person, mail, email or fax) prior to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 21, 2020 at Garkane Energy Cooperative’s Loa Business Office. Candidacy forms can be sent to: Garkane Energy 120 W. 300 S. PO Box 465 Loa, UT 84747 Fax: 435-836-2497 or emailed at: neal.brown@garkane.com (10000547)

Qualifications can be found on page 7 of this newsletter. Districts with three or fewer candidates will choose their director in a final election, with ballots mailed on or before March 23rd, 2020, with the final vote tabulation announced at the Annual Meeting Sessions, scheduled for May 5, 6, and 7th (locations TBD). Districts with more than three candidates will hold primary elections in March, with the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes proceeding to a final election in early April.

If you have questions about the election process or procedures, or eligibility requirements for candidates, please call us at: 800-747-5403.

BOARD SEATS UP FOR NOMINATION

District 3: Torrey, Bicknell, Hanksville (& surrounding areas)
District 5: Tropic, Hatch, Henrieville (& surrounding areas)
District 8: Duck Creek, Cedar Mtn. (& surrounding areas)
District 10: Kanab City Limits
GET PAID TO READ THE PAPER
Win A $25 CREDIT

We have inserted eight randomly selected Garkane Account Numbers in the text of various articles in this month’s edition. If you find your account number, call Garkane toll-free at 1-800-747-5403 and we’ll credit $25.00 to your account as a lucky winner! Just one more reason to read HIGHLIGHTS.

8 Hidden Account Numbers Located In The Text Of This Newsletter

Calendar

January 20, 2020
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Offices Closed

January 27, 2020
Board Meeting
Hatch, UT

February 21, 2020
Board Nominations Due
Any Garkane office

February 24, 2020
Board Meeting
Hatch, UT

March 30, 2020
Board Meeting
Hatch, UT

April 3, 2020
Scholarship Apps Due
Any Garkane Office

April 5, 2020
Annual Meetings
Loa, Tropic, Kanab
Board Meeting
Loa, UT

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Terry Griffiths - Orderville
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Andy Gant - Kanab
(435) 689-0348
Rodney Ence - Duck Creek Village
(435) 682-2526
William Hammon - Centennial Park
(435) 467-1886
Nanell Robinson - Kanab
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Guy Timpson - Colorado City
(435) 467-2113

GENERAL MANAGER/CEO
Dan McClendon

HIGHLIGHTS
Neal R. Brown, Editor
Retired Garkane Lineman Marion Chappell Represents The Definition Of A Lineman, Figuratively & Quite Literally

If you search the word “Lineman” or “Lineworker” under Wikipedia, the very first picture that pops up is our very own Marion Chappell, who retired from Garkane after 40 dedicated years of service. This picture captures the essence of what it takes to be a lineman. Hard work, sacrifice, balance, determination and fortitude. In 2015, Hurricane Rita, a category 5 hurricane wreaked havoc on power lines across Florida, Texas, and other areas. Marion volunteered to travel down there to help local utilities restore power to affected areas. This (114701) picture is a great representation of the agility needed to work in such difficult situations. He’s got climbing spikes on his shoes, with one foot used for balancing while his body is turned in a 180 angle to reach the conductor wire. Garkane is proud that Marion Chappell is the face of linemen everywhere. This photo is credited to Marvin Nauman of FEMA.
Garkane Refunds Highest Ever Capital Credit Allocation

Garkane Energy Cooperative is returning $1,100,000 to its members. This amount is the highest amount ever retired. Garkane members who had accounts with Garkane in 1989, 1990, and 1991 will receive this cash back. Members who receive a refund will see their patronage capital returned in the form of a check or a credit on their December bill. (10002560)

In a given year whenever revenues exceed costs, it is considered an operating margin. Garkane allocates operating margins back to its member-owners which becomes equity on the cooperative’s books. For example, if Garkane had a net operating margin of $500,000 in 1989, that “margin” would be credited (allocated) to all the members who used power in 1989 and that margin will be paid back to the members sometime in the future. Garkane is currently working toward a 20-year rotation cycle which is standard in the co-op world. Instead of borrowing money for construction, cooperatives use allocated cash to fund new transmission/distribution facilities rather than add more debt. This capital structure is one of the hallmarks of cooperatives. It effectively helps keep the rates as low as possible and is one of the reasons that electric cooperative rates are often considerably lower than investor owned utilities.

CEO, Dan McClendon is pictured holding a check for $1,100,000 which represents the largest ever refund in Garkane’s history.

Garkane Is Accepting Scholarship Applications

High School Seniors

This program provides twenty-two (up to $1,000) scholarships, which can be used at any institution of higher education. Judging criteria includes academic achievement, financial need, extra-curricular and service activities, and a required essay. Two scholarships will be awarded from each of Garkane’s 11 districts. Applications are available online at www.garkaneenergy.com under Member Services, or can be picked up at your local high school.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: April 3rd, 2020

Non-Traditional Students

The Non-Traditional scholarship was created to provide an additional 2 scholarships for older students who are seeking post-secondary education. Applicants must be a member of Garkane Energy at the time of application and must be entering their sophomore year of college or be over the age of 25 at the time of application. Dependents or spouses of Garkane Energy employees or directors are not eligible. Recipients will be selected on an “at-large” basis among all director districts.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: April 3rd, 2020
What Causes Power Outages In The Winter?

Outages in the wintertime are often caused by a type of snowstorm with a rare combination of high humidity, heavy wet snow, and freezing temperatures that can cause wires to break, wood crossarms to snap, tree branches to break into lines, and other equipment to fail. A combination of many of those problems can cause extended outages during the cold months.

You may also notice blinks, which are actually a sign of a properly functioning electric system. If a fault occurs on a line caused by a lightning strike, a downed tree limb, or an animal coming in contact with the line, a device called a recloser (OCR) opens to shut off power, and then closes again to restore power. It acts like a circuit breaker in your home. It permits power to continue to flow with only a brief interruption, rather than an extended outage. Typically an OCR will open and close three times to give a fault a chance to clear itself. If the fault does not clear itself after the third “blink,” the OCR stays open, causing an extended outage. This protects the equipment from extensive damage and isolates the problem until linemen can repair it.

We understand it can be an inconvenience to our members, so crews work hard at keeping these to a minimum by employing an extensive tree trimming program, updating equipment, and installing proper fencing around equipment. To protect against lightning strikes, or surges, members can purchase surge protectors for their appliances and surge protectors at the meter. Call 800-747-5403 to learn more.

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In Case Of Emergency: Meter Base Locations

Every once in a while, Garkane crews will come upon a meter that is enclosed, in a fenced area or proudly protected by a dog. Electric meter bases are the responsibility of the member, but they must be installed in 1 of 4 locations: (117401)

1) At the Lot-line
2) Front of the house
3) Within the front third of the front corner of the house.
4) Street side and always accessible and safe.

Most importantly, meters cannot be located in an area considered hazardous, flammable, or where reading, testing or servicing of the meter may become impractical. (i.e. behind fences, enclosures, shrubs, under decks, around dangerous animals, or inside structures). If meters are not accessible, they will need to be moved at the member’s expense.

In case of fire, natural disasters, or other unforeseen emergencies, Garkane may have to disconnect power, and if a meter is not accessible, it may lead to much worse damages. Please locate your meter base and make sure it's accessible in case of emergency. Call 800-747-5403 if you have questions or need help.
Carl Boyd Jr. Leaves Garkane Board After Serving 14 Meaningful Years

After 14 years of serving on the Garkane Board, Carl Boyd Jr. is stepping down. He served the majority of his four terms as President of the Board and was an integral part of shaping Garkane over that time period. He also served a term as the Deseret Trustee, representing Garkane’s interest on the Deseret Power board. “Carl always brought a unique point of view, with a member first attitude always in mind when making decisions. Specifically, he had an interest in Garkane’s financial condition, making sure the co-op made decisions based on sound fiscal policy,” said CEO Dan McClendon. Carl also wrote the award winning book about Garkane Energy’s 75-year history entitled, Lighting the Plateau. As a historian and lawyer by profession, writing the history of Garkane was a labor of love reviewing board minutes that took countless hours. The history book is a treasure that will stay with the cooperative forever. Garkane would like to wish him well and say “thank you” for all you’ve done to improve the Cooperative.

Food Safety during a Power Outage

Perishable foods including milk, meat and eggs should not be stored above 40 degrees for more than 2 hours. If a power outage is 2 hours or less, you don’t need to be concerned.

Do not open the refrigerator or freezer. An unopened fridge will keep foods cold for a couple of hours at least. A freezer that is half full will hold for up to 24 hours and a full freezer for 48 hours.

If it looks like a power outage will be more than 2 hours, pack important, perishable foods into a cooler surrounded by ice. Keep temperature at or below 40 degrees. Throw away any items that have been exposed to temperatures greater than 40 degrees for more than 2 hours.
QUALIFICATIONS
1. A director **MUST** be a member in good standing.
2. A director **MUST** be a resident of the district he/she will represent and reside within said District for at least one year prior to running.
3. A director **MUST** be willing to serve all members and not merely want to serve his/her own personal needs or his/her own district.
4. A director **MUST NOT** be involved in a competing business or one which sells energy to the co-op. No material conflicts of interest.

DUTIES
1. Make sure the cooperative operates legally and that policies are followed and modified as needed.
2. Attend board meetings each month and attend training and other associated meetings as assigned.
3. Serve on board committees as assigned.

**Member Petition Director Nomination Form**

The following candidate is hereby nominated to stand for election as a Director for Garkane Energy Cooperative’s District No. ____ No member may sign more than one notice of candidacy, and only one signature per voting account is permitted (example: a husband and wife from the same account cannot both sign the form). The member’s name/signature must coincide with the account #, for the signature to be valid.

**Candidate Information**

Name to appear on ballot: ______________________________________________________
Mailing Address: _____________________________________________________________
Telephone: _____________ Candidate Signature: 1._______________________________
Email: ______________________ Garkane Account#: ______________________

We, the undersigned members of the above-referenced District, hereby petition for the candidate listed above to be nominated for Director.

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**All signatures and account numbers must be verified according to Garkane’s By-laws before the deadline of Friday, February 21, 2020.**

**It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure all signatures qualify. Name/ Signatures must be the actual account holder in order to qualify.**

Completed Member Petition Nomination forms must be submitted to:
Garkane Energy
Attn: Board Applications
1802 S. Hwy 89
Kanab, Utah 84741
Fax: (435)836-2497

**Deadline for submission:** Friday, February 21, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.
**Surplus Items For Sale**

Bids from Garkane Members only are currently being accepted for the following items:

**Item #1:** Backhoe attachment for a skid steer. Seldom used, great shape. Located in Kanab.

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**Submit A Bid**

Submit in a sealed envelope with “BID ITEM #” clearly written on the outside to:

Garkane Energy  
Attn: Surplus Items  
PO Box 465,  
Loa, UT 84747

Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 7th, 2020. Garkane reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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**Does Your Health Rely On Electricity?**

What will you do if the power goes out?

**Cellphone:** Keep your cellphone charged so that you are able to call for help.

**Batteries:** If your medical devices are battery operated, make sure you have extras on hand.

**Use the Car:** Can your devices be plugged into or recharged through your power outlet in your vehicle? If you plan on using this for your backup power, make sure that you keep your vehicle’s fuel tank at least half full.

**Generator:** Consider investing in a generator and know how to use it safely. There are two types of generators.

1) Standby Generator’s are installed directly to the house and are typically powered by propane. An approved generator transfer switch or Generalink must be installed by a professional, which keeps your generator separate from electric co-op lines.

2) Portable Generator are usually gas powered and can be moved around. You can power your home by plugging appliances directly into the generator. Set up and run your generator in a well-ventilated area outside of the home. Start the generator first before connecting appliances. Have enough fuel for at least 24 hours.

**Medications:** Do you have medications that need to stay in a cool, dry place? A fridge should hold temperature for two to four hours. After 4 hours transfer medication to a cooler with ice.
At a recent annual meeting, Kimball Rassmussen, CEO of Deseret Power, told of walking 7 miles out of the Deserado mine with the miners. I complimented Kimball on his support for the miners. He thanked me and issued a challenge. Kimball mentioned that no director from the 5 sister cooperatives had ever walked out of the mine, and explained to me that I would be the first. (1813803)

A few weeks later, I drove to Vernal where I was greeted by Phil Solomon and driven out to the mine. The mine grounds are very tidy; this is a reflection of the people who work there. Dwight Blackwell, mine manager was our guide. As we travelled, he explained many of the inner workings of the mine. When we got to our destination, Dwight explained that we would be walking the 7 mile secondary escape route that all miners must do twice a year to the surface. He also explained that the fire bosses walk the 6.5 miles of belt line everyday, and the rest of the mine weekly. Shortly after we started our adventure, I started to notice coal mines are wet, dusty, very dark, and make really interesting noises. As we walked to the surface, Dwight stopped us at numerous locations showing us belt lines, roof bolting, and where the safe rooms and supply caches are located. Our trek ended at the air tight doors where we began.

Walking out into the sunlight sure felt good after hours in the dark. I paused there in the sunshine for a moment and reflected on my day underground. My thoughts went to how proud Dwight is of his mine, and his miners. Coal mining isn’t easy. It takes strong safety-oriented men, with a drive to be the best at what they do. The employees at the mine love their jobs, and are good at what they do. The innovation they show daily improves production, and reduces costs. Every time we flip a light switch, enjoy the cool air of an air conditioner, or enjoy the warmth of the furnace, we should give thanks to those at the Deserado mine for making our lives more comfortable! The Deserado Mine provides the fuel for Deseret Power’s coal fired power plant, which is one of the cleanest coal fired burning power plants in the country.

-Tracy Potter
Hanksville, UT

Left to Right: Nathan Powell, Garkane Director Tracy Potter, Robert Strole, Mine Manager, Dwight Blackwell, and Deseret Power Chief Engineer Phil Solomon
Garkane Energy Cooperative is attempting to locate some of our current and past members who have incorrect addresses on file. Some of these people could have received electricity from Garkane as far back as 1987. If you are able to contact them and have them provide a Capital Credit refund from Garkane. Please reach out to cary.simmons@garkane.com or call 800-747-5403.
From the CEO’s Desk

by Dan McClendon

Dear Members of Garkane,

I hope all of our members had a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As I look back on 2019, I am pleased with what the cooperative has been able to accomplish. Garkane employees continue to work hard to serve our members in the most efficient way while keeping costs low, thus equating to lower rates.

In November of 2019, the Board approved the highest capital credit refund in Garkane’s history. The $1,100,000 will be dispersed to members who used electricity in 1989, 1990, and 1991. If you know of someone who lived in Garkane’s service territory during those years and has moved away, have them contact us so we can provide them their refund. We have provided a list in this newsletter and subsequent newsletters of names of past members that we don’t have current contact information for. A full list can be found on our website under unclaimed capital credit list (187701).

As we roll through the winter months, we hope all our members are prepared for weather or accident related outages. Even though Garkane has a really good track record keeping outages to a minimum, it does make sense to be prepared on an individual basis. A few weeks ago, parts of the Garkane transmission system encountered severe ice and snow disturbances on our power lines. Some of our members were out of power for ten hours or more. Mainly, the heavy ice on the lines kept Garkane from being able to “keep the lights on” until the weather cleared. Because Garkane serves some really remote service areas, being prepared is a good idea. Perhaps some good questions to answer may be these below:

Do you have an emergency plan in place? Talk to your friends and family about what to do in the event of an extended power outage. Do you have an alternative place to stay? Does your town or city have an emergency shelter? Begin by identifying your basic electrical needs. Does it make sense to invest in a generator? Calculate the number of watts needed and have enough fuel for a generator for at least 24 hours. Keeping food fresh during an extended outage is also a concern. Perishable foods including milk, meat and eggs should not be stored above 40 degrees for more than 2 hours. If a power outage is 2 hours or less, you don’t need to be concerned. An unopened fridge will keep foods cold for a couple of hours at least. Lastly, if it looks like a power outage will be more than 2 hours, pack important, perishable foods into a cooler surrounded by ice. Keep temperature at or below 40 degrees and throw away any items that have been exposed to temperatures greater than 40 degrees for more than 2 hours. Hopefully, these tips will come in handy in case of any unforeseen outages in 2020.

We care deeply about the health and safety of our members, especially those that rely on electricity for their health and wellness needs. We encourage you to do the same and have an emergency plan in place for yourself and your loved ones. If you have special needs that Garkane assist with please contact us we may be able to help. Now is the time to prepare. We hope 2020 will be a great year for everyone, and I personally hope you make it a positive one. If you ever have any questions, always feel free to call us at 800-747-5403.

Sincerely,
Dan McClendon - CEO

Keep Contact Info Up-To-Date

As a reminder to all Garkane members, it is very important that our members call and provide Garkane with updated addresses and other contact information if they move out of Garkane’s service territory. If Garkane has current contact information on file they will be able to send cash back in a timely manner.