



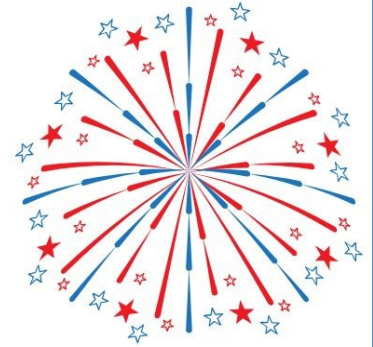
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PREMA's 80th Annual Meeting

Panhandle Rural Electric Membership Association (PREMA) held its 80th Annual Meeting Tuesday, May 20th in Alliance.

RD Sutphen, President of the Board for PREMA, called the meeting to order and reported on the results of the director election. Bryan Monahan and Marty Larsen from District #1 were both elected to three-year terms.

President Sutphen reported that 2024 was a good year both financially and operationally. Sutphen thanked the employees for their work over the past year, noting their contribution to a successful year.

General Manager, Zac Bryant, reviewed the 2024 Report to Members with a series of slides highlighting the previous year's operational activities and financial condition.

Bryant reported that 2024 was a successful year in terms of safety. PREMA kept its very favorable Workers Compensation Experience Rating which was well below the state average for the thirteenth straight year.

Bryant informed the attendees that PREMA invested nearly \$1,910,165 in upgrades and replacements of infrastructure which included 519 new poles, 313 crossarms, 75-meter loops, 117,977 feet of overhead wire and 12,225 feet of underground cable. Net margins for 2024 were \$3,971,792 with operating margins at \$3,241,216 . **PREMA returned \$326,361 of capital credits to its members with over \$13.2 million being returned to members since inception.**

Burton Anthony was honored in 2024 for thirty years with PREMA, as well as Tim Sherlock and Boone Manion for twenty-five years, Dale Knapp for twenty years, Doug Hickox for ten years and Katie Childers for five. We also congratulated Burton Anthony and Tim Sherlock on their retirement wishing them the very best!

Bryant gave several examples of how PREMA gives back to the membership and the area communities which included: East Point Horspice, United Way of Western Nebraska, WNCC Powerline Construction and Maintenance Program, economic development loans, energy efficiency rebates and college scholarships.

Bryant also touched on some of the technology PREMA is using which allows members to save money and brings more efficiency to PREMA. The Load Management program has been a popular option providing cost savings for irrigators. The program kept over \$525,400 in the local economy in 2024. PREMA also offers Smart Hub, which permits the members to view their account information, weather history and billing data. PREMA currently has 872 accounts using Autopay. A 1-800# that the consumers can access 24/7 at their convenience to make payments as well. That information is printed on the monthly statements, 1-800-965-3667. PREMA is using Facebook and the website www.prema.coop to inform and communicate with members. This year's annual meeting Zoom link was available on Facebook and the website.

Director Election Results

District 1

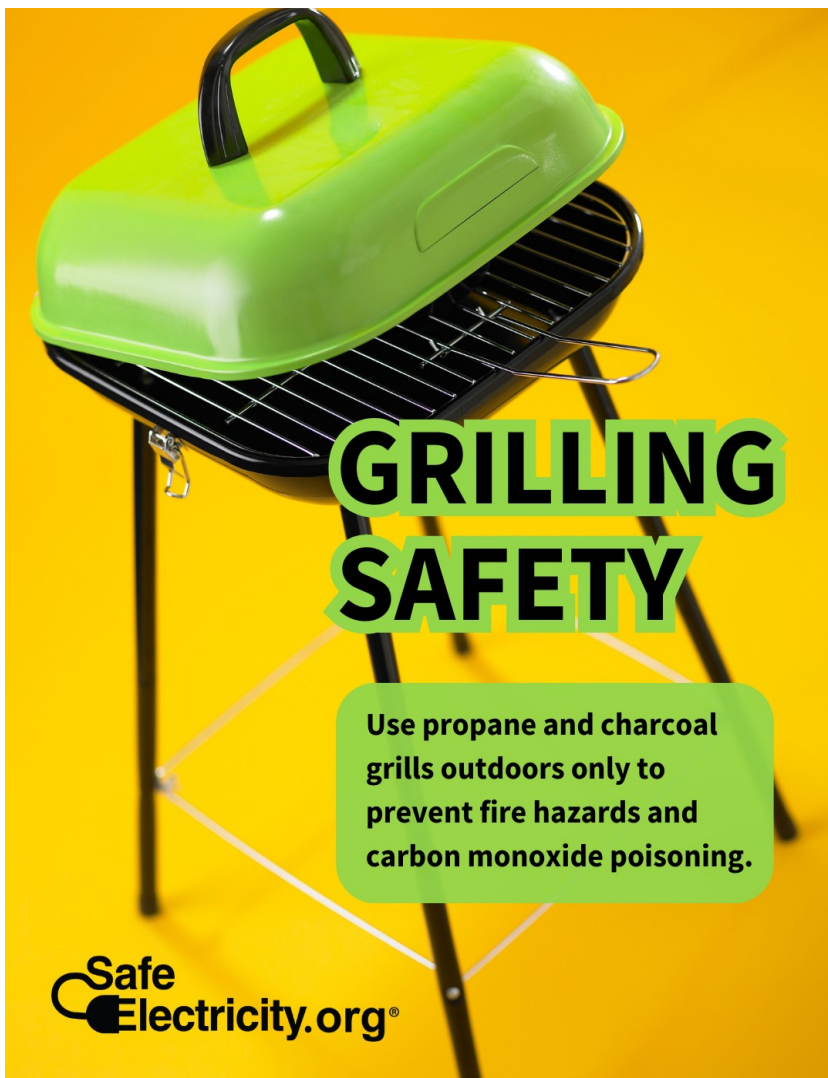
Bryan Monahan**41 votes**

Marty Larsen.....**40 votes**

Mr. Monahan and Mr. Larsen were elected to a three-year term by the membership.

Thank you to those who ran and everyone who took the time to fill out and submit your ballots.

July is National Grilling Month



- Grilling outdoors helps keep your home cool and energy bills down — but over half of grill fires happen in the summer. Stay safe: Use propane and charcoal grills outdoors only to prevent fire hazards and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Grill safely with these quick tips:

- Only grill outdoors
- Keep children and pets 3+ feet away.
- Never leave a grill unattended.
- Check gas grills for leaks each season.
- Keep electric grills dry, unplug when not in use.

Safety Tip

All thunderstorms contain lightning. If a thunderstorm approaches when you are swimming or near water, get out of the water and stay away from the beach. If you are golfing, put down your clubs, get away from metal golf carts, take off your golf shoes and get inside as quickly as possible.



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Notes From Load Management

Load Management customers please consider the following:

PREMA recommends pivots on Load Management should have auto restarts installed. Make sure the auto restart function is working properly, and pivots start when load control is inactive.

Off-peak hours (no control) are 9:00 PM to 12:35 PM and there is no load control occurring on Sundays or holidays.

Customers can see which control groups are being curtailed by going to PREMA's web site at www.prema.coop. Status can also be checked by calling the office 24 hours per day.



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