

Cuming County Public Power District

West Point, Nebraska

April 2020

A Message from our GM, Chet McWhorter

I have no doubt that you are as tired of hearing about social distancing, hand washing, crowd reduction, etc. as I am. I'm not writing about the virus itself but thought offering some insight into how we deal with crisis at CCPPD might be of interest to you all. "It is likely that something unlikely will happen."

Aristotle said this and by all accounts, he was a wise man. As of this writing, we are in the midst of something very unlikely and that is the pandemic of COVID 19 or the Novel Corona Virus.

We have many pages of plans for various emergencies. It is our primary objective to provide electric service to our constituents and we need to make sure we can handle the various curve-balls that the weather, the government, the EPA, or in this case, the CDC might throw our way. Some examples are severe weather, extended power outages, loss of communications equipment, H1N1 or severe influenza, and many more. These plans are inclusive of many

events, but I'll be honest, when they shut down March Madness, the College World Series, and Broadway I realized that our plans were probably inadequate. An unprecedented event is called unprecedented because no one has a measurement or guide or experience from which to draw logical conclusions.

There have been many conversations with peers, employees, customers, directors, and community folks about these plans and the virus and I feel a lot like Yogi Berra when he said, "I wish I had an answer to that because I'm tired of answering that question." I also get to feeling that way when we're in an extended outage situation like last year's flooding. After a point, I find myself saying the same things in a different way to try to make these same things sound like different things. At the end of the day, we're working our plan and getting work done the best we are able. We'll get help in when we need it and we'll always work safely and as productively as possible. Bottom line, we are here for you and will always do our best to provide you the service you deserve.

Yogi also advised "When you come to a fork in the road, take it." This has always been sound advice. To me it has always meant that a person needs to keep moving forward and not get stuck in place while trying to determine whether right or left is the opportune direction. Most of the time the best move is forward, even if forward momentum is very



slow. Whether in the eye of a nasty storm or a pandemic, we try to keep moving forward, no matter how slow we go or how little of the road before us we can see.

As you know if you read my articles, I love quotes. I have notebook upon notebook of quotes that help me write down what I'm thinking and help me frame my thoughts. Throughout the seasons of life, I always try to bear in mind what the Bible says in 2nd Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control." This passage provides me much comfort and I hope it does you as well. If not, you may find yourself agreeing with Yogi again when he said, "the future ain't what it used to be." I hope you're reading this feeling well, safe, and warm, surrounded by love. Thanks for your time and for reading!!

Happy Easter!!



CCPPD Monthly Emails:

- ✓ General Information
(monthly newsletter, electrical Safety, etc.)
- ✓ Grassroots
(political issues affecting our industry)

Emails will be once or twice a month. Email Nicki White nwhite@ccppd.com if you would like to be added to the email list. If you already receive the CCPPD emails, please check toward the first of the month in your junk folder as they could be delivered there. Thank you!

Board Member Spotlight

Greg Strehle



Greg Strehle, Board President,
Subdivision II. 2011-2022

Each month, we will feature a Cuming County Public Power District board member. This month we will feature Greg Strehle. Greg has a long history with the electric industry. He previously worked for Cuming County Public Power District for 35 years and has been a current CCPPD board member for nine years.

He has enjoyed his time on the board. Greg said, "I have enjoyed representing all of our customers and keeping rates as competitive as possible. I also enjoy working with industry professionals, making policies and learning new

technology." Greg is currently serving as the CCPPD Board President.

Greg also works with management and the board to provide policies that will maintain a safe electrical system for customers and employees. The board works to approve a budget that will provide fair, equitable and non discriminatory rates. Reading policy information and industry news is something Greg thinks is an important responsibility as a public power district board member.

CCPPD board members partake in monthly meetings, manage issues affecting CCPPD and the electrical industry, and attend seminars and workshops to continue their education. Greg is also active in state and national boards: Nebraska Rural Electric Association board member, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Policy and Resolutions Committee Member, Certified Credentialed Board Member and Board Leadership Director.

Greg and his wife Rita have been married 38 years and have 7 children and 21 grandchildren. Their greatest joy is watching the grandkids and attending their many activities. Greg also works part time for Meyer Agri Services in Dodge, NE. When he does find some down-time, he has a few hobbies such as: woodworking, golfing and hunting.

We want to thank our dedicated board members, like Greg, for looking out for the most important part of CCPPD, our customers.



Greg & Rita with their kids and grandkids (there has been an addition or two since this picture)



We appreciate all the work our linemen and all of our employees at CCPPD do!



#ThankALineworker #CCPPD #WeAreCCPPD

CCPPD Recognition Dinner

February 28, 2020



10 Years

Tisha Wilson was awarded her 10 year plaque. She started at CCPPD in July 2009.



**25 Years
Congrats on
Retirement!**

Gene Cihacek received his award from NREA for 25 Years of Service. He retired from CCPPD in January of 2019.



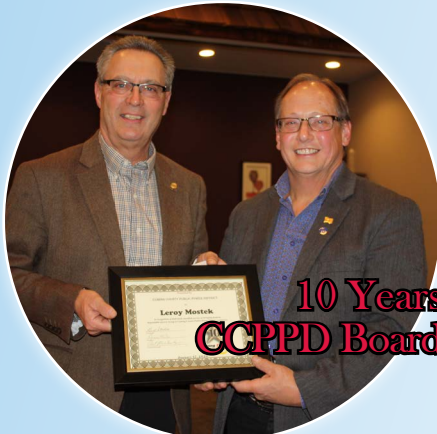
**Journeyman
Lineman**

Austin Koehlmoos received his Journeyman Lineman Certificate from the United States Department of Labor and a lineman statue from



5 Years

Chet McWhorter was awarded his 5 year plaque. He started at CCPPD in September 2014.



**10 Years
CCPPD Board**

Leroy Mostek was awarded his 10 year plaque. He was elected to the CCPPD board in 2009.



10 Years

Nicki White was awarded her 10 year plaque. She started at CCPPD in November 2009.

Youth Energy Leadership Camp

July 20-24, 2020

Nebraska Rural Electric's Youth Energy Leadership Camp is July 20th through July 24th this year. Any high school student currently in 9th through 11th grade can attend. CCPPD covers your cost for camp and takes you to and from camp. You will learn about the electric industry and could make life-long friends. There's also camping, canoeing, sports, a banquet and dance. A tour of Gerald Gentleman Power Station and the Kingsley Hydro-Electric Power Plant provide for a first-hand look at the process of generating electricity. Contact Nicki White at CCPPD for more information 402-372-2463 or turn in this application form by May 1, 2020. We hope to see you there!



Deadline: May 1, 2020

Name: _____
Age: _____ Grade: _____
Address: _____
Phone number: _____ Cell: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Name of Parents: _____
Email: _____
Name of Your Sponsoring Rural Electric System: _____

NREA Youth Energy Leadership Camp

Electrical Safety Tips from CCPPD

Please do not plant or have anything near an electrical box or electrical structure:

- CCPPD linemen need a clearance of **10 feet** in front of the padmount transformer to safely work.
- Do not put objects in front of a transformer, as this restricts the work that can be done. In an emergency, linemen would have to remove anything blocking their work area.
- Do not plant shrubs or flowers close to a transformer. In an emergency, linemen would need to cut or walk on the shrubs/flowers to get to the equipment that they need.

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Regular meetings of the CCPPD Board are normally held on the second Wed of each month at the CCPPD office

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