

# CURRENT HIGH PLAINS POWER



Connecting our members one line at a time

## LOOKING AHEAD AND THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX: *THE IMPORTANCE OF FORECASTING*

Looking ahead, and monitoring economic markers can be key in planning and staying on top of the changes in the energy market.

At High Plains Power, CEO Darick Eisenbraun and CFO Jon Mayes pay close attention to the energy markets. They watch the financials of our generation and transmission cooperative, state and national legislation and anything pertaining to energy. "We look at financials, rate, operations as well as outside forces like energy rates and materials costs. And then we look at our rate design and our fixed costs and how to ensure stability and avoid rate shock. We should be an insulator against rate instability," says Eisenbraun.

"Understanding our load is key for being able to forecast," says Mayes. "We need to understand our power load and power cost and how they relate to each other." As a team, they look at rate and rate design, ensuring that cost is distributed equitably across the different rate classes in HPP territory.

This research and forecasting is something that has been a priority for Mayes since he came to HPP almost eight years ago. Eisenbraun continues that tradition.

Forecasting efficiently takes time and effort, but it has been instrumental in HPP's ability as a cooperative to keep rates stable.

## ROBERT MCCLURG: A LOCAL WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL

Bob McClurg served on the RVEA board until 1979, became president of the WREA and then was later elected to the board of the National

The McClurgs met with our board to present the statue which we were honored to accept. We are planning for it to be proudly displayed in our lobby.

Rural Electric Cooperative Association, NRECA, and served as the president of that organization until 1997.

McClurg passed away in 2007. His sons Kevin and Terry McClurg recently reached out to High Plains Power, wanting to know if we would be interested in a bronze statue of a lineman, that is a miniature of the full sized statue that still stands in the lobby of NRECA HQ in Arlington, VA.



THE ORIGINAL BRONZE LINEMAN STATUE IN THE LOBBY OF NRECA HQ



KEVIN AND TERRY MCCLURG DONATE STATUE THAT WAS GIVEN TO THEIR FATHER ROBERT MCCLURG FOR HIS DEDICATION AS A BOARD MEMBER AND THEN PRESIDENT OF NRECA.

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THERMOPOLIS CREW PUTTING UP NEW POLE AND TRANSFORMER AT ANCHOR DAM.

### LINE CREWS COVER VARIED TERRAIN

When you see power lines going up the side of a mountain, or on the edge of a cliff or in the middle of nowhere, have you ever asked yourself, how did they get that equipment set up?

These pictures were taken recently, on a pole and transformer replacement at Anchor Dam. There is no way to get a truck to the location, so this equipment was driven as close as possible and then carried to the site. Our cooperative territory covers a lot of remote areas where there is not much population density, but there is still a need to deliver electricity to a house or a well or an oil field.

In winter, crews use a snow cat to get to some places in order to repair equipment for an outage. Crews also carry "go" bags when they work in remote areas in case they get stuck and have to spend a night out, waiting for assistance.

**OCTOBER IS COOPERATIVE MONTH!  
COME SEE US FOR TREATS EACH  
FRIDAY!**

**STATE FAIR 2023 FRIDAY!**

**WE LOVE WORKING WITH FELLOW CO-OPS AND MEETING OUR MEMBERS AT STATE FAIR!**

