

Bon Homme Yankton Electric

Cooperative Connections

(USPS No. 018-973)

**Bon Homme Yankton Electric
Association, Inc**
PO Box 158
134 S Lidice St
Tabor, SD 57063

Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
7:30am - 4:30pm

To pay by phone, call:
1-888-395-5315

To report an outage, call:
**Local call from Tabor, Tyndall and
Yankton:**
605-463-2507
Toll Free in South Dakota:
1-800-925-2929

**NOTICE: Electric bills must be paid
by 10:00am on the 20th of each
month to avoid a \$10 late fee.**

Bon Homme Yankton Electric Cooperative Connections is published monthly by Bon Homme Yankton Electric Association, Inc., PO Box 158, 134 S. Lidice St., Tabor, SD 57063-0158 for its members. Families subscribe to Bon Homme Yankton Electric Cooperative Connections as part of their electric cooperative membership. Bon Homme Yankton Electric Cooperative Connection's purpose is to provide reliable, helpful information to electric cooperative members on matters pertaining to rural electrification and better rural living. Subscription information: Electric cooperative members devote \$6.00 from their electric payments annually for a subscription. Nonmember subscriptions are available for \$12 annually. Periodicals Postage Paid at Tabor, SD 57063 and at additional mailing offices.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Bon Homme Yankton Electric Cooperative Connections, Bon Homme Yankton Electric, PO Box 158, Tabor, S.D. 57063 TELEPHONE (605)463-2507; FAX (605) 463-2419.

Design assistance by TDG Communications, Deadwood, S.D.



Planning our Annual Meeting

During COVID-19

It is sad to see the impact that COVID-19 has had on canceling long-time annual events like Czech Days in Tabor and River Boat Days in Yankton. Community leaders everywhere are faced with hard reluctant decisions when deciding to call off an event or try to hold it. It is no different with our annual meeting. We have had a lot of discussions around how to hold our annual meeting in a safe manner that protects our members and employees from COVID-19. If you have ever attended a Bon Homme Yankton Electric annual meeting, you know it is a packed house. The traditional way of having it at the Beseda Hall just will not work in the current COVID-19 situation that we are in.

But one thing COVID-19 has taught us is to be flexible and embrace doing things in non-traditional ways. Your Board has decided that we can hold this event in a responsible, safe manner by honoring CDC guidelines of social distancing and using personal protective equipment (PPE). We will be having a Drive-In annual meeting on August 11. It will be held at the baseball field in Tabor where you will enjoy the business meeting in the comfort of your car. As you drive up to the baseball field entrance off Haki Street, you will be registered, and employees will direct you to a place to park. You will dial into the radio station that the meeting will be broadcasted on. To beat the heat, the meeting will be at 10:00 am instead of in the early evening when temperatures have been the hottest this summer. Registration will begin at 9:15 am, so come early and get your spot. A few other items will be different; no food will be prepared, there won't be a prize drawing, and voting will be with voting paddles to wave out your car window which will be given out at registration along with the meeting materials and a registration gift.



Stephanie Horst

horst@byelectric.com

As members of Bon Homme Yankton Electric Association, you are owners and are entitled to know how your cooperative is doing financially, you have a say on who governs the cooperative by electing directors, and you establish rules of the cooperative by approving bylaw changes. The annual meeting's purpose is for the members to conduct these necessary business matters. This year one petition was received in each district for a unanimous ballot. Paul Voigt petitioned for District 1, Dean Sternhagen petitioned for District 4, and Rick Cheloha petitioned for District 6.

There is a significant bylaw revision being proposed, and we will provide ample time at the annual meeting for you to ask any questions you may have about the revisions.

All the key meeting information is printed in this issue for you to review prior to the annual meeting. As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to seeing you at the first ever Bon Homme Yankton Electric Drive-In annual meeting on August 11th at 10:00 AM at the Tabor baseball field.

**You Board has
decided that we
can hold this event
in a responsible,
safe manner by
honoring CDC
guidelines of social
distancing and using
personal protective
equipment (PPE).**