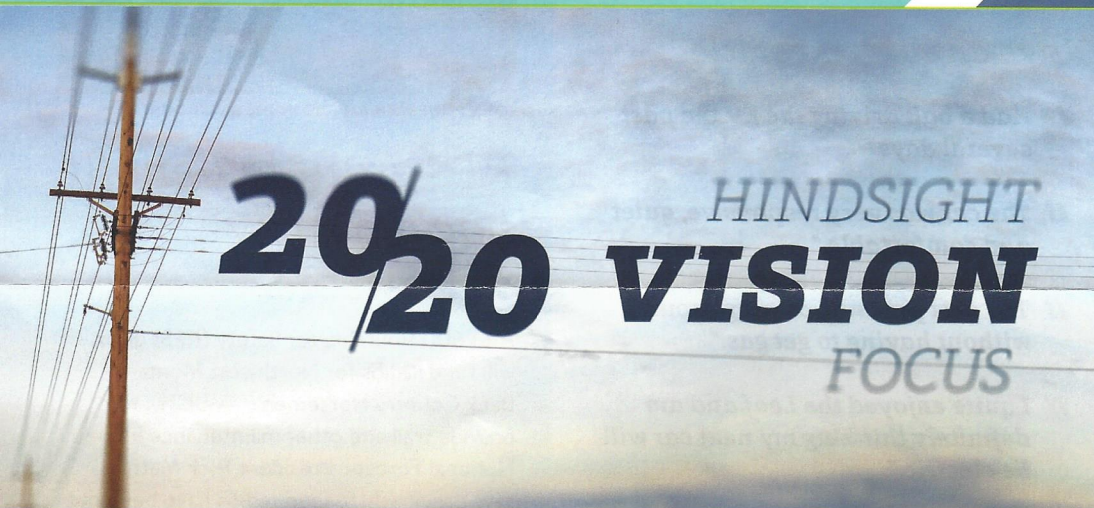




LIGHT READING

YOUR NEWS from FLATHEAD ELECTRIC CO-OP, INC.

2020 |



20/20 VISION FOCUS

DEAR MEMBERS of Flathead Electric Cooperative,

I look forward to seeing you all at your Annual Meeting on March 21st. The meeting theme this year is **20/20 Vision**. In that light, we will take a look back at the past year as well as forward to the vision for your Co-op's future.

Hindsight is 20/20, and we can look back on a very productive and positive year at your Co-op. Some highlights include enjoying the success of our Pulse Project event, which saw the collection of 127 pints of blood and \$16,500 in energy assistance funds for members in need; announcing that unclaimed capital credits provided seed money for additional School Resource Officers in Flathead County; and introducing the "EV Experience" where members can take one of FEC's electric vehicles for a free spin.

We are also anxious to share our **vision**—upcoming opportunities and challenges alike—for the future of Flathead Electric Cooperative.

With our core objective of providing electricity, we are working with other co-ops to establish EV charging stations throughout our Northwest Montana highway corridors. It's a great opportunity to utilize funding available through the national Volkswagen settlement.

This industry is fraught with challenges as well, however, and our members deserve to know what those challenges are. First

and foremost are the threats to hydropower, which not only is our primary source of energy, but also is carbon-free, affordable and reliable. Despite the fact that nearly a billion dollars have been spent by western Montana BPA customers to support fish and wildlife programs, there are outside forces intent on removing dams in our region at all costs. We need your help as we work with competing interests to find some common ground.

As your Cooperative contemplates future power supply, we must also consider the very real possibility that, at some point, power supply in our region may become inadequate. As existing electric generation continues to be shut down, there is concern in our industry whether there will be enough energy to reliably serve our members. Prolonged power outages in some areas of the country would be inconvenient, but in our service territory they would be downright dangerous.

As Flathead Electric prepares to accept the challenges that await, our **focus** will remain on you, the members, as it always has. We are all on this journey together, and I am genuinely interested in your feedback and involvement.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve,

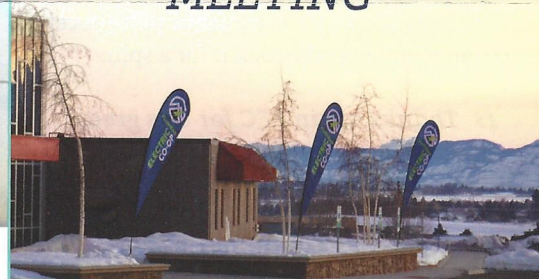


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SAVE the DATE

Saturday, March 21, 2020

ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING



- WHAT:** Annual Members' Meeting
- WHEN:** Saturday, March 21st
- WHERE:** Canvas Church, 255 Summit Ridge, Kalispell
- AGENDA:**
 - 8:00 AM Registration and breakfast
 - 9:00 AM Entertainment by Zino & the Bel Aires
 - 9:45 AM Business Meeting (learn about the issues impacting your Cooperative)
 - 11:30 AM Meeting Adjourns

PRIZES: Door prize drawings, including the grand prize **\$500 energy bill credit!**

SCHOLARSHIPS: Four \$500 in-state tuition scholarships will be awarded to area high school seniors who attend and whose parents/guardians are FEC members.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEATS UP FOR ELECTION:

- District 6** (West Valley, Marion)
- District 8** (Bigfork)
- District 9** (Libby)

A district map showing exact boundaries is available on our website. For more information on becoming a candidate or to obtain a nominating petition, call 751-4444.

