New Board Member

With the resignation of long-time District 6 Board member Peter Cook in August, prospective board candidates were invited to apply for the open director seat. Lower Valley Energy wishes to thank members who expressed an interest in shaping their cooperative and for their time involved with the interview process.

Local businessman Scott Anderson was chosen to fill the District 6 board seat. Anderson will serve as a Board of Director until the 2018 board elections at the Annual Meeting, at which time the Board seat will be open for general election (for a remaining 2-year term).

Anderson went through an interview process near the end of October along with other candidates and was voted in by the existing Board. Anderson stepped in immediately and attended his first Board meeting on October 26 as the District 6 representative. His background is in the radio and media industry.

“We are very excited to have Scott Anderson on board,” stated Board Chairman, Fred Brog. “We are positive Scott will bring a fresh perspective to our cooperative and I am looking forward to working alongside him.”

A Champion in the Family

Style Thurston, son of Jackson Lineman Kyle Thurston, is the Wyoming Grand Champion of the 2017 Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC). The annual event was held at the Upton Gun Club and emphasizes hunter safety, marksmanship and skills. Style, a Senior at Jackson Hole High School, competed with 30 other Wyoming youth in an array of skills including rifle, bow, wildlife identification, safety and orienteering. Congratulations, Style.

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Fill Up With Natural Gas

Teton County’s first compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station is officially open with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 11. Governor Matt Mead addressed the audience along with project partners. The station, sited in the parking lot of Lower Valley Energy’s Jackson office, is owned by the Town of Jackson and open to the public. The very clean burning fuel is an alternative to gasoline and also competitively priced currently at $1.80/gallon.

This first CNG station in Teton County (and 8th in the state) was several years in the making. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Energy Conservation Works, and with funding from a Wyoming Business Council grant, the Teton County Mitigation Fund, and 2010 SPET funding, the project has finally come to fruition. The project also had tremendous support from the Teton Yellowstone Clean Cities Coalition.

Transmission Bury Update

The Teton Village transmission line bury is progressing full steam ahead and as planned. The concrete duct banks were finished in September and the 12 massive concrete vaults were placed in October. The large underground cable arrived and was pulled through the conduit. In each vault the cable will be spliced together, which is extremely time-consuming. We intend to have one phase of the double circuit line completed by the end of December.

While the current temporary line is not a double circuit line, the single circuit temporary line does have the capacity to carry the forecasted load of the area affected through the 2017-2018 winter and beyond. In addition, we have been inspecting and hardening the existing overhead line back to Teton Pines.