

# Linemen move osprey nest for safety

As part of PRECorp's ongoing strategy to ensure the safety of wildlife and reliability of the power supply, the Avian Protection Plan (APP) kicked into gear recently near Hulett.

The Sundance Line Crew, pictured at the right, responded to a pair of enterprising ospreys who began to rapidly construct a nest on a new pole assembly. With a Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) biologist on standby, the crew put up a nesting platform about 20 yards away from the power pole, and placed the nesting materials there.

The APP has been a part of PRECorp's operating procedures since 2005. PRECorp has updated the plan multiple times to ensure it aligns with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and WGFD guidelines, as well as changes to PRECorp's power delivery technology and systems.

Anyone who sees a nest on PRECorp-owned structures, discovers a bird carcass or an injured bird, should call 1-800-442-3630. Please do your best to have a location and identifying numbers from a nearby pole. Callers will also be asked for their contact information, and any photos of the scene would also assist in the response.



## Regular business: 1-800-442-3630 • Report an outage: 1-888-391-6220 www.precorp.coop

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for members



MIKE EASLEY, CEO

As I was preparing for this month's article, I started thinking about the governance process of Cooperatives. It reminded me that I have been attending monthly cooperative board meetings for 33 of my 38 years working for electrical cooperatives.

The process of how cooperative members come together through a nominating committee to nominate Board Candidates, conduct an election, and conduct business at an Annual Meeting is basically the same for cooperatives everywhere.

It is interesting how something as essential as electrical power is something that each of us has a voice in. In today's world of big business and, some might say, even bigger government, cooperatives are an interesting combination of collective individualism. We have bound ourselves together in this not-for-profit, democratically controlled business entity whose sole purpose is to better our individual and collective lives through the provision of electrical power and related services.

It can be so easy to take this model for granted and to slip into the mindset that power simply comes from the switch without thinking of both our past and current efforts of neighbor helping neighbor. The PRECorp Board is the entity that you all elect to oversee the operations of the cooperative. There is balanced representation across the service territory with two Board Members from each of the five counties we serve sitting at the Board table.

The job of a cooperative director is not an easy one, and it's one that is truly a labor of love. Our Board Members set the example of what service above self means as they embrace the mantle of leadership that you have called them to do.

You can support them by being an engaged member, and there are several ways for you to engage in the affairs of your cooperative.

Our quarterly Telephone Town Hall and Facebook Live event, is a great way to keep abreast of what is happening in your cooperative. Next month you will see the Annual Meeting issue which explains how to exercise the most important part of cooperative member ownership: voting for Board Candidates. Attending the Annual Meeting is also a great way to stay connected to the cooperative and to experience cooperative member ownership at its deepest level.

It would be great to see you in Upton, on August 21 at the 76th Annual Meeting of the PRECorp Membership.

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# PRECorp Foundation 2020 Annual Report



#### **Powder River Energy Foundation Mission:**

The Mission of the Powder River Energy Foundation (PRECorp Foundation) is to demonstrate our commitment to people and non-profit or charitable organizations in northeast Wyoming by lending a helping hand that will improve their quality of life or serve their community.

For the past 75-plus years, Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp) has joined forces with the cooperative's consumer-members to strengthen and enhance the communities in northeast Wyoming.

In 2007, PRECorp established the Powder River Energy Foundation for the sole purpose of supporting the charitable needs of the PRECorp service territory. The charitable needs of the communities became very real in recent months with a series of economic challenges across many of the foundational sectors of our area. Market downturns in the ag and energy industries, shutdowns of economies by the COVID-19 virus pandemic response, and shortages of supplies for those most in need, created urgent needs locally and nationally.

Because of long-term strategic planning, the PRECorp Foundation is in a position to respond to these challenges with direct giving to programs focused on food distribution, workforce development, families in crisis, and student scholarships.

The Foundation Board of Directors is grateful to each and every person, business partner, and sponsor organization who helps the Foundation deliver on its mission.

In 2021, the Foundation fundraising events of the Durham Ranch Buffalo Stampede and the annual Foundation Golf Scramble will be held.

Another opportunity to help is July 14: WyoGives "Day of Giving". Go to <u>www.wyogives.org/-organizations/powder-river-energy-foundation</u> for information.

The community pulled together to recover from a difficult 2020. Now is an important time to participate in small-giving opportunities such as Operation RoundUp®. This program has been the bedrock revenue stream for the Foundation since 2007. So far, 14% of PRECorp members participate in the program. We invite more members to sign up and help the cause.

The program is a voluntary option available only to PRECorp consumer-members of any size. You simply round up your monthly bill to the nearest whole dollar, and you automatically send an average of only 50 cents per month per account to the Foundation.

The Foundation provides six seasonal contests where new and existing Operation RoundUp® members are eligible to win a prize of 25 pounds of beef and pork. If you are not signed up, please consider doing so.

Please take a moment to review the 2020 Foundation Annual Report on our website at www. precorpfoundation.org and see how your donation funds are distributed across the PRECorp service territory.

Sincerely,



Chairman
John Flocchini



Executive Director Jeff Bumgarner

## PRECorp Foundation 2020 Giving totals



Total value given since 2007:

\$1,458,015

Total given in 2020:

\$280,019

Number of charities helped in 2020: 106

## **Giving by Category**

Community Betterment: \$50,800

Cultural & Arts: \$2,500

Education: \$7,600

Health & Human Services: \$159,232

Meat Donations: \$13,837

Scholarships: \$46,050

**Total donations in 2020:** 

\$ 280,019

## **Giving by County 2020**

**Campbell:** \$47,012

Crook: \$41,473

Johnson: \$18,104

**Sheridan:** \$18,503

Weston: \$13,140

All counties: \$95,250

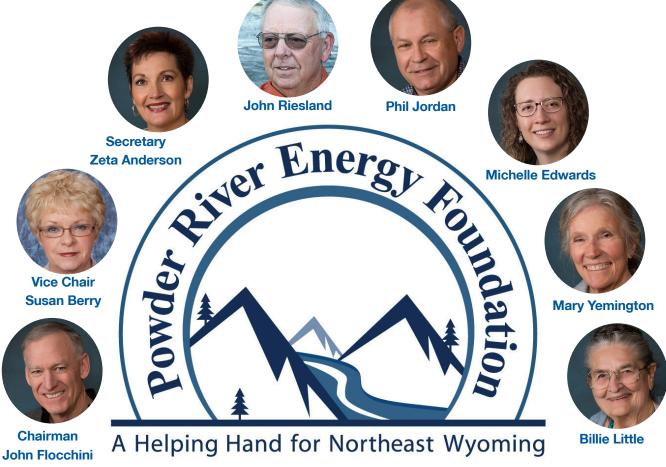
Scholarships: \$46,050

Meat for promotions: \$487

\$ 280,019

### PRECorp Foundation 2020 Annual Report

## **Board of Directors**



Staff:



**Executive Director Jeff Bumgarner** 



Administration Betty Finn



Administration Linda Tokarczyk



Financials Karri Blasi



Marketing Tim Velder

Sheridan County
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Johnson County Susan Berry Campbell
County
John Flocchini
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County
Zeta Anderson
Mary Yemington

Weston
County
John Riesland

The Foundation is governed by an independent, voluntary board of directors who represent each county in the PRECorp service area.

The Foundation Board directs the operation of the Foundation and frames the Foundation's active role in helping charities.

Contact Foundation Executive Director Jeff Bumgarner at 307-283-4905 or email <u>jeffb@precorp.coop</u> for more information on becoming a Foundation director.

## PRECorp Foundation 2020 Annual Report

# A Helping Hand for Northeast Wyoming

## 2020 major grant recipients:

- A.B.A.T.E. of N.E. Wyoming
- All Souls Episcopal Church Food Pantry -Kaycee
- Blessings in a Backpack Hulett
- · Boys and Girls Club of Central Wyoming
- BREAD Food Pantry
- · Bread of Life Food Pantry
- · Buffalo Senior Center
- Campbell County Council of Community Services
- Campbell County Critical Incident Stress Management Team
- Campbell County Senior Center
- · Campbell County Sheriff's Department/EMS
- CAM-PLEX Rural Arts Program
- · Clearmont Community Center Foundation
- · Climb Wyoming
- · Compass Center for Families
- Corner Market FBO Holiday Baskets
- Crook County Council of County Services
- · Crook County Senior Services

- · Crook County Sheriff's Office Search & Rescue
- Edible Prairie Project
- Festival of Trees
- First Christian Church Soup Kitchen Program
- Greater Hulett Community Center -2020 Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot
- Habitat for Humanity of the Bighorns
- Helping Hands Foundation of Weston County
- Joey's Fly Fishing Foundation, Inc.
- Johnson County Family YMCA
- Johnson County Friends Feeding Friends
- Moorcroft Interfaith Community Food Pantry
- Newcastle Ministerial Association Christmas Appeal
- People Assistance Food Pantry
- Pine Haven Volunteer Fire Department
- · Riley Schildt Fundraiser
- · Rise & Shine Learning Center
- Rooted in Wyoming
- Salvation Army Sheridan & Gillette
- Sheridan Community Land Trust

- Sheridan Memorial Hospital Foundation
- Sheridan Police Department / Cops for Kids
- Silver Sage Senior Center
- · The Food Group
- The Hub on Smith
- The Mercantile at Rawhide Elementary
- Town of Clearmont
- Upton History and Heritage Corporation
- Upton Community Food Bank
- Weston County Peace Officers
- Weston County Senior Services
- Wright Centennial Museum
- · Wright Community Assistance
- Wright FCCLA
- Wright Student Councils
- Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom
- Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies
- Wyoming Sportsmans Group -Hulett Youth Field Day
- Y.E.S. Foundation
- Plus 50 other community non-profits

#### Learn more at www.precorpfoundation.org

The Foundation website provides more information about giving and Foundation impacts in the community and also provides an online sign up area for Operation RoundUp®. It includes applications for Foundation funding, a downloadable Foundation brochure, scholarship applications, staff and board listings, and press releases. Visit the site at <a href="https://www.precorpfoundation.org">www.precorpfoundation.org</a> regularly to keep up to date on Foundation news.



- Either call, go to our website, or fill out this form and remit with your bill to sign up for this great local program
- Each month, we will round up your electric bill to the next whole dollar
- The extra cents will be contributed to the Operation RoundUp® fund
- The fund was created to help members connect with worthy causes in our communities

- □ Enroll all my accounts in Operation RoundUp®
- □ Enroll one of my accounts in Operation RoundUp®
- □ Enroll these specific accounts in Operation RoundUp®:

Name:			
Phone Number:			
Priorie Number:	 		

Signature:



## Gov. Gordon meets PRECorp crew



Photo courtesy WREA

Powder River Energy Linemen Justin Janz, Sundance, left, and Olin Fjell, Sheridan, right, met with Wyoming Gov. Mark Gordon, center, in April. They gathered for the occasion of Gov. Gordon's signing of the Lineman Appreciation Day proclamation in Chevenne.

## **Nominating Committee minutes**

The Nominating Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors of Powder River Energy Corporation to nominate candidates for a Director to be elected from CROOK COUNTY, JOHNSON COUNTY, and SHERIDAN COUNTY at the 76th Annual Meeting of the members to be held on Saturday, August 21, 2021, do hereby nominate the following qualified member(s):

#### **CROOK COUNTY:**

PAUL BAKER

Respectfully submitted by:

Rick Good, Chairman and Dave Reed

#### **JOHNSON COUNTY:**

MIKE LOHSE

Respectfully submitted by:

Ben Schiffer, Chairman and Thad Stoltz

#### **SHERIDAN COUNTY:**

JIM BAUMGARTNER

Respectfully submitted by:

Mike Latham, Chairman and Jim Fennema

## Events Calendar

The list of 2021 PRECorp events includes Board meeting dates and telephone town hall meetings with CEO Mike Easley. Board meetings have returned to the Sundance-Gillette-Sheridan rotation.

- Tuesday, June 22 PRECorp Board of Directors meeting,
   9:30 a.m., Sheridan
- Monday, June 28 PRECorp Foundation Board meeting, teleconference
- Tuesday, July 14: WyoGives
   Day of Giving, benefit for
   PRECorp Foundation. Go to
   www.wyogives.org for more
   information.
- Thursday, July 16 Publication of director
   candidates, notice of Annual
   Meeting, mail-in ballot, and
   Annual Report.
- Tuesday, July 20 PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Sundance
- Monday, July 26 PRECorp Foundation Board meeting, Gillette
- Tuesday, August 17 -PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Gillette
- Wednesday, August 18 PRECorp telephone town
  hall with CEO Mike Easley,
  6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, August 21 –
  PRECorp Annual Meeting,
  Upton Middle School







Powder River Energy Annual Meeting

## **Upton Middle School**

802 Juniper St, Upton, WY 82730

**Saturday** August 21st, 2021

7am - 10am - Blood Draw 7am - 1pm - Body Scans

WHF recommends 12 hours fasting prior to blood draw, unless Diabetic. Drink plenty of water and take medications as usual.

**During the Annual Meeting, Powder River Energy is covering the cost of the** following screening for members and spouses:

Blood Chemistry Panel

Take advantage of WHF's low-cost wellness screenings today and know your numbers!

#### **Now Scheduling Appointments!**

Make your appointments at the following links: Wellness Screening - WHF.as.me/PRECORPWellness Body Scan - whf.as.me/PRECORPScan or call us at 800-979-3711 to schedule



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#### **Measurements**

- **Body Composition**
- Postural Alignment (Tilts, Shifts)
- Body Shape (Circ)
- Body Measurements (Lengths, Widths, Volumes)
- Body Type
- **Body Ratios**

#### **Risk Findings**

- Diabetes
- Heart Disease
- Leaky Gut Syndrome
- Scoliosis
- Muscular Imbalance
- Future Injury Chronic Pain
  - ... and many more

#### Please Note:

- We recommend participants strip down to their under garments for the scan. However tight fitting shirts, cycling or lycra shorts, spandex, tights etc are best for those who are shy. The scanner and dressing room is fully curtained so there is full privacy. Long hair should also be pulled back to expose the neckline.
- The results of the scan will be provided to you via email which will give you access to the Spiral Portal. Further questions can be answered by you for a complete assessment.
- · Finally we strongly recommend a follow-up scan. Comparing the two scans will show you improvements that you have made.