

# February 2021

## Newsletter



### GM David Gottula to Retire this Summer

OCEC General Manager David Gottula will be retiring in the summer of 2021 after almost ten years at OCEC. "It has been an incredible experience. OCEC is an awesome community. The employees, the Board, and the members have made this job one of the most rewarding experiences of my career", Gottula says. Gottula has spent 39 years in the electric utility industry with three companies, across four states.

Gottula and his wife, Sue, plan to stay in the Methow Valley. Gottula plans to continue his work with Okanogan County Search and Rescue. He is also a keyboardist/vocalist with a local blues/rock band where he is looking forward to focusing a lot more time in the future. And of course, he will be out on the trails.

OCEC Board President, Dale Sekijima, noted "From the Board's viewpoint David has made three very important, if low profile, contributions during his tenure. First, stabilized the Co-op-member relationship after a period of unrest; second, has kept costs well under control and reduced debt; and third, did his best to prepare OCEC for a smooth transition, after his retirement, to a new GM."

The Board is working with NRECA to recruit a new General Manager.

### Call for Candidates for OCEC Board Election

The OCEC Annual Meeting and election by members of the Board of Directors will be held this year on April 19th. The members will be electing two Directors for three-year terms.

Per the OCEC Bylaws, the Board appointed "Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one (1) Member for each position open for election. The incumbent shall automatically be one of the Director candidates nominated if that Director desires to run for re-election." Both incumbents are planning to run for re-election. It is desirable for OCEC members to have choices for consideration for the Director positions.

If you are interested in running for election, you are encouraged by the Board to submit your name to one of the members of the OCEC Nominating Committee for inclusion on the ballot.

Nominating Committee Members:

- Dave Ashcom: 425-577-9818
- Ed Surette: 996-2154
- Duncan Bronson: 996-3218
- Julie Muyliaert: 996-2315

**The deadline to have your name on the ballot is February 22nd.**

### Hours:

Monday - Friday  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

### Office Info:

**93 W Chewuch Rd**  
**Winthrop, WA 98862**  
**Toll Free:** (888) 710-2228  
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### OCEC Board:

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**OCEC will be switching to summer hours, Mon-Thurs 7AM-5:30PM on March 1st.**

## Unclaimed Capital Credits

Okanogan County Electric Cooperative, Inc (OCEC) is refunding capital credits to active and inactive members. Capital credits are the margins - the money left after expenses are paid - that are to be refunded to our members.

Listed below are members for whom we have no current address. If you are on this list, or know the address of anyone on the list, please contact:

Okanogan County Electric Cooperative, Inc  
PO Box 69, Winthrop, WA 98862  
(509) 996-2228 or info@oceec.coop

ABBOTT, DEBORAH

ALLEN, REGINA

ARMSTRONG, BRUCE

BANNICK SHEENA & MARSHALL, JAKE

BARD, HEIDI

BATES, LEE R & KAREN A

BOYDEN INVESTMENTS LLC

BOZARTH, STEVE & RICHARDSON, JEN

BRUMMETT, LOUIS & NORMA

CHEEK, LOLA

CLANCY, PAT & DIANNE

COLEMAN, MICHAEL

CROSS, DARREN & LOVE

DAVIS, MARK

DELBROOK, APRIL

DOUGLAS, ANDRE

ECKLEY, JEFF & BONNIE

ELDER, CAMERON C

ENDRESS, TODD

ENGLER, GUS JR

ERICKSEN, SCOTT & CHERYL

GLICK, HOWARD & NANCY

JONES, DEBORAH M

KIMBALL, CLAYTON

LAUGHMAN, DAVID

LEHMKUHL, CURTIS

LOCKE, KEITH

LUDWIG, STEFFEN

MAZAMA JUNCTION LLC

MCCOY, STEVE & KIMBERLY

MCKELVIE, IAN

MOORE, DENA & DERRECK

MOYER, JASON & LYDIA

O REILLY, T

OLIVER, RICHARD & BEVERLY

PINNEKE JANEL

PRESTON, CURT & LAURA

ROBERTS, DANIEL

RUSSELL, AMY

RUSSELL, ELIZABETH

SCHINDLER, AUTUMN

SMITH, MELISSA

STRAUSS, MATT

TUFTE, PAMELA & DAVID

WAKE, ROGER & CHARLA

WALLACE, DAVID

WHITE, RICHARD & INGA

WIEGER, GILBERT & CLAUDIA

## Do you need a winter propane fill?

Please remember that a propane delivery truck needs at least a 10-foot-wide path to be able to deliver fuel to your home. Also, keep the tank area and a path to the tank free of snow and ice accumulation. When plowing, snow blowing, or shoveling, do not push or pile snow around your tank, equipment or piping. Our drivers thank you for helping us to provide you with efficient and timely propane deliveries.



*Can you find the propane tank in this photo?*