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ANNUAL MEETING

Please be sure to save the date for Wyrulec's 90th annual meeting, which will be held on Thursday, April 16th. All members of the cooperative will receive a 2025 Annual Report in the mail prior to the meeting. Please make sure you return the Absentee Ballot you receive with your report. This will help us establish the required quorum for the Director election. We will draw one name from the absentee ballots returned who will receive a \$100 bill credit!

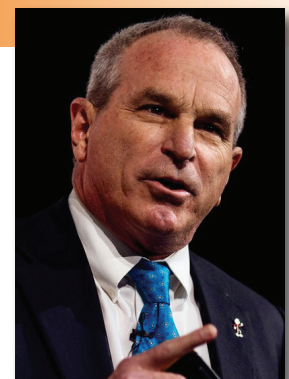
The Nominating Committee, which is comprised of one member from each of the five districts, met in the office of the Cooperative on January 30th. They officially nominated the incumbents for District #3 – Kenda Knudsen, and District #4 – Mark Knaub, for the 2026 Director election.

We are very excited to announce our guest speaker for this milestone meeting - Robert Bryce from Austin, Texas, who is an expert about key industry topics. See his bio below and check out his website at robertbryce.com to see some of his articles, books, and films. We hope you can all join us at this year's Annual Meeting to hear him speak!



ROBERT BRYCE

Robert Bryce is an author, journalist, and film producer. He has been writing about energy, power, politics, and innovation for four decades. Bryce is the author of six books, including *A Question of Power: Electricity and the Wealth of Nations*. He has given nearly 600 invited or keynote lectures to groups ranging from the Marine Corps War College to the Sydney Institute, as well as to a wide variety of associations, universities, and corporations. Bryce has produced three energy-focused films, including his new mini-documentary: *Sunblock: The Global Fight To Save Farmland From Big Solar*. He lives in Austin with his wife, Lorin, who is an art teacher, photographer, and master potter. You may follow him on Substack: robertbryce.substack.com.



WYRULEC COMPANY HISTORY

Since Wyrulec Company is celebrating 90 years of service to our communities, we thought you might enjoy reading a bit about the founding of your electric cooperative; the following information is from the book *Wyrulec – the First Seventy-Five Years of Wyoming’s First Electrical Cooperative* copyright 2011, by retired Director, Jack R. Preston.

Wyrulec Company was founded in Lingle on October 9, 1936; less than five months after the passage of the Norris-Rayburn bill. The five incorporators, F.R. Pearson, L.R. Brewer, R.V. Allen, Emery Bright, and T.J. Lisle, met in the Bump Building law offices of Reid and More in Torrington. They elected themselves the first directors of the company to serve for one year or until their successors were elected. They voted to insert a copy of the articles of incorporation in the minute book, passed proposed bylaws, and placed a copy of the bylaws in the minute book. The incorporators agreed to apply for a Rural Electrification Administration loan. They also hired engineers and attorneys for the cooperative.

A half-hour later, meeting as the newly created board of directors, they elected officers. Pearson was named President; Allen, vice president; Brewer, secretary/ treasurer. The board agreed to sell memberships to individuals who chose to receive electricity from the company, provided that the prospective customer could be served economically.

After a sample membership certificate was presented, approved, and inserted in the minute book, L.R. Brewer was appointed the company’s agent. Wyrulec’s principal office would be in Brewer’s office in Lingle. The board designated Citizen’s National Bank of Torrington as the company’s depository, stipulating that all checks be signed by either the president or vice-president and countersigned by the secretary/treasurer. After the actions of the incorporators were ratified and the incorporation expenses were approved, President Pearson was authorized to adopt REA plans for construction of the distribution system. Further, he was given responsibility to complete negotiations for a loan to cover expenses and employ the necessary people, subject to REA approval, to complete the projects. Pursuant to Wyoming incorporation laws, they convened a third time that evening, as a general membership meeting to endorse earlier actions.

Construction plans for transmission and distribution lines were ready for member approval at a special meeting held at Lingle High School in mid-December.

The first meeting failed to gain a quorum, but later in the month, more than two dozen members were present or represented by proxy. Along with the plans, they approved a construction loan contract from the REA (in an amount not to exceed \$29,000). To secure the loan, the company members voted to execute a mortgage note, not to exceed \$29,000, at 2.77% interest with monthly payment for 20 years. The members agreed to contract for power with the US Reclamation Service in conjunction with the town of Lingle. Then Wyrulec prepared to construct 25 miles of line.

Wyrulec energized its lines and began to serve its member/ owners on December 4, 1937, one year and two months after the formation of the cooperative.

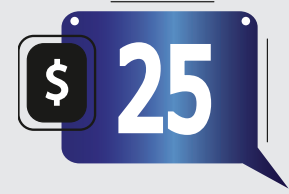
Within 20 years of Congressional passage of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, creating the Rural Electrification Administration (REA), electricity was brought to rural areas throughout Goshen County. The agency, created to bring power to farms and ranches, had an enormous impact on rural life and the rural areas of Goshen County. Wyrulec Company, Wyoming’s first electrical cooperative, was founded under this REA Act. Electricity that Wyrulec brought to rural Goshen County residents was more important than any other development of the 20th century.

WYRULEC SYSTEM STATISTICS

Year .	Services	KWH Sold. . .	Miles of Line
1938	272	80,082	52
1948	1,414	2,676,512	550
1958	2,120	30,735,748	1,169
1968	2,436	96,743,016	1,408
1978	3,314	98,633,118	1,727
1988	3,374	71,918,454	1,849
1998	4,103	85,605,202	1,881
2008	4,642	118,600,598	1,953
2018	5,272	192,478,768	2,015
2025	5,793	242,268,015	~2,052

The following names have been drawn for a \$25 bill credit. Contact Wyrulec Company at 877-WYRULEC to claim your credit!

Janice Domson
Chris Offe
Ben Mast
Lane Young
Anna Eaton



GOING THE EXTRA MILE



Wyrulec has approximately 3 services per mile of power line. Other electric utilities can have 32 services per mile. Even though we serve fewer customers along the lines, that won't stop us from going the extra mile for you, the members we're proud to serve.



HEATING SAFETY TIPS FOR WINTER

Simple precautions can help you avoid **fire hazards** and **electrical dangers**

There is nothing like curling up by the fire on a cold winter day. But heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths. With a few simple steps, you can prevent most heating fires from happening.



STAY COZY AND SAFE THIS WINTER:

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment like furnaces, radiators, fireplaces, electric or wood stoves and space heaters.
- Maintain a 3-foot kid- and pet-free zone around heating equipment.
- Plug heaters and electric fireplaces directly into wall outlets. Never use extension cords or power strips.
- Plug only one heat-producing appliance into an electrical outlet at a time.
- Turn off portable heaters when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Unplug heaters when not in use.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Test smoke alarms every month.
- Hire a qualified professional to install or service stationary heating equipment and water heaters according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Have your heating system, vents and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.



SMART TIPS:

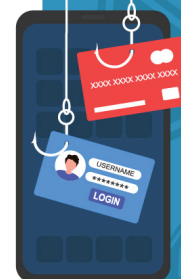
- Install and test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to alert you before it's too late.
- Have a home fire escape plan and practice it with your family.

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TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS

Scammers and cyber criminals look for weak points to exploit before software companies can fix them. Update software programs on your computer, tablet and mobile phone as soon as possible when a newer version becomes available. Software updates often contain critical patches and protections against security threats. Turn on automatic updates to automatically update your security software, internet browser, operating system and mobile apps.

Source: consumer.ftc.org



Wyrulec Company's 90th Annual Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Goshen County Fairgrounds
Rendezvous Center
4740 US Hwy 26/85
Torrington, WY 82240

5:00 pm - Doors Open
6:00 pm - Dinner & Guest Speaker
7:00 pm - Business Meeting

*Join us for food,
fun, and prizes!*

