



THE CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC  
COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

# The Voice

## CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC CO-OP, INC.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## POWER COST ADJUSTMENT

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for January is \$0.00414/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to an additional \$4.14 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours. The PCA was implemented in 2002 to cover only the increase (or decrease) in power costs (over and above 7¢/kWh) charged to us by our wholesale power suppliers. The PCA varies each month depending on the wholesale costs, and is a flow-through on your electric bill.

## FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

# 2026 Annual Meeting Trustee Elections

Caney Valley Electric is required to give a summary of the bylaws section on the election process prior to the nominating committee meeting selecting individuals for board of trustee positions. The following is taken from Article III (Trustees), Section 3 (Nominations) of Caney Valley's current bylaws:

*"It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to appoint, not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days before the date of a meeting at which Trustees are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five nor more than 11 members, who shall be selected so as to give equitable representation to the area served or to be served by the cooperative.*

*No officer or member of the Board of Trustees shall be appointed a member of such committee. Said committee shall nominate at least two members as candidates for each Trustee position to be elected at any annual meeting. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the cooperative, at least 25 days before the meeting, a list of nominations for Trustees; but any 15 or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures not less than 20 days prior to the meeting, and the secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted... Nothing contained herein shall, however,*

## TRUSTEE TERMS EXPIRING IN 2026

### DISTRICT 1

▶ **BARRY SPEER**, Cedar Vale  
(eligible for reelection)

### DISTRICT 2

▶ **ALEX FULSOM**, Howard  
(eligible for reelection)

### DISTRICT 3

▶ **DAN HUBERT**, Sedan  
(ineligible to run again)

*prevent additional nominations be made from the floor at the meeting of the members."*

The Caney Valley Board of Trustees will be selecting a nominating committee at their board meeting. In the past, it has been difficult to find members able to participate on this committee and to serve on the board if nominated. It would be very helpful to have any member contact a trustee or the cooperative office to let us know you would like to be considered to serve on the committee and/or agree to serve as a board member if nominated.

The annual meeting for the cooperative will be held Thursday, March 19, 2026, at Cedar Vale.

**ALLEN A. ZADOROZNY,**  
GENERAL MANAGER

# CAMP SCHEDULE

**DAY 1** Meet fellow campers from Kansas and Oklahoma, experience iFly, and stay overnight in Denver.

**DAY 2** Meet campers from Colorado and Wyoming, check into cabins, and form a candy cooperative.

**DAY 3** Travel to the top of Mount Werner, attend a high-voltage safety demonstration, and compete in a volleyball tournament.

**DAY 4** Raft the Colorado River and enjoy the camp dance.

**DAY 5** Participate in leadership workshops, watch a live raptor presentation, and perform in the camp talent show.

**DAY 6** Tour a power plant, build a transmission line from craft supplies, and celebrate at the end-of-camp banquet.

**DAY 7** Say goodbye to your new friends and travel home.

## Attention High School Juniors

Win a FREE Leadership Experience!

The Caney Valley Electric Cooperative is sponsoring three students to an all-expenses-paid trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, in July. Winners will also receive a \$250 scholarship after college enrollment following high school graduation.

This trip is part of a four-state Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp sponsored by rural electric cooperatives in Colorado, Wyoming, Oklahoma and Kansas. Contest winners will learn about electrification, cooperatives, energy problems, safety and interpersonal communications.

The contest is open to all current high school juniors in Caney Valley's service area, whose residence is served by Caney Valley Electric.

If you are a high school junior and are interested in this trip, please complete the application form below. The application and camp questionnaires are also available online at [www.caneyvalley.com/youth-programs](http://www.caneyvalley.com/youth-programs) and will be sent to all area high school counselors. Mail or deliver applications to our office by Jan. 20, 2026, to:

**CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**ATTN: LEADERSHIP CAMP REP**  
**PO BOX 308**  
**CEDAR VALE, KS 67024-0308**

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### 2026 COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP APPLICATION

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian(s) Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

*I agree that all information supplied in this application is accurate and true.*

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby grant permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to enter the Caney Valley Electric Leadership Camp Competition.*

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

*The safety of our students and chaperones is our top priority. If the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp organizers believe that travel is unsafe due to concerns with the coronavirus (or any other acts of terrorism, disaster, civil disorder, or curtailment of transportation facilities), then the trip will be canceled.*

# Policy on Power Theft

Due to problems with some cooperative members found tampering with the meter or other electrical devices and the resulting theft of services, the Caney Valley Electric Board of Trustees implemented a policy on power theft as follows:

Members are advised that Caney Valley Electric will hold members responsible both civilly and criminally for any theft of electric energy and/or meter tampering, pursuant to Kansas Statutes, plus any fees that may arise as a result of same.

## KANSAS STATUTE 21-3704 SPECIFIES THAT THEFT OF SERVICES IS:

- ▶ a) Obtaining services from another by deception, threat, coercion, stealth, tampering or use of false token or device.
- ▶ b) "Services" within the meaning of this section includes, but is not limited to ... public or municipal utility services ... and rural electric cooperatives shall be considered public utilities.
- ▶ c) "Tampering" within the meaning of this section includes, but is not limited to:
  - ▶ 1) Making a connection of any wire, conduit or device to any service or transmission line owned by a public or municipal utility ... ;
  - ▶ 2) Defacing, puncturing, removing, reversing or altering any meter or any connections for the purpose of securing unauthorized or unmeasured electricity ... ;
  - ▶ 3) Preventing any such meters from properly measuring or registering;
  - ▶ 4) Knowingly taking, receiving, using or converting to such person's own use, or the use of another, any electricity ... which has not been measured; or

- ▶ 5) Causing, procuring, permitting, aiding or abetting any person to do any of the preceding acts.
- ▶ d) In any prosecution under this section, the existence of any of the connections of meters, alterations or use of unauthorized or unmeasured electricity ... shall be evidence of intent to violate the provisions of this section.
- ▶ e) Theft of services of the value of:
  - ▶ Less than \$1,000 is a class A misdemeanor
  - ▶ At least \$1,000, but less than \$25,000 is a level 9 felony.Indications of meter tampering or obvious theft witnessed by an employee or member of the public will be immediately investigated. The reporting party's name and other information shall be held confidential.

Members will be charged a \$100 fee if an account is found, for a second time, to have missing or tampered-with sealing devices. For any subsequent occurrence, the members will also be responsible for all time and materials needed to repair and install any additional locking devices.

**IF A MEMBER IS FOUND TO HAVE WILLFULLY DIVERTED POWER TO ANY ACCOUNT FOR ANY REASON, THAT ACCOUNT WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISCONNECTED. POWER WILL NOT BE RESTORED UNTIL THE ACCOUNT HOLDER HAS PAID A DIVERSION CHARGE OF \$250 PLUS ANY ESTIMATED LOST REVENUE CHARGES. ANY DAMAGE TO COOPERATIVE PROPERTY WILL BE BILLED ON A TIME AND MATERIAL BASIS. WILLFULLY DIVERTING POWER A SECOND TIME WILL RESULT IN A FEE OF \$500 PLUS ANY OTHER CHARGES. MANAGEMENT MAY SEEK PROSECUTION UNDER KANSAS STATUTE #21-3704 OF ANY PERSON FOUND DIVERTING POWER OR TAMPERING WITH THE METER.**

## RUN FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

One of the greatest strengths of the electric cooperative model is that it's owned and governed by the very people it serves — our members. That means you! When you receive power from your local electric cooperative, you're more than just a customer; you're a member-owner with a voice in how the cooperative is run.

That voice is exercised, in part, through the election of our board of trustees. Trustees play a vital role in setting policies, guiding the strategic direction of the co-op, and providing crucial fiduciary oversight. These responsibilities help ensure that every decision and every dollar spent is made with one thing in mind: service to our members.

Serving on the board is both a privilege and a

meaningful way to give back. Trustees help make decisions that shape the future of our cooperative and ensure that we continue to deliver safe, reliable and affordable electricity. From emerging energy technologies to evolving regulations and grid modernization, this industry is dynamic — and your leadership can be a part of it.

The good news? You won't be navigating it alone. Cooperative trustees have access to unmatched support through statewide and national organizations that provide extensive training, resources and educational opportunities. Whether it's learning about cooperative financials, understanding rate structures, or diving into cybersecurity best practices, new and returning trustees are equipped with the tools they

need to serve effectively.

Being a trustee is more than attending meetings; it's about working together to make thoughtful, future-focused decisions that reflect the values and needs of the people served by this cooperative.

This is your cooperative. Your voice matters. Your leadership matters.

We encourage any member who's passionate about leadership, service and the future of Caney Valley Electric to consider running for the board

For more information about the trustee election process or to verify your eligibility, contact our office — we're happy to help!





## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Caney Valley Electric Cooperative has scholarships available for high school seniors going on to college or a vocational-technical school.

Application deadline for August enrollment is **JAN. 20, 2026**.

Please contact Caney Valley Electric or your high school counselor for further information. Applications are also available at [www.caneyvalley.com](http://www.caneyvalley.com).

**AWARD RECIPIENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 19, 2026.**

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Winter weather can cause your home heating system to work overtime. Check for air leaks and drafts around doors and windows, then seal them with weatherstripping or caulk. Close fireplace dampers when not in use, and consider installing insulating curtains to help keep warm air inside. You can also save energy by lowering your thermostat a few degrees. Even small adjustments like these can reduce heating costs and improve comfort during the coldest months. SOURCE: NRECA



## TIPS TO AVOID UTILITY SCAMS



Beware of “winter bill relief” energy scams. Scammers exploit high winter bills by offering fake discount or relief programs. They may ask for upfront payments or personal details to lower your rate. Legitimate utilities never demand gift cards, wire transfers or payment through apps. Always verify offers directly by calling your utility’s phone number located on your energy bill — do not call any phone numbers provided in a suspicious email or text. Remember to take time to confirm before you pay; real savings programs won’t pressure you for immediate action.



## OUTAGES FOR NOVEMBER 2025

Occasionally, a part or parts of the delivery system fail and an outage occurs. Below are the larger outages that occurred.

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
11/10	Southwest of Sedan	2	44 hrs 40 mins	Sectionalizing Line Fuse
11/16	North of Moline	1	15 hrs	Transformer (Fuse)
11/29	Northeast of Sedan	1	46 hrs 15 mins	Transformer (Fuse)
11/30	West of Cedar Vale	1	20 hrs 15 mins	Transformer (Fuse)

## OCTOBER OPERATING STATISTICS

For Month Ending	Oct. 2024	Oct. 2025	For Month Ending	Oct. 2024	Oct. 2025	For Month Ending	Oct. 2024	Oct. 2025
Meters Billed	5,199	5,138	Total Revenue	\$ 814,164	\$ 786,552	Other Expenses	\$ 250	\$ 200
kWh Purchased	4,488,600	4,510,629	Purchased Power	\$ 357,037	\$ 342,671	Operating Margins	\$ 93,015	\$ 36,277
Cost Per kWh Purchased	0.07915	0.07597	Operating Expenses	\$ 245,075	\$ 282,464	Non-Operating Margins	\$ 2,993	\$ 2,844
kWh Sold	4,812,475	4,470,400	Depreciation Expenses	\$ 76,711	\$ 79,119	Total Working Margins	\$ 96,008	\$ 39,121
			Interest Expenses	\$ 42,075	\$ 45,821	Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 107,565	\$ (59,071)

## Nondiscrimination STATEMENT

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