

Board seeks to fill vacancy in Campbell County

A vacancy on the Powder River Energy Board of Directors has occurred with the resignation of Campbell County Director Dustin Martinson.

Martinson was elected director in August 2023. The term expires on September 1, 2026, and the PRECorp Board of Directors is seeking letters of interest from Campbell County members who would be willing to fill out that term from 2024 to 2026.

Interview dates will be determined based on the number of members showing interest. The PRECorp Board of Directors may make an appointment as soon as its regular meeting in Gillette, Tuesday, August 20. The new director may be officially seated at the September 17 meeting.

The qualifications for a seat on the PRECorp Board of Directors are as follows:

The applicant:

- Must reside within the service territory of the Campbell County. However, members taking service outside Campbell County shall be deemed to be a member of and within the area served by the county closest to the nearest meter serving the members' residence;
- Must be a member receiving electric energy from PRECorp;
- May not be in any way employed by or have a substantial financial interest in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to PRECorp.

The Board of Directors meets regularly on the third Tuesday of each month. Directors are expected to attend all regular monthly board meetings.

Directors are also expected to attend all special board meetings, committee meetings, and PRECorp's Annual Meeting.

The Board establishes the basic business policies for Powder River Energy Corporation and represents all members. A director is expected to read and be familiar with information and financial reports from the Cooperative, or other state and national associations.

Additionally, a director will be expected to embrace continued learning about the electric cooperative industry. A director will work with other Board members and have the self-confidence and communication skills to express his or her opinion.

The deadline for submitting a letter of interest is 5 p.m., **Friday, August 2**. The letter should include the following information:

- Member number
- Physical address of member's primary residence
- Primary contact information: phone number, email address
- A statement indicating member's qualifications and interest in serving with the PRECorp Board of Directors

Mail a letter of interest to:

PRECorp Board of Directors
Attn: Corporate Administration
PO Box 930
Sundance, WY 82729

The board position is an appointed interim position through August 2026, at which point the seat will be filled through the normal election process and a vote of the PRECorp membership.

Events Calendar

The list of PRECorp events includes Board meeting dates, holidays, telephone town hall meetings, and more.

- **Friday, June 14:** Deadline for candidates to file nominating petitions at a PRECorp business office.
- **Tuesday, June 25** - PRECorp Foundation Board of Directors meeting, 9:00 a.m., Gillette.
- **Thursday, July 4** - Independence Day Holiday, PRECorp **OFFICES CLOSED**. Call 888-391-6220 to report an outage.
- **Tuesday, July 16:** Publication of director candidates, notice of August 24 Annual Meeting, mail-in ballot, and Annual Report.
- **Tuesday, July 16** - PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Sundance.
- **Tuesday, July 23** - PRECorp Foundation Board of Directors teleconference meeting, 9:00 a.m.

What to expect from PRECorp on Red Flag weather days

Red Flag weather days are likely during the summer and fall months in northeast Wyoming. These occur on days when weather conditions create a recipe for rapid spread of wildfire on prairies or in forested areas.

Critical fire conditions include very dry grass, leaves, or other fuels on the ground; low humidity below 25 percent; and sustained winds of more than 15 miles per hour.

When these conditions are present, the National Weather Service will declare a Red Flag weather warning. Counties and other governing bodies will institute burn bans, travel restrictions, or other measures to reduce the risk of a human-caused fire.

In response, PRECorp removes some of the automated outage restoration features from its system. In regular weather, PRECorp has automatic reclosers that attempt

to restore power without dispatching a crew. But on Red Flag weather days, these automated settings are turned off. Crews will be dispatched to outage locations to ensure that recharging the lines will not create another ignition source, such as sparks falling to the ground.


Members may notice longer restoration times during the Red Flag days, particularly during severe thunderstorms when more detailed equipment inspections will be required before running power back to the affected lines.


In areas where the fire danger is consistent, landowners may be asked to trim trees and other vegetation back further to create a wider buffer within the right-of-way.


Anyone with questions about the Red Flag response and PRECorp's Wildfire Risk Mitigation Plan, call our office at 1-800-442-3630.


Four Ways an Energy Audit Can Benefit You

A home energy audit can determine the overall efficiency of your home or business and ways to improve it. Here are the main benefits of conducting an energy audit.

 An audit will identify where most of your energy use is going and ways to use energy more efficiently to save money.

 It can determine if appliances and heating/cooling equipment are properly sized for the home or business.

 An audit can identify potential safety issues with home wiring and ventilation.

 Making changes based on the audit recommendations will raise your property value.



Call your trusted energy partners at PRECorp at 1-800-442-3630 to learn more.