



PRECorp News

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Director nomination process underway

The 2026 PRECorp Board of Directors election process is officially underway with the designation of the nominating committees in four PRECorp counties. The election will be held at the Annual Meeting, on August 22, in Buffalo.

The following are ways to get on the ballot:

- Be nominated by the committee appointed by the PRECorp Board of Directors. See contact names and numbers below.
- Return a nominating petition, signed by at least 25 PRECorp members, by June 12, 2026.

Any PRECorp member from the aforementioned director districts can run for a three-year term on the Board, providing the member meets the following qualifications:

- Must reside within the service territory of the county from which he/she is elected.
 - *However, members taking service outside the counties of Campbell, Crook, Sheridan, Johnson, or Weston 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 the Corporation;
- 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 the Corporation.

Contact PRECorp at 1-800-442-3630, if you would like to stand for nomination to the ballot or, with specific questions regarding eligibility.

The following Director seats are up for election in 2026:

Campbell County (Tyler Pirtz, incumbent)

Committee members: Randy Crowley (307-670-5062); Gary Stephens (307-689-6328)

Crook County (Philip Habeck, incumbent)

Committee members: Chase Williams (307-756-2825); Will Yemington (307-290-0647)

Sheridan County (Mike Helvey, incumbent)

Committee members: Paul Perry (307-737-2230); Leo An-kney (307-750-2435)

Weston County (Clay Branscom, incumbent)

Committee members: Mike Finn (307-468-9337); Jim Dar-lington (307-746-2634)

Election process dates:

- **Friday, May 22:** Deadline for nominating committees to post their list of candidates.
- **Friday, June 12:** Deadline for candidates to file nominating petitions at a PRECorp business office.
- **Wednesday, July 15:** Meet the Candidate Telephone Town Hall; Publication of director candidates, notice of Annual Meeting, mail-in ballot, and Annual Report.
- **Saturday, August 22:** PRECorp Annual Membership Meeting, Buffalo High School.



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BRIAN MILLS, CEO

The first few weeks of this year we have spent a good deal of time putting our plans into action on six, what we call, strategic initiatives. In other terms, those are the things we must get done to keep our operation in order. I liken these initiatives to what my Dad was doing when he was planning to turn a field over to a different crop rotation, or a fencing or pipeline project to ensure it was in place before grazing

season. It simply comes down to taking all the thought and conversation and plans and putting them into action. For us that looks like ensuring the board, the employee team, and you - the member-owners - are informed of our operational direction.

Your Board of Directors emphasizes the three major value points on which your electric cooperative is focused for the membership: “Whatever you are doing, make sure it delivers **A+ Member Experience**, provides for **Great Rates**, and develops a **Trusted Energy Partner**.”

We believe the six specific activities that we are working on this year will do just that. Below, I have provided a summary of the activities; I plan to circle back in future columns and elaborate on each of them and their importance to your cooperative.

Rate Design

This initiative is born out of the belief that our members increasingly want to have the ability to control their electric consumption and ultimately influence their monthly bill. This initiative will design a rate structure that will give members full transparency into the cost drivers for their bill. This initiative presents a large communication challenge as the membership is handed the reins for driving their monthly power bill costs.

Battery Storage

PRECorp is deploying its first utility-scale dispatchable energy resource: a 5 MW / 4-hour duration (21 MWh total capacity) Battery Energy Storage System combined with a 1.246 MW solar array at the Moorcroft Substation site, known as LaBelle Prairie. For the first time in our history, we will control generation resources that can respond to system conditions in real-time. This investment will be a big step forward in how we look to control power costs in the future.

Load Forecasting

Pairing with the Battery Storage is the development of a load forecasting model. If this storage system had been fully functional last year and dispatchable given this load forecasting tool, it would have saved the membership around \$1M in power costs. Due to a broader spectrum of members than most utility systems (from stock wells to coal mines), it is challenging to predict our system loads...but it is that same diversity that gives this forecasting tool the power to deliver real savings to the membership.

System Optimization

We continue to squeeze efficiencies out of our Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI). Covering 16,000 square miles requires cost effectively requires continual innovation and improvements in operating and maintaining the system. The Team’s work on this is related to reliability and minimizes system losses that we have in operating in a large territory while improving operational efficiency.

Power Supply

The regulatory environment in Wyoming is shifting with the anticipation of load growth within the state. This initiative reflects PRECorp’s initiative-taking approach that we are a part of the solution; protecting our membership and their investment while fostering long-term strategies that provide for new members and address future power costs and supply.

Transmission Investment

This initiative goes to the heart of reliability in that it looks to position PRECorp’s membership with infrastructure that will serve the load we are obligated to serve within our territory. This is a “skate to the puck” type of initiative that anticipates a continued load growth and situates PRECorp’s membership well as energy transmission will become even more critical in the coming years.

That sounds like quite a spread of activity, doesn’t it? Growing up on a small ranch, we could do one or two of these types of large activities given the resources that we had (time and money). But whether you operate a small ranch or an entire oil patch or coal mine, the future is on your mind...and your stewardship today will be defining your tomorrow. The PRECorp Team has an earnest stewardship mentality today so all our tomorrows are provided with safe, dependable, and affordable energy.

Powder River, Let ‘er Buck!

Tampering is not safe, nor tolerated

PRECorp takes a firm stance against incidents of vandalism, copper theft, or other intentional damage to PRECorp poles, lines, meters, and transformers.

Some incidents involve shots fired at poles or substations. Others involve the removal of copper wire from PRECorp infrastructure, or risky meter tampering as a direct power theft.

These types of behaviors can cause high-voltage shocks with severe burns, or fatal electrocution. Also one incident can put hundreds of PRECorp members in the dark. Sometimes the damage causes delayed-reaction outages weeks or months later.

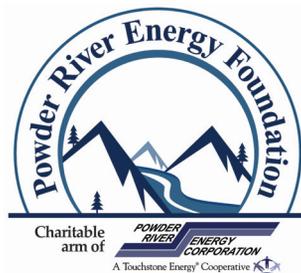
PRECorp crews work very hard in all conditions to provide reliable power, and man-made outages due to vandalism or theft put them at risk and create unnecessary hardships for our members.

As PRECorp members, we share ownership of this equipment equally and acts of vandalism come at a cost to us all because they can impact the cost to safely deliver power.

We need your help to keep our equipment safe, prevent outages, and protect lives. If you see anyone other than our utility personnel or contractors around substations or other electric facilities, report it to your local authorities, or call the PRECorp 24-hour dispatch number at 1-888-391-6220.

PRECorp works with local law enforcement to investigate the crimes. If anyone has information about specific incidents of vandalism, copper theft, or suspicious tampering with PRECorp equipment, please call local law enforcement. All information will be kept anonymous.

Save The Date!



LIEAP advisory

The 2026 LIEAP application deadline is extended to April 30, 2026. The later deadline might be helpful for more members especially anyone facing a disconnect situation. Although applying or seeking help does not prevent disconnect for non-payment, securing funds prior to that scenario would help a member maintain service.

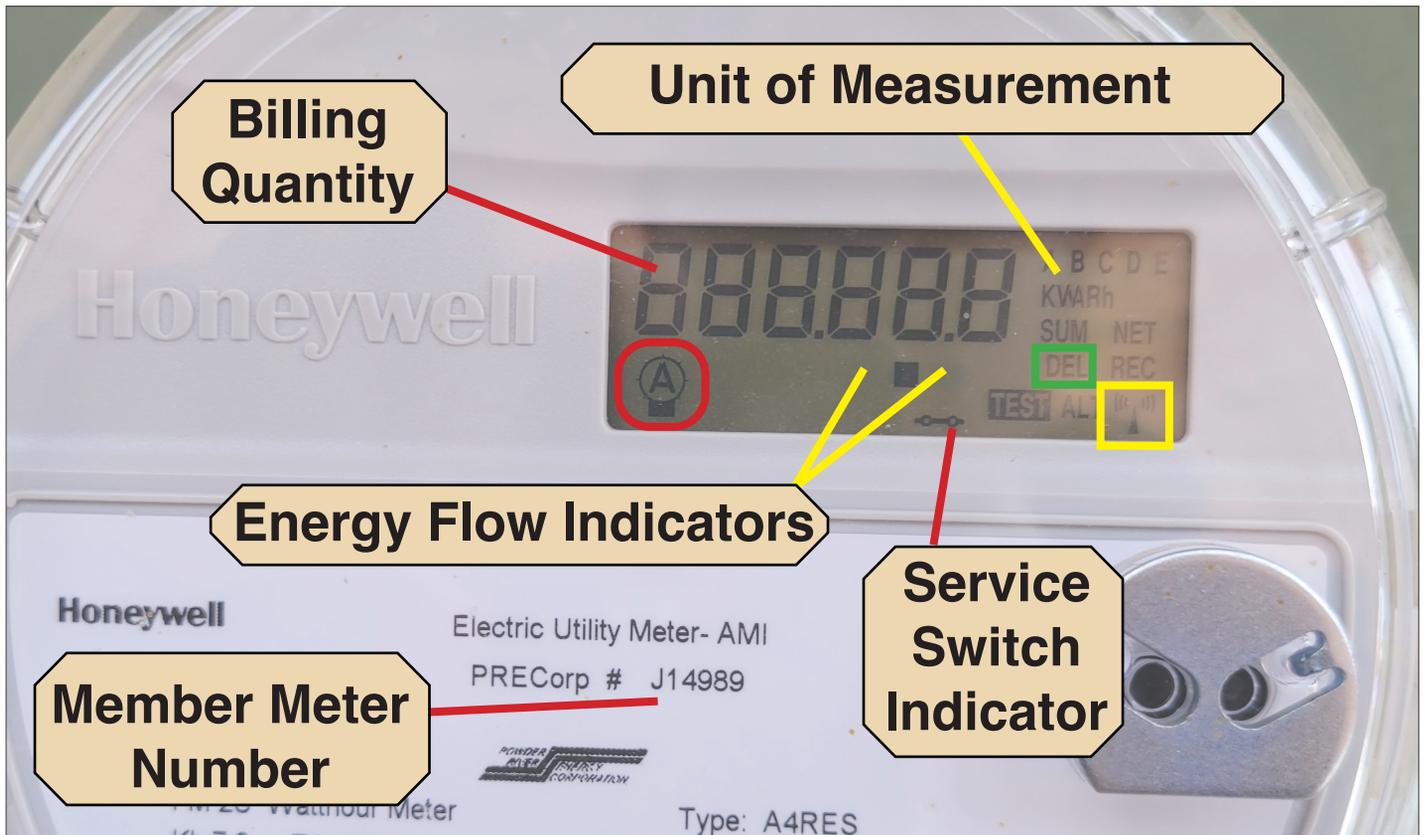
Events calendar

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

- **Tuesday, March 17** - PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m., Sheridan.
- **Tuesday, March 24** - PRECorp Foundation Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m., teleconference.
- **Tuesday, April 21** - PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Sundance.
- **Tuesday, April 28** - PRECorp Foundation Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m., Gillette.
- **Tuesday, May 19** - PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Gillette.
- **Wednesday, May 20** - Telephone Town Hall meeting with CEO Brian Mills, 6:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, May 26** - PRECorp Foundation Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m., teleconference.
- **Friday, June 12**: Deadline for candidates to file nominating petitions at a PRECorp business office.
- **Tuesday, June 16** - PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m., Sheridan.
- **Wednesday, July 15**: Meet the Candidate Telephone Town Hall; Publication of director candidates, notice of Annual Meeting, mail-in ballot, and Annual Report.
- **Saturday, August 22**: PRECorp Annual Membership Meeting, Buffalo High School.

What do all those meter symbols mean?

So there's an electric meter on your house, well, or other service. What do all of those blinking symbols, letters and numbers mean? Below is a schematic of what your meter is telling you when you look at its face, such as: Does it have power? Is it connected with the network? And, is power flowing to your service location? These are important labels to keep handy for power quality issues or construction workers to know.



Key to Faceplate Information

- **KWh** – Unit of Measurement Billing Value for all members.
- **Billing Quantity** – Indicates present meter reading.
- **DEL** – **Green Box** Electricity is being delivered to the member's service.
- **A** – **Red Circle** Indicates the meter has voltage.
- **Energy Flow Indicators** – Black **Square** flashes per Watt hours consumed. Black **Arrow** flashes per Watt hours consumed. The **Arrow** shows direction of energy flow and a faster flash indicates more consumption, compares to the speed of the disc rotation in the old electromechanical meters.
- **Service Switch Indicator** – (Residential 200-amp services only.) Indicates whether the Service switch is closed or open energizing the customer service.
- **Tower Indicator** – Yellow Box a solid "tower" (not flashing) indicates the meter is connected to the network. Flashing "tower" indicates the meter is looking for the network or has lost communication with the network.
- **Member Meter Number** – The meter number assigned to the member's account for billing. Faceplate colors vary for single-phase, 3-phase, 200-amp, and 320-amp services.



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