

# DISASTER changes perspective

*Rodney Boll helped build a dike around his home to protect it from the raging Missouri River floodwaters that have submerged Hoge Island. In this month's center pages, read how this Capital Electric member is keeping his dike — and spirits — raised.*

PHOTO BY CARMEN DENNEY

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Rodney boats to his home on Hoge Island nearly every day to check his house and the neighbors' pumps. If he doesn't go, another neighbor will go and report back. Rodney says a lot of good has come from this disaster. "Our neighbors became our family," he shares.

Most of the residents with dikes on Hoge Island are pumping ground-water 24/7. Rodney has a great deal more of the Missouri River inside his billiard room — which is now technically the pool room — thanks to the two breaches in his dike. But even though his home is a well, Rodney is already in restoration mode. He estimates the river recently dropped about six inches, so he's making plans to waterproof his dike — again — and pump out the water and tear out the floor.

"You don't have to look very far to find people who are in worse condition. There are people in Minot sitting on a cot somewhere," he shrugs. "You realize what is important and what isn't. This is just stuff. It's just a house. I'm healthy and young. I've got my wife and kids."

Rodney acknowledges his perspective has changed. Last year, he and Laura weren't satisfied with the home they moved into in 2004.

"Tomorrow, we'd take it back in its original condition and we wouldn't whine about it one bit," he says.

For him personally, Rodney says he believes more good will come from the flood than bad. As water levels continued to rise and Rodney coordinated an effort to save his family's home, the cooperative spirit of neighbor helping neighbor came alive on Hoge Island.

"Our neighbors became our family. And there were people I didn't even know who helped sandbag our house," he describes. "It was very humbling to see them busting their rear ends. How could I repay them? I don't even know who some of them were."

Rodney says the flood also gave the family an opportunity to "clean out the junk" they had accumulated over the years.

"When you have 24 hours to take everything you own and throw it in trailers and get it out of there, you think, 'Why do I keep this stuff?' We kept the things that are important," he says.

While Rodney and Laura do not know if they can repair their home once the water recedes, for the most part they remain optimistic. Staying positive is a choice, and Rodney has made too many trips back and forth in the boat to his home to give up now.

"We're fighting hard out here," he summarizes. "We're the guy in the marathon. When the lights are out and they are cleaning the tables and tearing it down, we are that speck over the hill. We're not going to win, but we are going to finish."

*Capital Electric thanks Rodney and Laura for sharing their story.*

## Lessons learned

"In the past, most people assumed flooding would never be a problem. Turns out, it was," says Brian Bitner, Burleigh County Commissioner and Capital Electric member.

Bitner says the commission learned some valuable lessons from this year's historic flooding. "Significant

# The CO-OP SPIRIT is alive and well on Hoge Island

*Story and photos by Carmen Devney*

In June, Rodney Boll had one really bad week. Strong winds toppled one of the many cottonwoods in his yard, compromising the dike surrounding his home. Rodney and friends removed the tree, fixed the dike and sealed the leaks. But two short days later, another tree collapsed and landed on the house, once again disabling the dike.

The trees — and his spirits — might have gotten knocked down. But Rodney keeps getting up again. Rodney, a Capital Electric member who lives on Hoge Island with his wife, Laura, and daughters Gretchen and Marley, may have the second-wettest home near (or rather, in) the Missouri River in northeast Bismarck. The first, his neighbor's home, collapsed and drifted off its foundation, and has now settled and sunk in what was once Rodney's backyard.



*The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers suggested Rodney build his dike to 22.5' feet. He built it one foot higher. The plan seemed perfect — until two trees on separate occasions toppled and trampled his dike.*

disasters like this bring out the best in people — and the worst,” he says.

In addition, some of the storm drainage projects facilitated by the commission to protect roads and homes “came back to haunt us,” he shares. “The flood came along and water came in through the drains in a lot of places. That was unexpected.”

Mary Senger, Burleigh County emergency manager, says Emergency Management Services, which coordinated and managed the disaster relief, reminds residents that even though they may have battled floodwater for months, there is still a long way to go in the recovery process.

“We are only a couple rainstorms away from where we started,” she says.

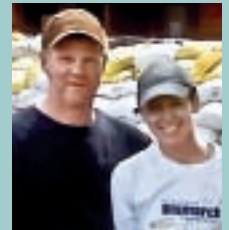
City and county officials are meeting to discuss the flood’s aftermath and recovery efforts. Senger says Emergency Management continues to collect and distribute information for those affected. She encourages people to visit [www.burleighco.com](http://www.burleighco.com) for information ranging from going through the local permitting process and finding a contractor who is licensed and bonded through the state of North Dakota, to removing mold and debris, to learning if flooded trees and vegetation can recover.

“We also have a road closure map and narrative description of what’s closed, as well as reports from the sheriff’s department about specific areas and subdivisions,” she describes.

While Senger says it is not time to dismantle dikes or remove sandbags, flood-affected residents should register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) if they have not yet done so. FEMA’s contact information can also be found at [www.burleighco.com](http://www.burleighco.com),

## Meet your Capital Electric neighbors

- Rodney Boll owns Boll Cabinets (formerly known as Hager’s Cabinets) in Bismarck. He credits his employees with helping the family move when floodwaters threatened their home.
- Laura Boll works for the U.S. Marshall Service.
- The couple met in Korea while serving in the N.D. National Guard.



*Rodney and Laura Boll*

as well as information on the disaster recovery center at the Bank of North Dakota.

“A lot of their programs are on a case-by-case basis. Each family is a unique application and may require different resources,” Senger advises.

For more information on flood preparedness, people can also visit Capital’s Web site at [www.capitalelec.com](http://www.capitalelec.com). Bitner, who also serves on the co-op’s member advisory committee, commended Capital for protecting the citizens and maintaining power safely.

“Capital Electric has really been front and center in helping from the start with information. Co-op employees have been attending meetings and providing excellent information about what people can expect if they lost power and want to sandbag around their electric boxes so line crews can work on them if possible,” Bitner summarizes. “Capital Electric has done a good job of keeping people informed.”



*Posing with daughters Marley (left) and Gretchen, Rodney and Laura Boll moved into their camper after floodwaters forced them to evacuate in late May. They don't know if their house can be repaired, so they plan to buy a temporary home this fall — and move out of the camper before the girls don't enjoy camping anymore.*

On behalf of Capital Electric, in return we thank Mary and Brian for their continued dedication and efforts.

### **Repairs anticipated after water recedes**

Capital Electric Cooperative continues to monitor the flood situation and the power supply in its service area. Gordy Wiese, operations supervisor, reports the co-op has many flooded facilities including transformers, vacuum fault interrupters and miles of underground conductor. Linemen are noticing corrosion in the transformer boxes they are opening, and anticipate repairs. Crews will be inspecting, cleaning and replacing facilities as needed when the floodwater recedes.

As of late July, Capital had 25 members who had lost power, bringing the total to approximately 80 without electric service, as some had requested Capital pull their meter or turn off their breaker. At this time, Capital has no plans to de-energize any other areas unless directed by Emergency Management.

For more information on flood preparedness, visit Capital's Web site at [www.capitalelec.com](http://www.capitalelec.com).

# **WARNING!**

## **HBA warns consumers about UNRELIABLE CONTRACTORS**

**W**ith so many homeowners facing flood damage and needing contractors to help rebuild, construction companies are springing up out of nowhere, making it hard to distinguish the reputable contractors. The Bismarck-Mandan Home Builders Association (BMHBA) reminds residents of the benefits of using a local, licensed contractor. In general, qualified contractors have a history of working in the area, have built up a list of references, and will be around to service warranties and problems that may arise with projects.

### **To determine if your contractor is qualified:**

1. Always check if the contractor is licensed in North Dakota. This can be done by visiting the N.D. Secretary of State's Web site at <http://nd.gov/sos/licensing/> or by calling the licensing division at (701) 328-3665.
2. Always ask for references and verify them.
3. Ask the contractor how long and where he or she has been in business.
4. Ask for a local business address, other than a post office box, and a local phone number where the contractor can be reached during normal business hours. Some transient companies will open a post office box or get a cell phone with a local number to give the appearance of being a local company when they are not.
5. Ask about warranty work and the company's service policies.
6. Insist on a complete and clearly written contract including a summary of the work to be done, description of materials, total contract price or how the price will be calculated and specific timelines.
7. Get more than one estimate and be wary of any contractor that requires full payment up front, uses high-pressure sales tactics or says a discount is only available if a contract is signed at that time. Consider paying with a credit card since they have better methods of remedying disputes and dealing with fraudulent charges.
8. Find out if the contractor has sufficient workers compensation and general liability insurance. If not, you may be liable for any construction-related accidents on your premises.

"With the extreme weather conditions and all the media attention, it is more important than ever for consumers to know who they are working with," urges Roxy Jacobson, executive officer of the BMHBA. "Our community has already dealt with one disaster — this flood — but hopefully we can prevent another from happening — unreliable contractors who take advantage of our situation."

For more information visit [www.bmhba.com](http://www.bmhba.com) or contact the BMHBA at (701) 222-2400.

*Capital Electric thanks the Bismarck-Mandan Home Builders Association for sharing this contractor checklist.*

# CAPITAL CREDIT CLAIMS

## Notice of redemption by Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Listed below are the names of former Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc. members who had capital credit checks mailed to them in June of the year 2005. These checks have been returned to Capital Electric Cooperative by the postal service because they could not locate the members at the address on file. A further search by Capital Electric personnel has not turned up their whereabouts.

If you received electrical service from Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc. any time during the year 1989 and your name is on this list, please contact our office. If you know of the whereabouts of members on this list who received electrical service

from Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc. any time during the year 1989, please have them contact our office at (701) 223-1513.

Please keep in mind that not all of the capital credit amounts are large. However, we desire to get the money due to those who earned it, and clear up our records.

We will redeem capital credits for those members on the following list who notify us prior to Dec. 1, 2011. Notice is hereby given that any of the aforementioned unclaimed capital credits outstanding after Dec. 1, 2011 will be forfeited pursuant to Section 10-15-34.1 and 10-15-23 of the North Dakota Century Code.

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PINKY  
ANDERSON, BETTY E.  
ANR FREIGHT SYSTEM  
AUEN, TIMOTHY L.  
BAKER, THERESA  
BALES, HARLOW  
BARNHARDT, BRENDA  
BERCIER, ROSE  
BERGAN, HOLLY  
BERKRAM, DENNIS  
BLUE, DENNIS  
BOOM, LORI  
BOSCH, TONY  
BROWN, CHRISTOPHER R.  
BROWN, FRANK N.  
BRUGH, MAVERIG  
BURKHARDT, TONY  
BURNT CREEK MARKETING  
CARRY MOCCASIN, JULIE  
CARTER, MARK  
CONNOR, WILLIAM P.  
D & L DISTRIBUTING/SALES  
DAVIS, ED  
DAYSRING BAPTIST  
DEEN, FRANK A.  
DEFOREST, PATRICK  
DEMENT, GARY  
DESJARLAIS, SHEILA  
DEWALD, MONICA  
DEWING, WAYNE R.  
DIETZ, DEAN R.  
DIZAYEE, AHMED  
DOCKTER, LYDIA  
DOUGHERTY, COLLEEN  
DUKART, CHARLES R.  
EATON, CHARLES  
ENGELKEN, LAURIE  
ERICKSON, BONNIE

ERICKSON, GREG  
EVANS, MARK A.  
FEARS, TROY  
FENNER, MYRON  
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COMPANY OF ND  
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FRANK, RONALD J.  
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GITTEL, BRENT C.  
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HAYDEN, GARY  
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HERTZ, REINHOLD  
HIGDON, TINA M.  
HILLS, SHIRLEY S.  
HOGGARTH, CLEON  
HUFFORD, WALTER  
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JACKSON, MIKE  
JASINSKI, CHERRE  
JOHNSON, KERI  
JOHNSTON, PHYLLIS D.  
JULSON, EMILIE M.  
KELLEY, E. M.  
KEMP, FRANK W.  
KENDALL, TERESA  
KIMBLE, ARTHUR O.  
KIRSCHENMANN, KORY  
KNAUP, CARLETTA 'KIP'  
KUNTZ, ED  
LAGESON, HELENE  
LAWLAR, EILEEN M.

LAZY HEART, H. BLONDES  
LEIN TOWNSHIP HALL  
LINCOLN CABLE TV  
LINCOLN MEADOWS  
LUBBEN, SAUNDRA  
DOWNEY  
LUOMA, KURT E.  
MASSETH, TONY  
MASSINE, YVONNE H.  
MASTER MACHINES  
& WELDING  
MCCABE, TERI  
MCDOWELL, HARLEY  
MEANS, LARRY  
MONTGOMERY, LYNN D.  
NAGEL, ALICE  
NASH, KENNETH H.  
NEUMANN, RUTH  
NICHOLSON, RAD E.  
NORTHLAND PATCH & PAVE  
ODEGARD, JIM  
OLSON, JOHN L.  
OSTERLUND, MICHAEL  
PARKER, JOHN  
PARSONS, DALE  
PC GROUP INC  
PEPPLE, ERVIN  
PIPPENGER, JACKIE G.  
PROSS, KIM  
RAUNIO, RICHARD L.  
RECROFT, ROLLIN R.  
RED INCORPORATED  
REDINGTON, DONALD  
REILES TRANSFER  
& DELIVERY INC.  
RENDEN, WALTER D.  
RENZ, BRIAN  
SAFEAIR SYSTEMS  
SCHALL, SHELLY R.

SCHATZ, DENISE  
SCHERR, ALVINA C.  
SCHMIDT, HILDA  
SCHMIDT, JO  
SCHULER, PAUL  
SCHULTZ, TRACY  
SCHULZ, DAVE A.  
SCHUMACHER, SUSAN J.  
SCHWARTZ, FRED  
SENZEK, ERIC G.  
SHOEMAKER, DONALD D.  
SKEI, WILLARD H.  
SPENCE, CECIL  
STOVER, ALAN D.  
SZYMIALIS, A RICHARD  
THIBERT, RICHARD  
THREE LEGS, MYRNA  
TIEDEMAN, JON  
TIMM, KELLY  
TRI-R-TRUCKING  
US INDUSTRIAL SERVICE  
UTKE, GREG  
UZNANSKI, KENNETH M.  
VEAZEY, DORIS K.  
VETTER, LINDA F.  
WARREN, LU NITA  
WEBER, LOU  
WENTZ, THOMAS J.  
WERNER, NANCY A.  
WILZ, WILLIAM J.  
WOLF, MIKE  
WOLF, SHIRLEY  
WUNDER, JOHN  
WURZER, RON  
ZACHER, BARRY  
ZENTER, ELLA  
ZEPHIER, LISBETH

# Water-damaged electrical equipment **MUST** be replaced or reconditioned

**A**s a result of the flooding, the N.D. State Electrical Board urges residents to use extreme caution when dealing with water-damaged electrical equipment, and emphasizes the importance of re-energizing electrical wiring and equipment exposed to flood damage which can be extremely dangerous. Although it may not be apparent, the electrical system and its components may have been severely impaired, jeopardizing the safe electrical wiring system due to contaminations and sediment lodged in the equipment along with the corrosive action that will develop.

In order to assure safety to life and property, the N.D. State Electrical Board is requiring all water-damaged electrical equipment to be replaced or reconditioned by a North Dakota-licensed electrical contractor and be inspected by the authority having jurisdiction. This will assure the installation is safe to energize before Capital Electric Cooperative can furnish power.

Gordy Wiese, Capital's operations supervisor, asks members to call a licensed electrician for repairs if electrical circuits have been exposed to flood water.

"Those circuits will need to be disconnected in the panel and a licensed electrician will need to repair them once the flood danger has passed. A wiring certificate is required to restore service to any flood-damaged home," he explains.

Wiese cannot overemphasize the danger of working on damaged electrical equipment or circuits in wet conditions.

"The safest thing to do is have a licensed electrician set up a temporary electrical service, which Capital will energize. Then members can safely clean, inspect and repair any damage they may have," he concludes.

For more information read, "Guidelines for Handling Water Damaged Electrical Equipment" on the National Electrical Manufacturers Association's Web site at [www.nema.org/stds/water-damaged.cfm#download](http://www.nema.org/stds/water-damaged.cfm#download).

If you have questions about your electrical system, call a local electrical contractor, a city or state electrical inspector, or the N.D. State Electrical Board office at (701) 328-9522.

*Capital Electric thanks the N.D. State Electrical Board for sharing this important safety message.*



*Capital Electric has many flooded facilities including this vacuum fault interrupter, which sectionalizes lines so that only a few people are out of power in case of an underground fault. Crews will be inspecting, cleaning and replacing facilities as needed when the floodwater recedes.*

## *Thanks, Capital Electric!*

**The co-op received this word of thanks in a phone call:**

*Don Wenzel called to express his "heartfelt thanks" to all Capital Electric employees for their efforts in getting his service back on at Hoge Island. In particular, he said that Les Vietz was out there twice with a couple of*

*other linemen and that they went "beyond the call of duty" in a boat and chest waders to take care of him. He wanted to pass on his thanks to everyone involved in helping him get the power back on.*



PHOTO BY LES VIETZ

*Steve Harrington, Capital lineman, pumps water before accessing a transformer at a flooded home.*

# YOUTH TOUR



*'An experience  
I'll never forget'*

by Carmen Devney

Grant Feldner didn't get to meet the president. But he was impressed walking the hallways of the Senate, and maybe someday Grant will represent North Dakota on Capitol Hill.

Grant, this year's Electric Cooperative Youth Tour essay contest winner and

trip recipient, toured Washington, D.C., from June 11 to 17, along with approximately 1,500 other Youth Tour delegates from across the state and country.

While on the all-expense-paid trip compliments of Capital Electric, he learned firsthand about U.S. government and American history.

For Grant, seeing the sights and monuments brought the information he had learned in textbooks to life.

"People shouldn't go through life without understanding their government," he says.

One trip highlight for Grant was visiting with North Dakota's congressional delegation. While he wasn't able to meet Sen. Kent Conrad, he did visit with Sen. John Hoeven and Rep. Rick Berg.

"Our family knows Mr. Hoeven pretty well, so it was like seeing a friend again," he shares.

During the tour, the students also learned how electric co-ops were formed, and why electric users are more than consumers — they are the members who own the cooperative. Grant admits he didn't think much about electricity before he researched and wrote his Youth Tour essay. But during the presentation in Washington, D.C., he indicates he was impressed by how much work it took to bring power to rural America.

From touring the memorials to standing in the main hall of the Library of Congress, Grant said the tour was filled with "neat stuff." While the tour lasted a week, his memories will last a lifetime. Grant says he definitely recommends the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour and encourages other students who might be interested to apply next year, if they are eligible.

"It was a trip-of-a-lifetime because you get to learn about your country. It's one of those things you have to know about," he says emphatically.

"It was a very organized and well-planned trip," he summarized. "I hope they can keep doing it for years to come."

Grant thanks the Capital membership for supporting and sponsoring the trip.

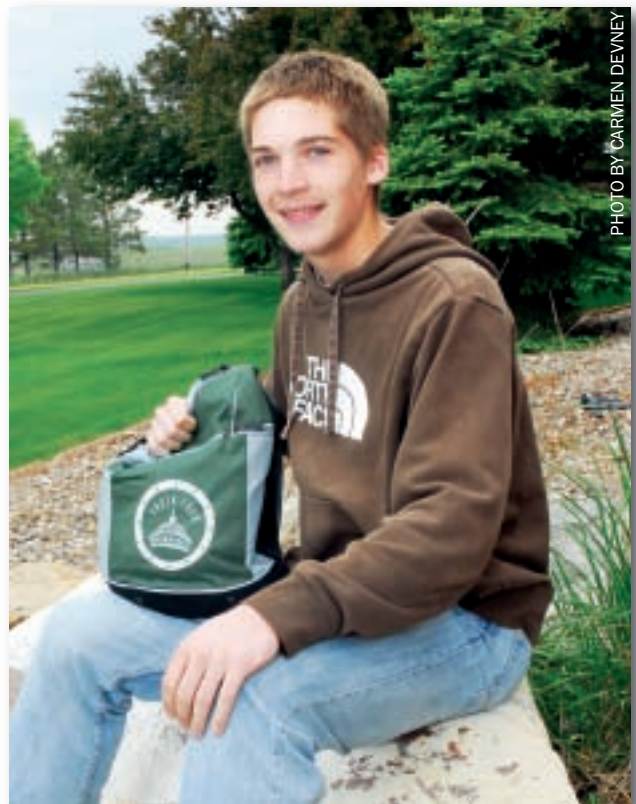


PHOTO BY CARMEN DEVNEY

Grant Feldner

## *Thanks, Capital Electric!*

**The co-op received this word of thanks from an e-mail submitted on our Web site:**

*I want to sing alleluia and the praises of your (our) cooperative team for the terrific effort given and achieved during the flood. We lost power on Saturday afternoon (July 3) and in less than 24 hours, a line crew had identified, resolved and restored power to our homes and buildings! What joy!!! Ever grateful. Ever thankful. We worked like thunder to replace all that we take for granted every time we simply "flip" a switch. So many good people making life so nice. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!*

—Dave Pearce and neighbors

a.k.a. "Papa" from Papa's Pumpkin Patch



"Papa" shares that there WILL be a Pumpkin Patch in 2011. He doesn't know where yet, but there will be a patch.

PHOTO BY AMY TABORSKY

## June 29

The regular meeting of the board of directors of Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held June 29 at co-op headquarters in Bismarck.

**Financial review (May 2011):** Prior to the board meeting, Directors Olson and Hilken reviewed the May 2011 check register and expenditures. Hilken reported all checks were in order. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve May expenditures in the amount of \$1,793,726.46.

**Business department report:** The manager reviewed the May financial and statistical report with the board. Total kilowatt-hour (KWH) sales reported for May were below budget by .9 percent. The actual monthly electric revenue is down 1.5 percent. Year-to-date actual KWH sales were over budget by 7.4 percent.

The margin for May is \$164,374 versus the budgeted margin of \$79,842, an average of \$84,532. The year-to-date margin is \$869,096, above the budgeted margin by \$209,588, or 32 percent. Capital began billing 55 new services in May, bringing active services to 15,787 versus 15,327 at this time last year, or a net increase of 460 accounts over the last 12 months.

In late May and early June we received a high volume of calls regarding the flood. Members are encouraged to have a backup generator in case Capital Electric is unable to safely restore power due to the high waters. Service charges to houses we cannot provide power to, due to the flood, will be prorated.

Staff continues looking into costs and processes for prepaid metering.

A second all-employee meeting was held as we continue to look into High Deductible Health Plans (HDHP) and Health Savings Accounts (HSA).

We have gone through both the kickoff and analysis meetings with National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC) regarding our accounting/work order software upgrade. Online self-tutorial training will take place between now and August, at which time we'll go through formal training at NISC.

Power Systems Engineers has completed a preliminary cost of service study.

A preliminary financial forecast for years 2011-2020 was completed using budgeted numbers for 2011 and various resources for future years including Basin's financial and rate forecasts, load forecast and internal estimates.

The manager reviewed the comparison of actual-to-budgeted expenses for the year to date through the month of May 2011. Accounts receivable balances were reviewed.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve Attachment #1, 2 and 3 to Rate Schedule "PG."

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):** The final submissions from the 2010 Good Friday storm have been submitted to the state. The state has completed their review and will be forwarding them to FEMA for final review. A total of \$186,175.58 has been submitted and pending final FEMA approval, we will receive 85 percent, or \$158,249.24. Our grand total of submitted expenses for this storm is \$1,278,259 of which 15 percent was our portion.

We have just completed the "Request for Assistance" form for both Burleigh and Sheridan counties regarding the 2011 flooding. We have created work orders for both counties and are tracking our related expenses accordingly.

**Capital credits:** Following review and recommendation of the financial condition of the cooperative and recommendation by management, it was moved, seconded and carried to

authorize payment of capital credits to the following deceased members' estates:

Harry and Anneta Murray	\$984.31
Jon Sparrow	2,185.51
Jacob Meyer	310.64
Anton Haff	455.41
Carl Buechler	652.18
Roger Unger	1,333.17
Donald W Hannu	212.30
TOTAL	\$6,133.52

**Rate study update:** The manager reviewed with the board the rate study update and the preliminary 10-year financial forecast.

The Power System Engineering revised revenue requirements and class cost-of-service analysis were reviewed by the manager with the board as well. The study confirms the direction of revenue adjustments the board has been pursuing.

**Engineering and operations report:** The manager reviewed the written report from the engineering and operations department. Fifty work orders were completed this month, adding 33 new consumers to the system.

Capital Electric has some meters that are not turning because of the flood. Of this total some requested the removal of the meter and the others we can't restore power because of the water.

Work continues on getting our distribution lines rerouted for the East Century Avenue and Centennial Road projects.

DLT contractor is still busy installing underground tie lines in some of our subdivisions. Bullinger tree service is still trimming trees in our service area. Fisher Contracting is busy working on the road move project and our three-phase conversion project on 110th Avenue N.W.

All of our damaged garage door panels were replaced.

In regard to the flood, we have been getting a lot of phone calls thanking us for keeping the power on. We've been telling members to prepare for the worst, as if the power does go out and we can't get in to fix the problem, the power will be out until the water goes down.

**Member services department:** The manager reviewed the written report from the member services department.

Construction activity on the Century Avenue transmission reroute project has been completed. The new transmission line with distribution underbuild was rerouted away from Century Avenue and Centennial Road so as to allow construction of the final segment of the Century Avenue street upgrade project. Our line in the street construction zone is now complete and located along Franklin Avenue and Valley Forge Street and has been energized and returned for normal operation.

The Sterling Substation Rebuild Design has been completed. It calls for the reconstruction of the substation on existing property and the removal of the old substation upon the new being energized.

A new transmission tap structure with disconnect switches is planned. This project will be built mostly from poles and crossarms and will have new concrete foundations for the transformers and regulators. The new fenced site will be 60' x 90' with a ground mat and crushed rock surfacing. To date, Capital Electric has processed \$284,920 in stimulus rebate dollars to our members. We are second to only Cass County Electric in total rebate funds dispersed to members.

**Communications and public relations department:** The manager reviewed the written report from the communications and public rela-

tions department.

We've been working to keep folks informed about our services relating to the flood. We are prepared to call members if they should lose power.

In spite of the flood issues in Bismarck, we had a full house with 834 meals served at the annual meeting.

The Touchstone Energy Cooperatives will again have an entry in the Mandan parade on July 4th.

**Safety report:** There were no lost-time accidents this month.

Larry Sailer, safety instructor with the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC), conducted a safety meeting on office safety, noise exposure, competent person/qualified person, personal protective equipment and safe work practice review.

**National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) regional meeting:** The NRECA regional meeting will be held Sept. 15 and 16 in Minneapolis, Minn. Eckroth was selected as the NRECA delegate and Haugen was selected as the alternate. Liuska was selected as the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) delegate and Olson was selected as the alternate. Hilken was selected as the Federated delegate and Liuska was selected as the alternate. Haugen was selected as the NISC delegate and Hollenbeck was selected as the alternate. Wrangham was selected as the RESCO delegate and Hollenbeck was selected as the alternate.

**Central Power Electric Cooperative and Basin Electric Power Cooperative reports:** Basin noted a 5- to 6-mill increase will be needed. Basin is buying cheaper Western Area Power Administration power rather than running some coal-fired plants.

**Annual meeting:** It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the dates for upcoming annual meetings set for June 5, 2012, and June 4, 2013.

**NDAREC report:** Wes Engbrecht took a helicopter ride sponsored by NDAREC and reported to the board on the Bismarck flood areas. There was not an NDAREC meeting this month.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the meeting, without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

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