



Battle River POWER COOP

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2024 Annual General Meeting | June 25, 2024

RSVP today to save your seat for our milestone 75th anniversary!

Venue: Days Inn and Conference Center by Wyndham Camrose Norsemen

Address: 6505 48 Avenue, Camrose, Alberta

Early registration: 4:30 p.m.

Banquet: 6:00 p.m.

AGM: 7:00 p.m.

Reserve your tickets now:

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Tickets: \$5.00/person

Powering Rural Alberta: The Inspiring Journey of Battle River Power Coop (Part 2)

By the 1970s, REAs across Alberta were confronted with tough decisions about their future. Many considered selling to Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) or consolidating with other REAs to remain viable. In response to these challenges, Battle River Power Coop, formerly Battle River REA, emerged as the result of amalgamating 22 smaller REAs. These amalgamations, which primarily occurred between 1998 and 1999, aimed to improve efficiency, sustainability, and service quality while reducing costs for members.

With a larger combined membership, Battle River Power Coop gained the financial capacity to undertake maintenance, construction, operations, vegetation control, billing, and finance. The coop has and will continue to adapt to the changing needs of its members by providing new and expanding services.



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Meet the Board of Director Nominees



Dan Astner

After completing his secondary education Dan was employed as a territorial manager by a national agricultural corporation until he went farming full-time.

The numerous organizations that Dan has been involved with has given him wide exposure to a great variety of board and corporate structures. It has given Dan insight into both the strengths and weaknesses of each that hopefully can be shared to continue to strengthen Battle River Power Coop.

Over the years Dan has sat on numerous Boards, Committees, and Advisory Councils at the local, provincial, national, international, and government levels frequently serving as Chairman and in executive positions.

“Over the years the electrical industry has become a very complicated industry that is constantly in a state of change. I have been privileged to be a part of much of the change, coming from an REA of 270 members and seeing it grow into the proud organization we have today.

We are on the verge of more major changes in the electrical industry and it is my desire to adapt Battle River Power Coop to those changes so that we as members can continue to benefit as we have in the past.”



Todd Befus

Todd Befus is a Chartered Accountant with over 20 years of experience in accounting and taxation in Canada. He became a Chartered Accountant in 2002 and spent a decade as a partner at a leading Canadian accounting firm. Todd has advised numerous business owners on buying and selling enterprises and has consistently excelled in team environments.

His board experience includes serving as Treasurer of the Wetaskiwin Golf Club, the Grant Thornton Foundation, and currently, the Fragile X Research Foundation of Canada. Todd's extensive background equips him to assist the Coop with Board Governance, particularly in the evolving electrical industry, including the rise of electric vehicles and new power generation technologies.

“I enjoy using my skill set to give back to my community as I believe not everything is about maximizing profits for myself or in business. Business like the Coop have a responsibility to look after its finances for the good of its members but also to provide a high-quality reliable product to its members at a reasonable rate.”

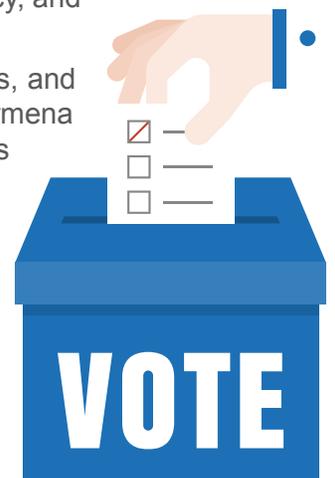


Patrick Hilgartner

Patrick Hilgartner was born and raised on his family's farm northwest of Camrose. He graduated from Olds College in 1995 with a Farm and Ranch Degree. Today, Patrick manages a grain farm alongside his father Ralph and brother D'Arcy, and runs a cow-calf herd with his wife Kelly and their four sons.

Patrick is known for his quick learning ability, problem-solving skills, and strong teamwork. His past board experience includes roles as an Armensia 4H leader, a member of the 4H Beef Committee, and the Haylakes Ag Society's 4H representative.

“Being born and raised in the County of Camrose I've always had an appreciation for the utilities that are supplied to us. Navigating, supplying and maintaining utilities in a rural area with Alberta weather I believe can be challenging. Having people from different backgrounds and experiences can bring new ideas and different ways of keeping that system prospering in the future. Co-ops, I think are a way to keep the cost of living reasonable in a time where so many companies are out to get the highest dollar out of the lowest service and cost.”





Doug Keyes

Doug Keyes is a Professional Agrologist (AIA) with a background as a Soil Scientist in agriculture and environmental industries. For 20 years, he specialized in contaminated sites at Matrix Solutions Inc. and now continues independent consulting after retiring.

Doug excels in teamwork, problem-solving, and generating creative ideas. He has consulted for major electrical transmission companies in Alberta, providing valuable insights for the Battle River Power Coop.

His board experience includes a three-year term on the AIA provincial board and two terms on the Leduc County Environmental Committee. Doug's expertise in environmental consulting and understanding of agriculture and energy sectors make him a valuable asset to any board.

"I would like to be a Director of Battle River Power Coop to help the organization continue to succeed. I appreciate the role of cooperatives generally and believe this is the best structure for providing power to rural businesses and residences. We have been members since moving to Leduc County in 1997. We have been impressed with the service that Battle River Power Coop has provided, which makes me want to be a part of the organization."



James Matthews

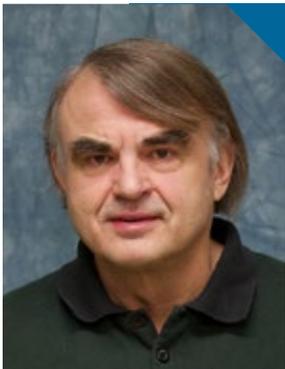
Jim Matthews has been representing REAs since 1985. James states, "the REA has been an integral part of my life. It all started when my father was a board member many years ago. I have had the pleasure of being a board member in various capacities since the 1980's to the present. These are changing times in the REA world and I am proud to be a part of Battle River Power Coop."

Other Boards, Committees and Community Services Jim has been, or is currently involved with include: Director for the Flagstaff Family Farm Promotional, Chairperson with the Hardisty/Hughenden United Church for over 29 years, Chairperson with the Contract Policy Committee, and became a Flagstaff County Councilor in 2013.

Jim was born and raised in Hardisty, Alberta. He obtained his Diploma in General Agriculture Technology at Vermillion College, and has been operating a mixed farm consisting of beef cow/calf and grain since 1972.

Jim's hobbies include welding, mechanics and spending time with his wife Ricci, their 5 children, and 9 grandchildren.

"Battle River Power Coop has grown into a strong electric utility. We must build on the past and push forward into the future to meet the needs of our members. I feel my experience can be a helpful asset."



Don Moman

Don Moman has previously sat as a Board Director with Battle River Power Coop from 2006 when the Bruderheim REA amalgamated, to 2022.

Don obtained his Electrical Engineer Degree at the University of Alberta when he was 20 years old. He was employed in the oilfield at Dresser Atlas until 1990, when he became self employed. Don's primary hobby is the construction of radio towers and antennas for his Amateur Ham Radio in the Lamont area.

Other committees and Community Service Work Don has been, or is currently involved with include: RAC Monitoring Coordinator, MF/HF Band Planning Committee, Volunteer RAC Official Observer Station, Long term and Adoptive foster care for developmentally challenged children.

"I have previously been with the Battle River Power Coop board for many years and my electrical engineering background and experience has proven to be a significant benefit to the board. I am retired and have the time and energy needed to fulfill the board duties. I would appreciate your support to allow me to contribute what I can to the Battle River Power Coop board."

Message from the Board of Directors

As we approach our Annual General Meeting on June 25th, we're thrilled to celebrate a remarkable milestone: 75 years of Battle River Power Coop. This year's theme, "Battle River Power Coop Then & Now," invites us to reflect on our journey, honoring our past while embracing the future.

At the heart of our cooperative lies the principle of Democratic Member Control, where each member holds equal influence. This principle, encapsulated in the mantra "One Member, One Vote," underscores our commitment to inclusivity and transparency. Your active participation in the election process empowers our community and ensures that our cooperative remains steadfast in its mission.

During the AGM, we will uphold this principle through our Election Process, where members will have the opportunity to elect other member-owners as representatives who will steer us forward in the years to come. Your engagement in this process is vital, as it shapes the future direction of our cooperative.

As we come together to commemorate 75 years of resilience, innovation, and community, let us reaffirm our dedication to cooperative values and democratic governance. We look forward to your presence and contribution at our AGM, as we celebrate our past achievements and chart a course for an even brighter future.



Stay Up to Date with Battle River Power Coop

If you have had any changes to phone numbers, email addresses, mailing address or wish to add other contact details to your account, please connect with us toll-free at 1.877.428.3972 or email: brpc@brpower.coop and we will ensure your account is updated.

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- **Visit our website www.brpower.coop.** The website offers on-line account access for members to review their accounts.
- Battle River Power Coop also communicates on popular social media platforms – **Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.**
- **Download our Outage App** from the Google Play or Apple Store. Our Outage App is updated with the most current information on outages in our service area.

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REGULATED RATE OPTION



The RRO may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. It is not a 'regulated' rate, rather it is a default rate. If you do not have an energy contract, then you are on the RRO.

For May 2024, the RRO is priced at \$0.09407 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed blue bill. For June 2024, the REA monthly rate as calculated under the RRO regulation is \$0.09632. Detailed information on the monthly RRO is available on: www.brpower.coop.

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