



GVP Invests in Future Agriculture Leaders

BY DEREK ELDER CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

As I sit on my back patio each morning sipping my cup of coffee, watching the sun rise, and listening to the rooster crow, donkeys bray, and an occasional turkey cluck, I can't help but think of the young kids who are up doing chores — feeding and caring for these animals. While I enjoy the cool summer mornings before I head off to work, these young kids are learning about responsibility, work ethic, and time management. They will grow up and someday be the leaders in our communities.

It is this connection that is the foundation of one of the cooperative principles — Concern for Community. Grand Valley Power is a part of this community, and we strive to make the Grand Valley a better place to live every day. This is a big reason we invest in the youth — the future of our community.

Last month, GVP participated along with our future wholesale power supplier, Guzman Energy, in the Mesa County Fair Junior Livestock Auction. This year the auction raised over a million dollars — a new Mesa County record. It's not just during the week of the fair that we see these kids. They often visit GVP several times throughout the year to market their animals and share the progress they are making leading up to the week of the fair. GVP apprentice lineman Branson Padgett, who sold his reserve grand champion steer last year for \$21,000, shared that he tried to visit 30 businesses every other month throughout the year.

It is that same kind of effort that Grand Valley Power puts into everything it does, whether it is keeping the lights on or trying to safeguard our members' information. That is why we find value in participating in the Mesa County Fair Junior Livestock Auction year after year. Whether we are awarding scholarships or attending the livestock sale, Grand Valley Power strives to do the right thing, holding true to our values and principles. Investing in the youth of Mesa County is an investment in the future of Mesa County.

COMMENTS TO THE CEO

You are a member of a cooperative and your opinion does count. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please let Tom Walch know by writing to Ask the CEO, P.O. Box 190, Grand Junction, Colorado 81502, or send an email to me at twalch@gvp.org. Check out our website at gvp.org.



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Grand Valley Power Chief Administrative Officer Derek Elder (right) partnered with Guzman Energy to purchase animals, including a pig raised by Preslee Rogers (left), at the Mesa County Junior Livestock Auction.



BOARD MEETING NOTICE

Grand Valley Power board meetings are open to members, consumers, and the public. Regularly scheduled board meetings are held at 9 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the headquarters building located at 845 22 Road, Grand Junction, Colorado.

The monthly agenda is posted in the lobby of the headquarters building 10 days before each meeting and posted on the GVP website.

If anyone desires to address the Board of Directors, please let us know in advance and you will be placed on the agenda.

Hometown Service on Display at Annual Meeting

BY RITA-LYN SANDERS DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

I am fortunate in that my work anniversary at Grand Valley Power is punctuated with our annual meeting of the members. And this year, it ended with an exclamation point:

“Bravo! Last night’s annual meeting was superb,” wrote GVP member Doris Janowski in her email. “Congratulations on five years of no lost-time accidents. That is spectacular. It is a wonderful indication of the morale and cohesiveness of the entire company. Workers in a good place with a good attitude can focus on being safe.”

The annual meeting is our opportunity to bring members together to vote in director elections, learn about cooperative business, and celebrate successes. Each meeting is born of a theme that highlights the year’s accomplishments and brings our cooperative’s character to life. This year, The Art of Hometown Service placed the focus squarely on what Grand Valley Power does best.



Grand Valley Power CEO Tom Walch (left) and retired CEO Jack Broughton (right) congratulate Fruita Monument High School graduate Madison Hawkins on her receipt of the Jack Broughton – Colorado Mesa University Scholarship. The four-year, \$2,000 per year award is named for Broughton, who helped establish the CU/CMU engineering program.

Together we celebrated:

- Five years of no lost-time accidents. The receipt of the 2023 Overall Achievement in Excellence Award for safety from the Colorado Rural Electric Association.
- One of the top reliability scores in the state, with an average of 68 minutes of outage time per consumer in 2023.
- An energy portfolio that sources more than half — 55% — of the power that we deliver to members from renewables like wind, solar, geothermal, biomass, and hydroelectricity.
- \$19,000 in scholarships awarded to students living in households served by Grand Valley Power. More than 115,000 kilowatt-hours credited to low-income households in 2023 from Grand Valley Power’s income-based solar project.

These accomplishments are all evidence of how Grand Valley Power team members work — together — to empower members’ lives through the Art of Hometown Service.

More than 450 people — including members, directors, guests, employees, and retirees — enjoyed a meal and good company and heard about these achievements and others that have occurred over the past year.

Attendees also received a package of beautiful notecards commemorating hometown paintings by local artist and long-time Grand Valley Power member Gerald Fritzler. These are the same paintings featured in the Annual Report to our members and highlighting the annual meeting on our social media feeds.

Then there was a delicious dinner — complete with Palisade peach pie — and amazing door prizes. Those included several bill credits and gift cards; a Yeti cooler and ice bucket donated by our future wholesale energy supplier, Guzman Energy; and a quarter 4-H beef purchased at the Mesa County Junior Livestock Auction by our friends at Alpine Bank. Thanks to our



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partners Western United Electric Supply and Ireland Stapleton and to local business JR’s Carriage Service for their donations to the prizes.

We also thank the Fruita Monument High School FFA students who helped with parking and the staff at Colorado Mesa and Sodexo for their services.

Like last year, we ended the meeting by answering members’ questions submitted with their online RSVP. From among our 230-plus members who RSVP’d, we received seven questions on topics such as cybersecurity, the power grid, green energy, electric rates, and cooperative finances. Tom Walch, GVP Chief Executive Officer, took the time to make sure we answered these questions at the meeting for all of our members.

The attention and care that the Grand Valley Power team puts into serving our members and providing an engaging annual meeting is another example of our dedication to the Art of Hometown Service. Our employees are always working for you.

If you missed the event, we invite you to watch the 2024 Business Report video highlighting GVP’s accomplishments and key points from the meeting. Visit gvp.org/art to find the video.



A Grand Valley Power member celebrates after learning she won a door prize at the annual meeting.



The *Art* of Hometown Service
2024 ANNUAL MEETING

VIEW THE 2024 BUSINESS REPORT ON YOUTUBE



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ELECTRIC VEHICLE TIME-OF-USE RATE Q&A

Current electric vehicle DMV registration and EV-TOU agreement is required to participate in Grand Valley Power's EV-TOU Rate.

Does my vehicle qualify? If your vehicle is a plug-in hybrid (PHEV) or all-electric (BEV), you qualify for the current daily EV Charge rate. You can see the on- and off-peak EV-TOU rates at gvp.org/2023-rates.

Can I charge my work vehicle? Vehicles registered to a business are not eligible for the EV-TOU rate.

How many GVP members use EVs? As of August 1, GVP has 91 EV-TOU members.

Questions? Call GVP to learn more: (970) 242-0040

CO-OP CALENDAR

Labor Day (Office Closed) - Monday, Sept. 2
September Board Meeting - Wednesday, Sept. 18



MEMBERS ELECT TWO INCUMBENTS, ONE NEWCOMER TO BOARD

Grand Valley Power members elected three directors to the board on August 8. Six candidates vied for three positions. Incumbents Jesse Mease and Brian Woods were re-elected, along with newcomer Lindsay Byers Gray. Each will serve a three-year term and join the six other sitting directors on the cooperative's board.

Local CPA firm Chadwick, Steinkirchner, Davis & Co., P.C., tabulated the ballots under the supervision of the Grand Valley Power Election Supervisory Committee.

Grand Valley Power extends its deep appreciation to Bill Rooks for his 20 years of service on the board and his dedication to GVP members.

Thank you to all members who participated in this year's election. Results are online at gvp.org.




Members elected (left to right) Lindsay Byers Gray, Jesse Mease, and Brian Woods to Grand Valley Power's nine-member board.

Final Votes	Count
• Jesse Mease	1,648 votes
• Brian Woods.....	1,618 votes
• Lindsay Byers Gray	1,409 votes
• Bill Rooks	1,063 votes
• Jim Marshall	813 votes
• Thomas Lake	266 votes

September is National Preparedness Month

Emergency Supply Kit

An emergency situation could happen at any time. A basic disaster supply kit should be ready ahead of time, kept in an airtight container, and be portable. It should include enough food, water, and other supplies to last for several days.

1  **Water: 1 gallon per person per day**
Each individual will need at least 1 gallon of water per day for drinking and sanitation.

2  **Food: 3-day supply per person**
Each individual needs at least three days of non-perishable canned goods and dry mixes.

3  **Radio: Hand crank or battery powered**
A radio will help you stay up-to-date with emergency and weather related information.

4  **First Aid Kit**
Should include bandages, gauze, antibiotic ointment, pain relievers, a blanket, and non-latex gloves.

Additional emergency supplies to consider in your preparedness kit:

- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Dust Masks
- Whistle
- Manual Can Opener
- Duct Tape
- Map
- Garbage bags
- Tarp
- Cell phone chargers

In the event of an evacuation:

- Medications: Prescription and non-prescription (pain relievers, anti-diarrhea, antacids, etc.)
- Cash
- Identification and important documents
- A change of clothes per person
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Special items for infants, elderly, or disabled family members



If you have pets:

- Multiple days worth of pet food and water
- Medications your pet may need
- Collar and leash
- Pet carrier or crate
- Other items to help them feel as comfortable as possible

