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Presidents' Day is upon us, and we hope you enjoy the extended holiday weekend.

Presidents' Day is more than a day to celebrate mattress sales, it is also a good time to take a moment to honor the role that our most influential Presidents, beginning with George Washington, have played in our history and democracy. While most celebrate Washington and Lincoln, many in the electric cooperative family give a special shout out to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. President Roosevelt applied the cooperative model to solve the electric infrastructure problem by creating the Rural Electric Association (REA) in 1935. The REA provided funding to rural cooperatives to extend electric service to rural communities. Just ten years later, WREA was formed by local businessmen and ranchers who knew the community's economic future depended on providing affordable, safe, and reliable electricity to Meeker and the White River valley.

As a part of the REA, WREA is member owned and member controlled by our elected Board of Directors. This year WREA will host its seventy-seventh Annual Meeting and Director Election. The WREA 2022 Annual Business Meeting Video and Election for the Board of Directors will be Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

The WREA Annual Business Meeting video will be presented on WREA's website beginning at 1:00 pm and will include a review of WREA's financials as well as the President and General Manager reports. The Election of Directors for the WREA Board will be conducted by mail-in ballots. In 2022, the WREA membership will elect one Director from the Town of Meeker and two Directors from the Rural District.

Director petitions for the 2022 Election will be available at WREA (233 6th Street, Meeker, CO) and at www.wrea.org beginning Wednesday June 15, 2022, and shall be returned to WREA no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday July 13, 2022, with a minimum of fifteen verified member signatures. The election of directors will be held on September 14, 2022, with results posted on WREA's website, Facebook and at headquarters.

WREA is also excited to host its second annual Member Appreciation event on Friday July 22, 2022. The 2022 Member Appreciation Event will be very similar to last summers with a taco dinner prepared by the Meeker Lion's Club, live music, the Meeker Farmer's Market, and member registration gifts! We are looking forward to another fun summer night to celebrate our membership and our community.

Happy Presidents' Day from WREA!