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MEWCo Annual Meeting

Looking Forward to a Bright Future was the focus of MEWCo's 111th Annual Meeting, held at Centerplace Regional Event Center on Saturday, February 25th at noon.

Board President Dave Thompson welcomed the shareholders, MEWCo staff and the other Board Members before introducing General Manager Joe Morgan. Morgan introduced the rest of the executive management team and proudly shared with the shareholders that MEWCo still has some of the lowest rates in the region, fastest outage restoration times and admirable safety record. He credited MEWCo's achievements over the past year to careful planning, sound and strategic business practices and the teamwork of MEWCo's highly skilled workforce.

Morgan stated that MEWCo's long term strategic approach to conservative asset management has enabled the company to remain financially stable, with adequate reserves, and the ability to upgrade and maintain electric and water infrastructure as needed. He is proud to work with such dedicated and unified Board of Directors, committed and hardworking employees and the opportunity to provide safe and reliable water and electric services at the lowest possible cost to our shareholders. He finished with the statement, that he and the rest of the MEWCo team believe they have a challenging, but bright future.

The guest speaker this year was Katherine Morgan, President/CEO at the Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce. She spoke about the Chamber's mission to serve businesses, improve community vitality, and fuel economic prosperity in the Greater Spokane Valley. With the help of 1,000 plus community members, the Chamber has identified five key engagement initiatives, known as "The BIG 5" – Greater Goods, Greater Cures, Greater Outdoors, Greater Vision and Greater Learning. These initiatives serve as the beacon and compass to drive community engagement and serve the common good.

In alignment with the Greater Learning initiative, integrating business & education to create the workforce of the future, the Greater Spokane Valley will host the inaugural Lemonade Day event on Saturday, May 20th. Lemonade Day is a national program that introduces youth to entrepreneurship and teaches them how to start, own, and operate their own business – a lemonade stand. Nearly 100 businesses in the Greater Spokane Valley will host youth lemonade stands in front of their stores. For more information, please visit spokanevalleychamber.org/lemonade-day/.

Elias Siriani, CPA at Anderson Peretti & Co, provided an overview of MEWCo's audited financial statements and Board election. He stated that MEWCo remains profitable year after year and has no debts except for normal operating expenses. He shared the results of the election and that Board President Thompson and Director Scott Hislop were re-elected to the Board of Directors.



Consumer Confidence Report

The Safe Drinking Water Act requires community water systems to provide their customers with an annual water quality report. This Consumer Confidence Report, or CCR, helps people make informed choices about the water they drink. The annual report lists contaminants, if any, found in test samples, and how these contaminants may affect consumers' health. As it has been in previous years, MEWCo's 2016 CCR showed all of our water samples were safe to drink and fell within the regulated guidelines.

To view the report online please visit mewco.com. The report can be found on the Water Department page's drop down menu. The direct link to the report is: http://mewco.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/2016_CCR.pdf Additionally, printed reports are available in MEWCo's office at 904 North Pines Road, Spokane Valley. You may also contact our office at (509) 928-4540 if you would like a report mailed to you. For any questions on the report's testing results please contact Water Superintendent Bryan St. Clair at (509) 755-9009.

Board Officers

The Board of Directors voted at the March board meeting to keep the officer's positions the same as the prior year. Dave Thompson will serve as President, Barry Baker as Vice President, and Sam Waldron as Secretary/Treasurer.

It's time to test your Backflow Device

In an effort to keep the public's drinking water safe, an annual testing of your backflow devices is required by WAC 246-290-490. MEWCo takes its responsibility under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and Washington State regulations very seriously; therefore failure to comply with the testing requirements could result in disruption of your water service.

For more information on backflow protection, including frequently asked questions, a list of Backflow Assembly Testers or to get a blank Backflow Assembly Test Report visit <http://mewco.com/services-rates/water-department/backflow-prevention>.

Budget Billing Plan

By paying a fixed amount on your utility bill every month you can build up credit on your account in the summer to help offset the cost of (typically) higher energy usage during the winter months. Please be aware that the Budget Billing Plan is only a tool. The budget amount may need to be adjusted accordingly throughout the year to account for actual energy usage. Although May remains the account balance pay-off month, customers currently on the Budget Payment Plan will automatically continue in the program. The new budget monthly payment will be calculated based on consumption history for the previous 12 months. To apply, please verify that you fulfill the following criteria: 1. A minimum of one year as a resident at the current address. 2. Your May bill must be paid in full leaving a zero balance. 3. If renting, please have your landlord call our office to give enrollment approval. For more information, call our office at (509) 928-4540, Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.

A Tribute to Doug Rider

On March 19, 2017, we lost a dear friend and longtime Spokane Valley community leader in Doug Rider. Doug served on the Board of Directors for Modern Electric Water Company from 1991 to 2003. During these years, Doug had a valued voice in shaping the future of MEWCo.

Doug was born on August 28, 1932 in Calgary, Alberta Canada and moved to the Spokane Valley at age 13. Doug's father passed away one year later and the family moved into the city of Spokane where Doug attended North Central High School. After graduating in 1950, Doug joined the United States Navy, and was stationed at Geiger Naval Air Station where he worked as an airplane mechanic.

In 1953, Doug married Marilyn Torrey. Doug joined the Spokane Valley Fire Department in 1954 where he worked until he retired as Chief of the Department in 1982. Doug then became a reserve officer for the Spokane County Sheriff's Office for 13 years. He loved being active and joined the Spokane Mountaineers in 1963. Doug skied with the NSPS on the Mt. Spokane Patrol for 23 years. He was Rookie Patrolman of the NSPS in 1971 and avalanche certified by the United States Forest Service.

Additionally, Doug was an avid ham radio operator, belonging to various ham radio leagues and acted as the repeater coordinator for many years. He was an active member of the Elks RV Club, SCOPE East and served as Chairman of the Spokane County Water Conservancy Board. Doug was also a lifetime member of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and the Navy League.

Doug Rider left his mark on our community and in our hearts. We send our deepest sympathy to the Rider family.

Board of Directors: Dave Thompson, President, Barry Baker, Vice President, Sam Waldron, Secretary/Treasurer, Chuck Taes, Director, Scott Hislop, Director

Executive Team: Joe M. Morgan, General Manager, Michelle Casey-Soyars, Comptroller, Steve Resa, IT Analyst, John Mc Feely, PE, Systems Engineer, Gus Laramie, Electric Superintendent, Bryan St. Clair, Water Superintendent, Darlene Albi, Customer Service Manager, Terri Richey, Member Services Representative

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