



2022

Annual Report

HIGH WEST ENERGY



WHERE WE ARE NOW

Focused on people. Built on power.



Kevin Thomas
President



Jared Routh
CEO/General Manager

To begin, thank you for being a member of High West Energy. This past year has presented many difficulties regarding inflation, supply chain issues, and costs of general everyday amenities rising; however, our membership has continued to support us through it all. It has been amazing to see our surrounding communities come together during hard times and support each other. We are so grateful that we get to serve such amazing communities.

As a cooperative, with these different challenges, we have decided to hold our 86th Annual Meeting virtually as we had the previous year. These challenges have made the cooperative rethink business and how to best use our members' money. Thankfully, our cooperative is financially stable, partially because we are constantly assessing the way we spend. Holding our annual meeting virtually is a cost-saving measure for the cooperative and a great way to utilize modern technology to reach members where they are at.

But don't worry! We realize that many members appreciate the in-person aspect of the annual meeting and after two years, we are bringing a similar component to you by holding "Power Hours" throughout our service territory in the future. More information regarding our Power Hours will be available soon, but these will be a time for you to interact with other members, as well as employees of the cooperative. We can't wait to see you at these social gatherings, and we are very excited to see you virtually at our 86th Annual Meeting!

2022 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

High West Energy, Inc.
2022 Annual Meeting Minutes
Pine Bluffs, WY June 16, 2022

The 85th Annual Meeting of the members of High West Energy, Inc., was held from High West Energy's headquarters in Pine Bluffs, WY at 6:05 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2022. The meeting was called to order by President Ed Prosser who serves the members in District 13.

The invocation was given by Dave Crouse, CIO of High West Energy.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Prosser welcomed the members, employees,

and fellow board members attending virtually. He discussed how High West Energy strives to provide affordable and efficient energy as well as other services to the communities as everyone continues to recover from COVID and face new economic challenges. We worked with non-profit groups, hospitals, and local community groups to aid in the recovery. In total, we donated more than \$37,000 last year to support youth programs, Wyoming Breast Cancer Initiative, the Kimball Hospital, and many other organizations. In 2021, OperationRoundUp provided over \$35,000 to assist members of the surrounding

communities. High West supported 15 students by providing \$13,000 in college scholarships, a substantial investment in the future of our communities. For the tenth year in a row, the annual patronage dividend value exceeded \$900,000 with \$1.35 million being distributed in 2021.

OFFICIAL MEETING NOTICE

The reading of the 2022 Notice of Annual Meeting was given by Hank Bailey, Attorney at Law and General Counsel for High West Energy, Inc., whose firm has represented the cooperative for 44 years. It was determined that a quorum was present, and that the business of the meeting could move forward. It was moved, seconded, and

unanimously approved to dispense with the reading of the 2021 annual meeting minutes and to approve them as presented.

By-Laws.

The Nominating Committee submitted the names of Jerry Burnett from District 14, Kosha Olsen from District 16, and Kevin Thomas from District 17 as nominees for three-year terms. Because there were no additional candidates for District 14, District 16, and District 17, Jerry Burnett, Kosha Olsen, and Kevin Thomas were automatically elected to the board in accordance with High West bylaws, Article II Section 5, and Article III Section 3.

CEO’S REPORT

CEO/General Manager Jared Routh was honored to be joining the High West Energy team and the communities that we serve and invited everyone to stop by the office to meet the team. With the support of the members, employees, and Board of Directors, he reiterated that we would grow and prosper during challenging times. Having a virtual meeting provided the opportunity to reallocate those costs due to continuing cost increases.

Inflation increased 8.6 percent causing the energy industry to adapt. High West Wiring and High West Digital Solutions became Wiring and Information Technology under High West Energy.

In 2021, our operating margins were over \$2.5 million and operating revenues increased 5.4 percent from 2020.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was no new business.

MISCELLANEOUS

CEO/General Manager Jared Routh announced door prizes and the progressive jackpot would be drawn tomorrow and the winners will be contacted.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no other business brought before the membership, Hank Bailey called for adjournment. There was a motion and a second. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

DATED:
This 16th day of June 2022.

Michael Lerwick
Secretary of the Board

Please plan to virtually attend our 86th Annual Meeting!

Members that attend will receive a \$20 credit on your electric bill and you will also be eligible for some great prizes.

Registration is now open!
To register, go to www.highwest.coop, and click the link on the home page.

Official Meeting Notice:

Notice of annual meeting of the members of High West Energy, Inc.

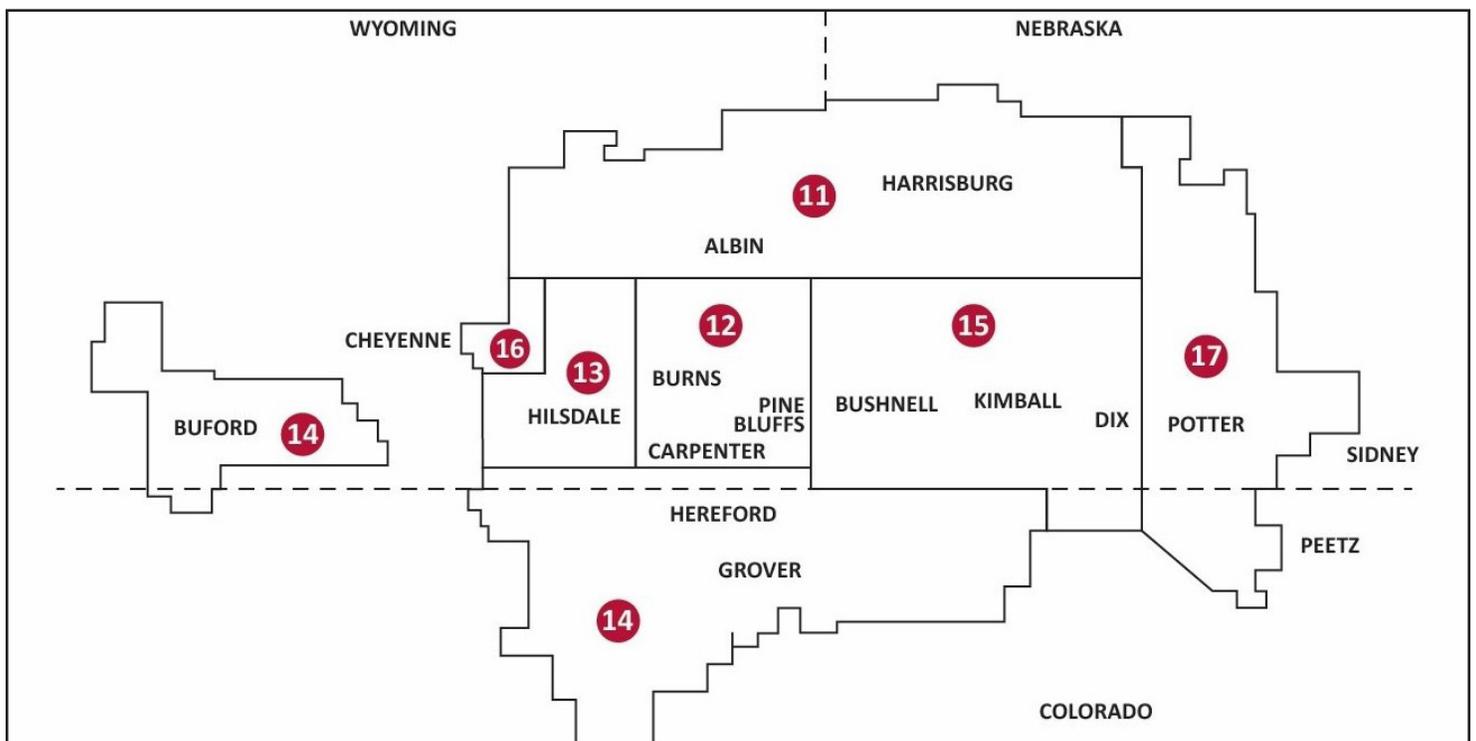
This annual meeting of the members of High West Energy, Inc. will be held virtually beginning at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2023 to take action on the following:

1. The reports of officers, directors, and committees.
2. All other business which may come before the meeting, or any adjournment or adjournment thereof.

Because there are no additional candidates for District 12 and 15, Gary Smith and Damon Birkhofer will be automatically re-elected to the Board in accordance with the High West Energy By-Laws.

Dated this 3rd day of May 2023.

Michael Lerwick
Secretary of the Board



2021 & 2022 Financials

REVENUE AND EXPENSES

2021 | 2022

Total Operating Revenues **\$53,073,191** **\$65,865,539**

Operating Expenses

Purchased Power	\$34,624,686	\$38,558,334
Operation & Maintenance Expense	\$5,638,713	\$6,692,465
Customer & Collection Expense (Sales)	\$883,484	\$899,310
General & Administrative Expense	\$4,285,558	\$4,459,854
Taxes	\$498,005	\$487,628
Depreciation & Amortization Expense	\$4,241,621	\$4,385,476
Total Operating Expenses	\$50,172,067	\$55,483,067

Margins from Operations

Net Electric Revenue	\$2,901,124	\$10,382,472
Less: Interest on Long Term Debt	\$2,248,030	\$2,715,172
Interest Expense Short Term	\$11,899	\$2,218
Other Expenses	\$56,693	\$3,909
Total Margins from Operations	\$584,502	\$7,661,173

Other Margins

Non-operating Margins Interest	\$29,326	\$666,236
Other Investments, Margins & Capital Credit	\$2,322,142	\$811,397
Tri-State Generation & Transmission	\$780,400	-\$1,166
Total Other Margins	\$3,131,868	\$1,476,467

2021 Total Margins
\$3,716,370

2022 Total Margins
\$9,137,640



Michael Lerwick
District 11



Gary Smith
District 12



Ed Prosser
District 13



Jerry Burnett
District 14



Damon Birkhofer
District 15



Kosha Olsen
District 16



Kevin Thomas
District 17

Balance Sheet

2021

2022

Assets

Utility Plant

Total Utility Plant	\$139,026,492	\$141,618,882
Depreciation	-\$44,946,789	-\$47,649,739
Total Depreciated Value	\$94,079,703	\$93,969,143

Current Assets

Cash	\$3,867,660	\$3,064,197
Receivables	\$6,360,469	\$15,208,163
Materials	\$4,952,366	\$9,205,673
Prepayments	\$411,673	\$457,070
Total Current Assets	\$15,592,168	\$27,935,103

Other Assets

Deferred Debits	\$10,892,282	\$170,902
Investments	\$29,099,785	\$31,930,589
Deferred Revenue	\$5,250,000	\$0
Total Other Assets	\$45,242,067	\$32,101,491

Liabilities & Capital

Equity

Patronage Capital	\$37,638,734	\$44,596,044
Other Equities	\$4,818,278	\$5,959,691
Total Capital	\$42,457,012	\$50,555,735
Long Term Debt	\$89,010,269	\$86,137,323

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$3,936,959	\$3,901,139
Other Liabilities	\$3,440,796	\$3,419,500
Customer Deposits	\$65,244	\$820,732
Total Current Liabilities	\$7,442,999	\$8,141,371

Other Liabilities

Regulatory	\$5,250,000	\$0
Deferred Credits	\$10,753,658	\$9,171,308
Total Other Liabilities	\$16,003,658	\$9,171,308

2021 Total Assets
\$154,913,938

2021 Total Liabilities & Credits
\$154,913,938

2022 Total Assets
\$154,005,737

2022 Total Liabilities & Credits
\$154,005,737



2022

Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 15, 2023

Find more information about the meeting in Sparks, on our website, and on our social media platforms.