



FEBRUARY 2025

January 2025	Gas Rate \$ 2.27/GJ
February 2025	Gas Rate \$ 2.22/GJ

BOARD – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS & NOMINATION PLEA

YOUR CO-OP NEEDS YOU!

Fellow members,

In a few days, the Call for Board Nominations for the Meota Gas Co-operative's 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be published.

Your Board has been operating a deficit vis-à-vis Board complement since the unexpected passing of Director, Rod McBride in May of 2023.

Director and Vice-Chair, Karen Swords-Beales, has been on the Board for over eight (8) years.

Director and Secretary-Treasurer, Ken Baron, has been on the board for over six (6) years.

Director, Lee Misura is the relatively new-comer, being in her first three (3) year term and myself, I have been on the Board for over nine (9) years.

The executive and sub-committee membership is determined by the Board each year, at the first meeting of the new Board in April, after the Annual General Meeting.

In addition, there is voluntary attendance at two (2) Zone meetings (spring and fall) where co-operative Boards and Management gather to receive updates from industry partners and have opportunity to collaborate in true cooperative fashion. In addition, the Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops hosts their Annual General Meeting in November, where delegates, managers and staff of over 82 member utilities have opportunity to gather for business proceedings, seminars, and updates from industry partners.

We are all glad to serve but, we are worried about succession. We could use another Director to join us, to learn and to be ready to take over the reins.

The work of the Board is not onerous or time consuming. As a rule, there are 10 meetings of the Board, less than two (2) hours in length each year plus, the AGM in April.

There are several committees but with a Board consisting of five (5) Directors (our target), generally each Committee is made up of all Directors so the Committee Chair brings committee decisions to a regular meeting of the Board for discussion, review, and approval.

Karen, Ken, Lee and myself are asking you to seriously consider running for an open Board position. We are all happy to answer any questions in more detail, the state of the current Board dynamic, etc.

Please feel free to contact Bill, Karen, Ken or Lee by contacting the Meota office at 403-931-2161 or email admin@meotagas.com

Bill Towsley, Chair

AUTOMATED METER READING (AMR)

AMR stands for Automated Meter Reading. It is a method of using communications technology to read meters remotely. It reduces human errors and ensures that customers receive an accurate bill each month.

The transmitter, called an “**ERT**” (Encoder, Receiver, Transmitter) has an Industry Canada approval (written on the ERT) and meets Safety 6 standard of Industry Canada. ERT is a trademark of Itron Inc. The information below is based upon Grid Insight’s independent research. It is offered here without warranty.

ERT devices transmit entirely within the North American 900 MHz industrial, scientific, and medical (ISM) radio band, consisting of the spectrum from 902 MHz to 928 MHz.

The Alberta weather does have an affect on the ERT battery life and Meota has encountered an increasing number of ERTS failing – particularly in the cold winter months. With the legislated meter exchange cycles, ERTS are tested and replaced as the meters are re-certified. However, if your meter is off cycle and we encounter a failed ERT on your meter, we will be contacting you to have this ERT changed out.

Please be aware that Meota staff will be in the area addressing failed ERTs along with our annual meter change out program beginning immediately and through out the year.

RATE COMPARISONS

Current Rate Comparisons – at February 2, 2025.

ATCO Energy – 2 Year Guaranteed Fixed Rate Plan \$ 3.88/GJ

Foothills Energy Co-op – Fixed Rate Plan \$ 3.95/GJ

EasyMax – ENMAX Energy – Fixed Rate Plan \$ 3.99/GJ

Direct Energy – Fixed Rate Plan - \$ 4.57/GJ

Meota’s – January 2025 Gas Rate - \$ 2.22/GJ

<https://energyrates.ca/select-alberta-natural-gas-provider/?prefix=T2X&plan=residential>

2024 MEOTA SCHOLARSHIP

Meota’s Board of Directors would like to congratulate our 2024 scholarship recipient;

Annika Kehoe

We wish you much success in your studies!