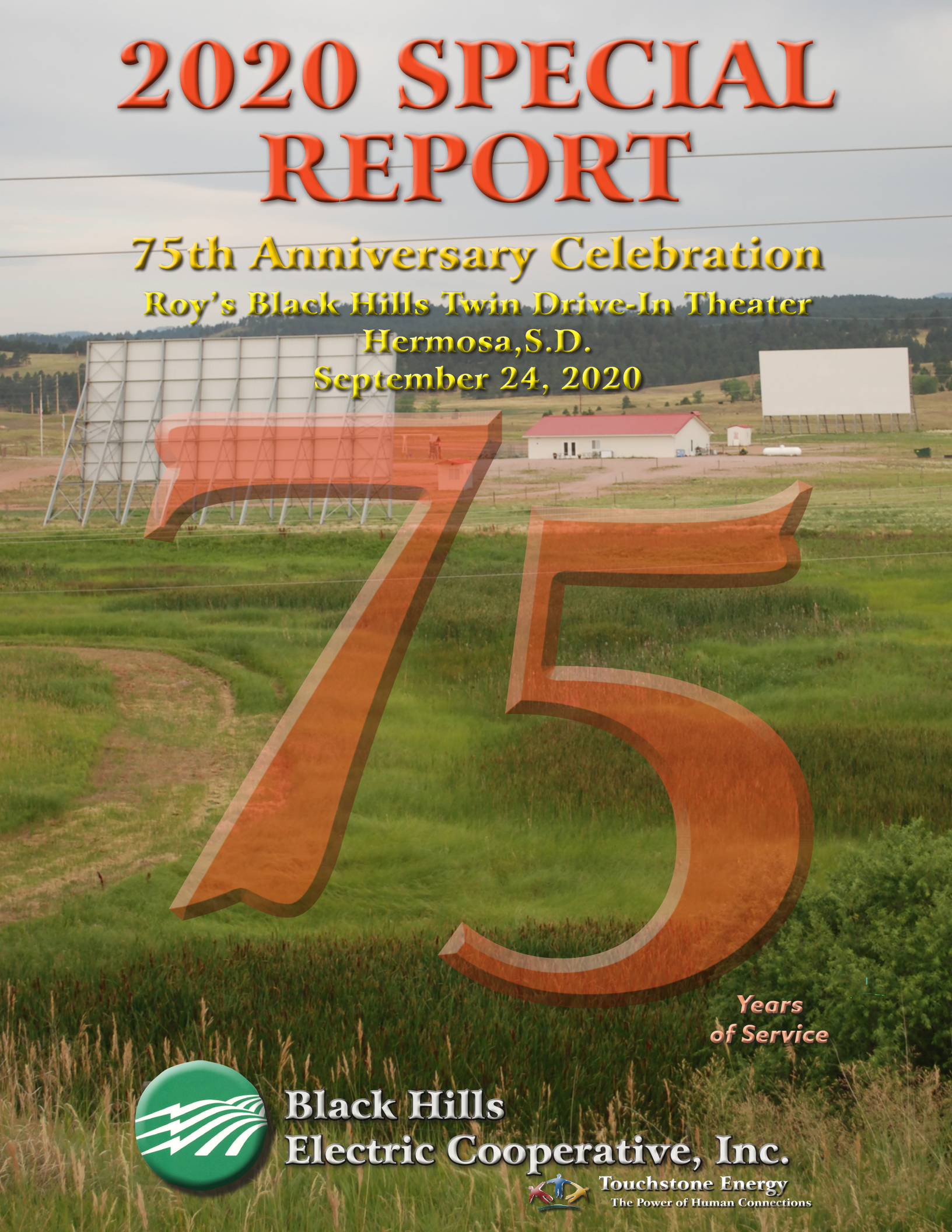
2020 SPECIAL REPORT

75th Anniversary Celebration

Roy's Black Hills Twin Drive-In Theater
Hermosa, S.D.
September 24, 2020



Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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MANAGER'S UPDATE

I am proud to welcome you to Black Hills Electric Cooperative's 75th anniversary celebration. We had big plans for this momentous occasion but because of the pandemic, we scaled it down to a drive-in meeting.

Whether you are concerned about the pandemic or not, we felt that because many in our membership are in the high-risk category, we did not want to risk your health or the health of our employees by hosting a more traditional meeting.

The pandemic forced us to cancel our annual meeting, and if we did not have a director election, we would have just had a year without a member meeting. However, because of the retirement of long-time director Al Perry, we do have a director election this year and your vote is needed.

Our bylaws allow for a special meeting to elect directors. To to get as many people to this special meeting as possible, the board decided to host the special meeting at Roy's Black Hills Twin Drive-In Theater in Hermosa on Thursday, September 24.

The meeting will be an abbreviated version of an annual meeting. When you drive in the west gate of the theater, you will be checked in, receive a ballot and a boxed dinner. Black Hills Electric Cooperative employees will direct you to a parking space in front of the west screen. You will tune us in on your FM radio to hear the audio. Registration begins at 5 p.m. and we plan to begin the business meeting a little after 6 p.m. Weather permitting, there will be a *Celebration of 75 Years of Powering Hills and Prairie* presentation on the big screen.

You may stay in your car or bring lawn chairs to sit outside. Voting will be early in the meeting, followed by short reports and prize drawings, including a drawing for one $300 and two $100 pre-registration prizes.

Please pre-register by Tuesday, September 15, to be eligible for the pre-registration prizes. You may call the office at 673-4461 or 1-800-742-0085 to register. You may also e-mail your registration information to bhec@bhec.coop.

It should be a short meeting that will give you a chance to get out of the house, have a free meal, win valuable prizes, and select a new director to your co-op's board of directors.

Walker Witt – CEO

Regardless of the location and presentation, your cooperative's member meetings are about your cooperative and how your cooperative serves you – the members! The past seven months have certainly been challenging, however, our mission has not changed: Your electric cooperative is doing everything possible to work with our members, to keep our employees and our members safe, and to continue to provide you all with safe and reliable electric service.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, September 24, at Roy's Twin Drive In Theater in Hermosa.

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

Michael Buckingham has been a BHEC member since 1997. His has a bachelor's degree in social science with an emphasis in criminal justice from the University of South Dakota. He earned his Master of Business Administration and Marketing from National American University, where he also was an undergraduate business finance instructor. He served on the Rapid City School Board for four years and in the South Dakota House of Representatives for six years, serving on the Commerce, Education, Tax and Judiciary committees. Buckingham is currently board president of the Children's Home Foundation and on the South Dakota State Board of Elections. He was corporate vice president of Dlorah from 1992 to 2019, overseeing 38 campuses in the National American University system.

Buckingham and his wife, Robin, are owners of Buckingham's ATA Martial Arts and Karate for Kids in Rapid City. They have two adult children. "The reliability of the electrical system must remain the highest priority. The infrastructure and people in the cooperative are the foundation of this reliability."

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Thad Wasson: I have lived in the Black Hills for 19 years. I was born in Omaha, Nebr. and lived in Nebraska until I was old enough to leave home. When I graduated high school, I decided I was called to serve my country. I enlisted in the Marines where I was part of the 3rd Battalion, Third Marines. While in the Marines I was stationed in Hawaii and did a tour in Okinawa, Japan. After receiving an honorable discharge, I got a job with CenturyLink and moved to Colorado. While working in Colorado, I met my wife, Michelle. We married and moved to the Black Hills that same year. Michelle and I have three children, Hannah, Henry, and Vivien. I am a true family man and I know the importance of a family, hard work, communication, and loyalty.

I am running for our board because I feel I can serve you with my skills that define the seven principles of Black Hills Electric Co-op. I have the time and energy to commit to the training needed for this position. I have worked with utilities for 23 years. I am involved in the community and I work and interact with our citizens every day. I have served on multiple boards in our community, including Bethany Christian Services, St. Paul's Lutheran School and Abiding Word Lutheran Church. While in those positions I was focused on fiscally conservative values and honesty. I would appreciate your vote to have the opportunity to uphold the values of the Co-op, by serving you on the board. Thank you.

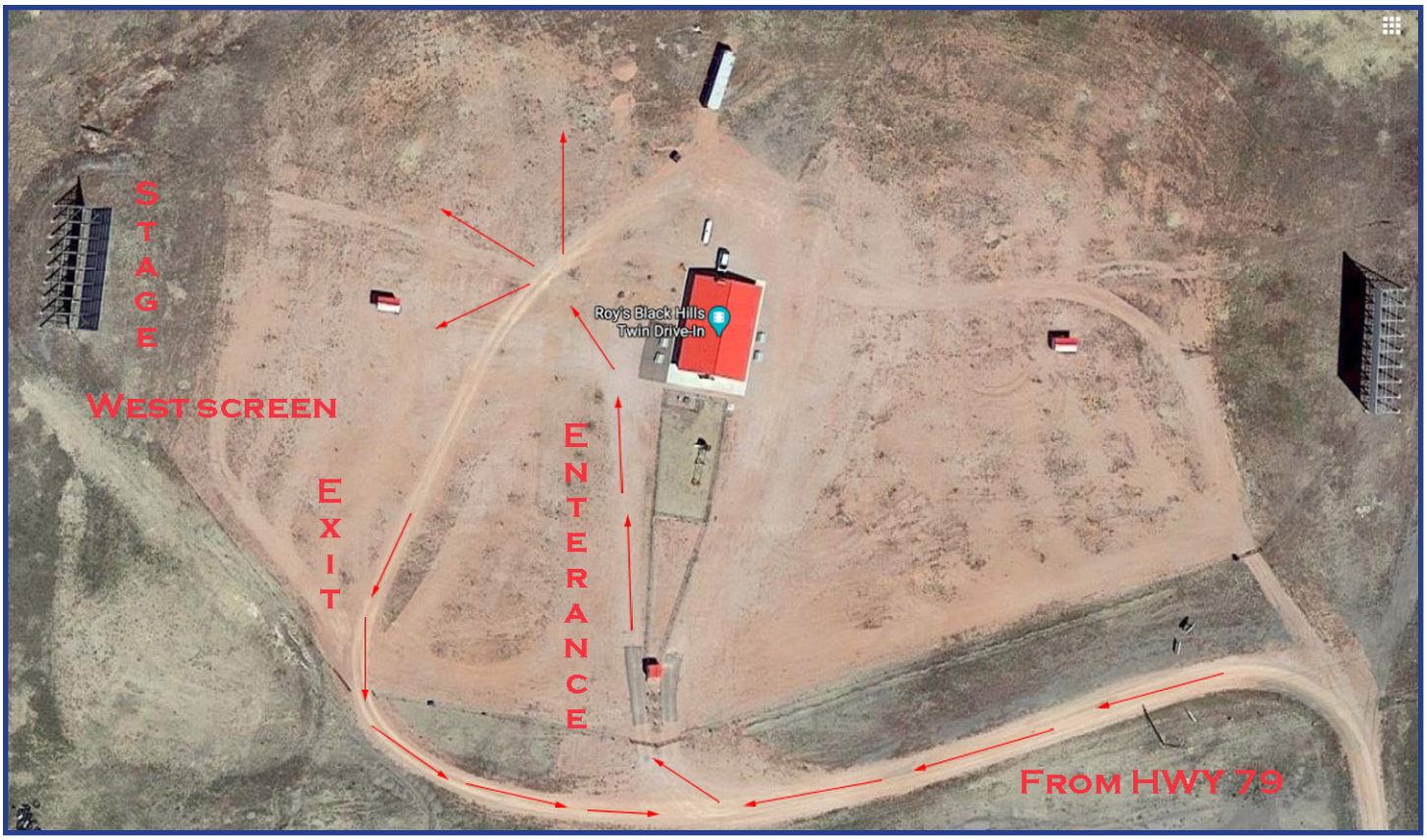
— Agenda —

5:00 p.m. —	Registration Opens - Main Entrance — includes a boxed meal.
Approximately 6:00 p.m. —	Business Meeting – Roy's Twin Drive-In
	Pledge of Allegiance
	Summary of Meeting Documents
	Nominating Procedures
	Director Election and Declaration
	Report to Membership
	Adjournment

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING – MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

Strong Cooperatives Need Active Members!

See you at Roy's Twin Drive-In Theater September 24



To get to Black Hills Electric Cooperative's special meeting on September 24, turn west on Tenaya Street from Highway 79 north of the Corner Pantry Truck Stop in Hermosa. Follow the gravel street to the entrance to Roy's Twin Drive-In Theater. Look for Black Hills Electric employees directing traffic at the gate.

TO SAVE POSTAGE, YOU MAY CALL 673-4461 OR 1-800-742-0085 WITH YOUR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

If you plan to attend this year's celebration, please fill out and return the attached postcard or call us at 673-4461 or 1-800-742-0085 to register before Tuesday, September 15.

You could win $300!

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Pre-registration deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 15

WINNERS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2 OF BHEC'S BYLAWS

If only one director candidate is nominated for a director's position in a geographical area as provided by Article IV, Section 4, no election shall be held for that director's position and the Chairman of the meeting shall declare the sole director nominee to be elected.

Fall River County

Dennis Quivey has served on BHEC's board for six years and is currently vice president. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture economics from North Dakota State University. He worked as the assistant county supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration before becoming a loan officer at the Bank of North Dakota in Bismarck, N.D. He later became vice president of Dakota Community Bank in Mandan. In 2008, he moved to Oelrichs to take over the family ranch. Quivey is currently president of the Fall River Water Users District board, treasurer of the Oelrichs Rodeo Association, and a member of the Oelrichs Fire Department. He is a past member of the Oelrichs School Board and the Mandan, N.D. Kiwanis Club and the Bismarck Elks Club.

Custer and Oglala Lakota Counties

Alan Bishop has served on BHEC's board for nine years and currently is the board president. He is a native of Custer County and in 1995 Alan began the work that he continues today; that being the operator/manager of the Bishop family 3 Up 3 Down Ranch located near Hermosa. Bishop continues to be active in the Hermosa UCC Church and the Masonic Lodge. He is a lifetime member of the Custer County Fair Association and a past 4-H member and leader. Bishop and his wife, Kerry, have four adult children. "I remain focused on caring for the resources and fulfilling the responsibilities entrusted to me and to serving my community. I am dedicated, dependable and determined to do my best in whatever circumstance arises."

YOU MAY ALSO E-MAIL YOUR PRE-REGISTRATION TO: bhec@bhec.coop

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If you plan to attend your co-op's 75th anniversary, please fill in the information below, including the names of all who will attend. Detach and return this postcard to your cooperative. You must pre-register by Tuesday, Sept. 15, to be eligible for the drawing.

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

Please list the NAMES OF ALL who will be attending, including yourself.

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How many children (under 12) will attend? _____

REGISTRATION GIFT

The first 400 registered members attending the meeting will be guaranteed an embossed commemorative 10-inch cast iron skillet.

Limit one per family.

SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 24

The 75th Annual Meeting of the Members of Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. could not be in June as required by the cooperative's bylaws. However, we will host a special meeting for the purpose of electing a new director and to celebrate the co-op's 75th anniversary at Roy's Black Hills Twin Drive-In Theater, 810 Tenaya St., City of Hermosa, County of Custer, State of South Dakota.

Registration will open at 5 p.m. MDT on Thursday, September 24, 2020. A boxed dinner will be provided at registration. The business meeting will start at approximately 6 p.m. on said day to take action on the following matters:

1. Declaration and election of three directors.
2. Reports to the membership

Pertaining to the declaration and election of directors, the following persons have been nominated by the Nomination Committee:

For the geographical area of Fall River County:

Dennis Quivey
13800 Old Highway 79, Oelrichs, S.D.

For the geographical area of Custer and Oglala Lakota Counties:

Alan Bishop
14416 SD Highway 40, Hermosa, S.D.

For the geographical area of Lawrence, Meade and Pennington Counties:

Michael Buckingham
5569 Blue Stem Court, Rapid City, S.D.

Thad Wasson
10251 Echo Valley Court, Rapid City, S.D.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2020:
Gary Kluthe, Secretary

Please pre-register prior to Tuesday, September 15. Members pre-registering will be eligible to win $300 cash or one of two $100 cash prizes. You may pre-register by calling 673-4461 or 1-800-742-0085, by e-mail to bhec@bhec.coop or by returning the above postcard no later than September 15.

This year's registration prize is a commemorative 10-inch cast iron skillet given to the first 400 registered members who attend the meeting. Limit one per family. Door prizes will be awarded during the meeting.