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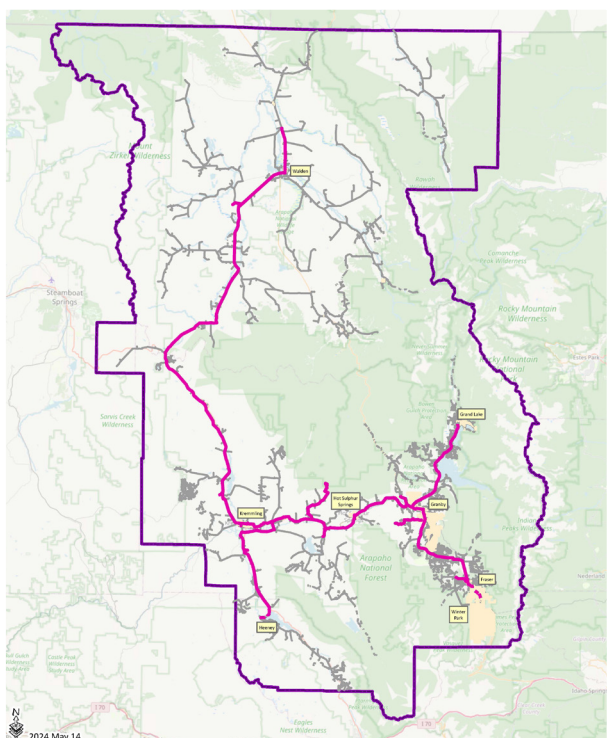
## MPE's 74th Annual Meeting

April 27, 2024

**(RIGHT)** MPE General Manager Virginia Harman visits with members during the Annual Meeting breakfast.



**(BELOW)** A map of MPE's middle-mile fiber backbone. Find out more in the 2023 Annual Report at [mpei.com/annual-report-2024](http://mpei.com/annual-report-2024).



## FIBER PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCED

CONEXON COMMUNICATIONS TO BUILD OUT FIBER TO THE PREMISE ACROSS MPE'S TERRITORY

In the General Manager's Report during the Annual Meeting, Virginia Harman announced that MPE negotiated a contract with Conexon Communications to utilize MPE's fiber assets in Conexon's construction and operation of a full fiber-to-the-premise build out across MPE's service territory.

Through this partnership, Conexon will be able to offer high-speed fiber internet service to all local homes and businesses. Conexon is schedule to begin the build out soon.

"This exciting partnership is making great use of the fiber asset that MPE built to provide another essential service to you all, our member owners," said Harman.

More news about Conexon and the partnership will be released over the next several months.

## MEMBERS APPROVE BOARD RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS

The MPE Board proposed amendments to the co-op's Bylaws and one to the Articles of Incorporation, which must be approved by the members to be effective. Members received the exact language of the amendments in the Notice of Annual Meeting that was mailed to all members.

Each member in attendance at the Annual Meeting was given a handheld device to vote on the amendments.

### Amendment 1: Amends Mountain Parks' Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation

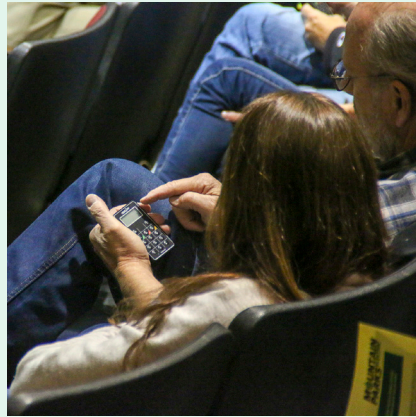
The Mountain Parks Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws require member approval of changes to any Bylaw that affects director elections, terms, or qualifications of directors, director district boundaries, or nonprofit form of business. Amendment 1 gives the Mountain Parks Board the authority to make changes to these Bylaw provisions if necessary to comply with law, rule, or regulation.

**PASS** Vote of 117 Yes to 6 No

### Amendment 2: Amends several provisions of the MPE Bylaws

1. Article 3 Section 4(a) and (b) are amended to delete unnecessary and confusing language; clarifying language is added.
2. The amendment to Section 4(d) changes the voting requirement for being elected to the MPE Board from a majority of all votes cast to a plurality of all votes cast.
  - If approved, MPE will no longer have to hold costly runoff elections when no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.
3. Article 4 Section 2(g) is revised for clarity.
4. Article 4 Section 2(k) is revised to clarify the Board's role in ensuring impartial director elections.
  - Colorado law prohibits the Board from endorsing or opposing candidates for director. The Board is confident that it lives up to this standard and will continue to do so if the amendment is approved.
  - As currently written, Section 2(k) requires the Board to actively discourage third-party campaign practices. The Board does not believe it should take on this unwieldy obligation, and that doing so could run afoul of Colorado law.
  - The amendment also removes the obligation to discourage Mountain Parks employees from making public announcements of support for director candidates.
    - This change is motivated by the Board's desire to avoid the misperception that Mountain Parks' policies affect employees' lawful off-duty activities, which are protected by Colorado law. The Board fully supports those protections.
5. Article 4 Section 6 is amended to revise an incorrect internal citation.

**PASS** Vote of 119 Yes to 3 No and 1 Abstain



*"Along our lines there are more than 23,000 meters belonging to more than 18,000 member owners. All of it taken care of by 65 employees. Our finances are healthy and there was zero time lost due to accident. This is the picture of MPE in 2023. Healthy and well positioned for the future," said Liz McIntyre in the President's Report.*

*(BELOW) Bryce Poppe goes up in a bucket ride with two possible future linemen as snow falls.*



*Jean Johnston and Leah McClain help the lineman to promote the outdoor offerings.*





More from the Annual Meeting at [mpei.com/annual-meeting-2024](https://mpei.com/annual-meeting-2024)

(LEFT) Sara McGinley delivers an electric high-pressure washer to a lucky giveaway winning member.



(ABOVE) MPE GM Virginia Harman, from left, Guzman Energy's Robin Lunt, and moderator Jim Heneghan in the Power Industry Roundtable.



The Community Roundtable included, from left, Kim Smith (Operation Round Up); Lisa Mirabito and Brad Ray (East Grand School District's two new electric buses); and Todd Budin (Sustainable Grand's CARE Program, home energy audits, and other partnerships with MPE).

# 2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

21 SCHOLARSHIPS  
TOTALING \$84,000



The 2024 MPE scholarship recipients were recognized at the Annual Meeting, and those present are pictured above. The full list of recipients is as follows: Meagan Becker, Kevin Beickman, Alexia Crews, Makeon Crum, Cassidy Davis, Brayden James, Erika Janssen, Annie Kuhns, Jady Lemon, Josie Meyring, Isabel Mont, Olivia Niedzwiecki, Erik Penalosa, Nicole Periolat, Lillie Raegner, Katherine Riesberg, Jennifer Stuart, Fletcher Van Horne, Anna Kate Wagley, Zoe Wagner, and Spencer Zavala. Find out more about the scholarship program at [mpei.com/scholarships](https://mpei.com/scholarships).

# LINEMAN APPRECIATION



## MPE's Linemen Honored at All Employee Meeting

As a part of recognizing our linemen – those who are out in the worst conditions and in the hardest to get to places to keep our lights on – the crew members were given a custom belt buckle at MPE's employee meeting on April 25. MPE Board President Liz McIntyre, far right, was on hand to say a few words of thanks to our linemen. Pictured, from left, are Torin Reed, Jose Vargas-Serna, Randy Mayeaux, Scott Crawford, David Honeycutt, Justin Long, Zachary Knight, Josh Smethurst, Chase Gaines, Nathan Klindt, Isiah Herod, Dalton Greenwood, Daylon Frentress, Adam Paulson, Sheldon Greenwood, Drew Christensen, Wayne McKee, and Liz McIntyre. Not pictured are Shawn Axtell, Jerad Boyd, Monte Crum, Taylor Johnson, Joe Lance, Bryce Poppe, and Nate Towne. Find out more about Lineman Appreciation Day (April 18) at [www.linemanappreciationday.com](http://www.linemanappreciationday.com).



## WAYS TO SAVE

LINDSAY McCANN

MEMBER SERVICE SPECIALIST

### Conserving Water

April (snow) showers and May flowers can serve as reminders for the following simple ways to save on our water usage:

#### Repair leaky faucets

Just 30 drops a minute can waste 50 gallons of water a month.

#### Optimize the dishwasher

Use your dishwasher's energy savings settings and wash only full loads.

#### Rinse all together

When washing dishes by hand, rinse the dishes in groups.

#### Cut it off

Don't leave the water running when rinsing dishes or brushing your teeth.



April 11, 2024

## GENERAL MANAGER'S BOARD MEETING BULLETIN

- The Board approved the recommendations from the MPE Scholarship Committee to award scholarships to 21 applicants, including 18 in the Academic category and three in the Trade School category, for a total of \$84,000 from the unclaimed capital credits fund.
- The Board approved acceptance of the clean audit report for the years ended Dec. 31, 2022 and 2023, that was conducted and presented by certified public accountants Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, LLP.

Read the full report at [www.mpei.com/BOARD-BULLETIN](http://www.mpei.com/BOARD-BULLETIN)