

COPPER VALLEY ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
VALDEZ DISTRICT MEETING
Valdez Civic Center
May 5, 2026

1. Call to Order

President Lon Rake called the 2026 Meeting of the Copper Valley Electric Association Membership to order at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, in Valdez, Alaska. He thanked everyone for attending the Annual Meeting of the Members. He introduced the Board of Directors who were in attendance: Vice President Delaquito, Secretary Stowe, Treasurer Maslen, Director Stark, Director Hess, Director Vereline, and Director Saxe. CEO Jaime Matthews and Executive Assistant Sara Horvath were introduced.

President Rake explained the process of drawing door prizes and reminded everyone they must be present to win any prize.

2. Reports

A. Report of Quorum

Secretary Stowe reported that the Valdez District had 1,597 active members. A minimum of 50 registered members are required for a quorum. As of 6 p.m., a quorum was established with 161 members registered.

B. Notice of Meeting

Secretary Stowe read the Notice of Meeting and reported that meeting notices and ballots were mailed to all 2,805 active members on Tuesday, March 23, 2026, in accordance with CVEA Bylaws.

C. Reading and Approval of Minutes

Secretary Stowe asked for a motion from the floor to dispense of reading the 2025 Annual Meeting minutes as they were available for review online prior to the meeting.

MOTION Mrs. Christine Sasse moved to dispense with the reading of the 2025 minutes and to accept the minutes as presented.

Mrs. Ruby Mitvitnikoff seconded.

Motion passed.

D. Financial Report

Treasurer Maslen said the financial report was included in the 2025 Annual Report and referred to the balance sheet. She reported the Cooperative ended the year financially sound with assets of \$87.8 million.

In December, CVEA paid out \$805,237 in capital credits. Member equity at yearend was \$23.9 million, which equates to 27 percent of assets.

Moving to the income statement, Treasurer Maslen said fuel costs were 28 percent of the total revenue collected for the year, which was about 3.3 percent lower than 2024. This was mainly due to the average cost of Alaska North Slope crude oil being \$10 less per barrel in 2025, in addition to 1 percent more hydroelectric generation compared to the prior year.

Eighty percent of heat revenues from the Cogeneration Project are returned to members as a credit on the bill to help offset fuel costs. In 2025, a total of \$2 million was given back to members.

CVEA received a total of \$338,954 in grant funding related to power generation assets. This helped contribute to CVEA ending 2025 with \$709,556 in margins.

If you would like a more detailed explanation of CVEA's financial status, please contact Finance Manager Lindsay Malone. Thank you for attending this year's annual meeting.

E. Election Results

The Valdez Credentials & Election Committee members were Mrs. Hannah Metroka, Chairperson; Mrs. Sarah Jorgenson-Owen, Secretary; and Ms. Sheila Jordan, Ms. Kelly Brown, and Ms. Whitney Olmsted.

Mrs. Metroka reported that in the Valdez District 1,597 ballot packages were mailed to active members. There were 262 envelopes returned; 245 were validated and counted. The results were as follows:

Jeff Saxe	245
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The Valdez District membership re-elected Mr. Jeff Saxe to a three-year term.

Mrs. Metroka reported that for the Copper Basin District, 1,208 ballot packages were mailed to active members. There were 290 envelopes returned; 281 were validated and counted. The results were as follows:

Jan Maslen	281
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The Copper Basin District membership re-elected Mrs. Jan Maslen to a three-year term.

Mrs. Metroka announced the winner of the Valdez election ballot drawing for a \$100 energy credit to the winner's May electric bill.

F. Foundation Report

Community Foundation President Yvette Delaquito reported that the Community Foundation was established to allow Copper Valley Electric to provide educational scholarships to individuals and to make contributions to educational, scientific, and charitable organizations in our communities.

Funding of the Foundation comes from unclaimed capital credits that have reverted to the Cooperative, investments, and from members who have made one-time or recurring

donations. In 2025, the Foundation awarded approximately \$32,653 in contributions to 16 nonprofit organizations in the communities.

In addition to funding local nonprofits, the Community Foundation provided over \$7,000 to support the senior communities in both districts through CVEA's Senior Holiday Giving Program.

Community members are solicited to participate on the Scholarship Selection Committee in their district. These members volunteer their time to support the Foundation's Scholarship Program and the Cooperative. Foundation President Delaquito thanked the following members who volunteered to support the Foundation by serving on the Valdez Scholarship Committee: Mrs. Mindi Baczuk, Mrs. Cassidy Coleman, and Mrs. Anna Carey.

Foundation President Delaquito announced and congratulated the Valdez scholarship winners as follows: one \$2,000 General Education Scholarship to Mr. Erik Vincent; two \$1,000 General Education Scholarships to Ms. Hailey Major and Mr. Austin Morgan; one \$2,000 Continuing Education Scholarship to Mr. Scott McCumby; and one Youth Rally Scholarship to Ms. Ava Mitchell.

G. Chief Executive Officer Report

CEO Matthews thanked members for attending the meeting and provided an overview of Cooperative accomplishments during 2025, along with a preview of 2026. She reviewed CVEA's Strategic Plan, developed in 2021, and highlighted the Cooperative's five strategic goals: building financial strength, maintaining and improving system reliability, being the employer of choice, reducing dependence on diesel fuel, and advocating for members. She also shared results from the 2025 Member Satisfaction Survey, noting that reliable electric service, reasonable electric costs, and excellent customer service were identified as top member priorities.

CEO Matthews discussed workforce transitions, employee retirements, new hires, and ongoing safety efforts, noting that the Cooperative achieved zero lost-time incidents during 2025. She also provided a broad overview of the Cooperative's financial position, budgeting efforts, capital planning, grant funding, and rate structure.

Updates were provided regarding power generation resources, including hydroelectric and diesel generation, ongoing fuel reduction efforts, and future generation planning projects. CEO Matthews reviewed major operations and maintenance efforts completed throughout the service territory, including reliability improvements, right-of-way (ROW) clearing, infrastructure upgrades, and power plant maintenance activities.

CEO Matthews also discussed member communication and advocacy efforts, including website improvements, member engagement opportunities, proposed Tariff updates, and upcoming Cooperative events and programs.

CEO Matthews opened the floor for questions and comments from the audience.

3. Acceptance of Reports

MOTION Mr. Warren Mitvitnikoff Jr. moved to accept the reports as presented.

Mr. Patrick Olson seconded.

Motion passed.

4. Old Business

There was no old business to report.

5. New Business

A. Board of Adjustment

President Rake reviewed the purpose of the Board of Adjustment and the process of appointment of members by the drawing of names from Cooperative members who volunteered. The names of Valdez members Ms. Julie Roetman, Ms. Jennifer Granquist, and Ms. Lydia Rountree were drawn for appointment to the Valdez District Board of Adjustment, each to serve a two-year term. President Rake thanked those who submitted their names in the drawing.

President Rake asked if there was any other new business to be brought forward from the Membership; there was none.

6. Special Recognition

CEO Matthews recognized the following employees for their service to the Cooperative.

Valdez District

<u>5 Years</u> Justin Moncrief Journeyman Lineman	<u>5 Years</u> Steve Williams Power Generation Manager	<u>20 Years</u> Zena Disney Power Generation Admin	<u>25 Years</u> Cindy Butherus Operations Admin
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CEO Matthews recognized the Board of Directors for their ongoing commitment to the membership and the organization. She noted all CVEA Directors had obtained their Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate (CCD). She congratulated Director Hess on earning his Board Leadership Certificate (BLC) and Vice President Delaquito on completing her Director Gold Credential this year.

CEO Matthews recognized President Rake, who also holds his Director Gold Credential, for his dedication to the industry and the Cooperative through his service on the Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA) Board of Trustees.

7. Drawing of Door Prizes

President Rake said that if there was no further business to come before the Membership, the 2026 Annual Meeting of Members would recess following the grand prize giveaway and resume in Glennallen on May 7, 2026.

President Rake facilitated the Customer Service election ballot drawing and the Split-the-Pot drawing. He reported that the Split-the-Pot fundraiser generated a total of \$624 for the Foundation and \$312 would be awarded to the winning ticketholder and \$312 would be deposited to the Foundation to help fund programs and initiatives in our communities.

Door prizes were presented to various members.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was recessed at 7:21 p.m.

Secretary

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