

YAMPA VALLEY ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD Q&A

This month's board Q&A features YVEA Board Member **Glynda Sheehan**. This section is dedicated to giving our members a chance to get to know their representatives. Below is our interview with Glenda, who represents District 1, serving Baggs, Dixon and Savery.



Glynda Sheehan, Dist. 1 Representative

Tell us about your professional background.

I have an accounting practice located in Baggs, Wyoming, that also provides many other professional services to the community. I have worked in the same office for 36 years and can say that I have never had the same day twice.

Tell us about your personal/family life.

I have been married to J Douglas Sheehan for almost 36 years and we make our home on a ranch in Slater, Colorado. J works for Carbon County Weed and Pest and his office is in the same building as mine. We have two daughters and three grandsons who are the joy of our lives. I enjoy riding my horses, snowshoeing, yoga and quilting.

What inspired you to run for the YVEA Board of Directors?

My first year on the Yampa Valley Electric Association Board of Directors was through an interview process where I only knew one person. This has been one of the most enriching experiences that I have participated in, and I have learned and continue to learn something new at every meeting.

What strengths do you bring to the YVEA board?

I believe that I bring a wide knowledge base to the board, a strong work ethic and the ability to be a good communicator and collaborator. The district that I represent has a diverse membership, and I believe my occupation helps me to better understand the electrification needs in our area, as well as making me accessible when needs or concerns arise.

What major challenges do you believe YVEA will face in the next 5–10 years?

During the time that I have served on the board of directors, YVEA has been through some aggressive changes. When I look at the changes that are occurring in our communities and the growth in the broadband sector that is allowing for remote work environments, I think our cooperative has to be very cognizant of the balance between reliable and affordable electricity. It is my job as a director to stay focused on our operating budget, strategic objectives and boardroom conversations to make sure that we can continue to advance our business to service the needs of our cooperative.

What are your thoughts on the status of the electric industry in Colorado?

As I travel through Wyoming and Colorado and see major construction on substations, wind farms, solar arrays and nuclear facilities, it tells me that the industry is rapidly adapting to diversified energy portfolios to support the ever-changing environment in the electric industry. Along with portfolio changes, it has been interesting to see membership in both Colorado and Wyoming becoming more interested in the management of their electrical usage by using advanced metering infrastructure, building smart homes and purchasing electric vehicles.

What changes do you believe will have the most significant effect on the electric industry in the next 10 years?

Hands down, I think the greatest concerns for the electric industry are fuel source, infrastructure and storage technologies.

What is the greatest concern you have for the electric industry and how it will impact our service territory?

The greatest concern for the electric industry and our service territory is employee hiring and retention due to the housing shortages. Our cooperative is diligently working within our communities to try to mitigate this difficult environment.

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