

ROOTED & RESILIENT

2023 ANNUAL MEETING A SUCCESS

BY RITA-LYN SANDERS DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Wow! Just a few weeks ago on August 3, my first year at Grand Valley Power culminated in the 2023 Annual Meeting of our Members. I have to admit, I was incredibly nervous going into my first major GVP event. But now that it's behind me, I am more confident and already looking forward to the next one.

The 2023 Annual Meeting highlighted everything that I love about our cooperative community. From the engaging membership and our purpose-driven partners to the professionalism of our employees, it made me a little teary-eyed to wear my navy blue, GVP-emblazoned polo and cowboy boots. More than 475 people, including members, directors, guests, employees, and retirees



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enjoyed a meal, good company, and heard about the many achievements that have come out of our cooperative over the past year.

To start the event, attendees received a reusable tote bag with an exclusive “Rooted and Resilient” logo and picked a canned peach product packed locally by Alida’s Fruits. This social-impact business partners with STRiVE to support and employ individuals with disabilities in the Grand Valley. We are excited to support their dignifying and inclusive mission.

And let’s not forget to mention the delicious dinner — complete with whipped-cream topped strawberry and lemon desserts — and amazing door prizes, including several bill credits and gift cards, Avalanche tickets donated by our friends at Alpine Bank, and \$500 in electric lawn tools donated by our future wholesale energy supplier, Guzman Energy. Thank you also to our partners Western United Electric Supply and Cooperative Financial Corporation and to local businesses VanWinkle Ranch Beef and JR’s Carriage Service for their donations to the prizes.

We also want to celebrate the assistance of the Fruita Monument High School FFA students who helped with parking and the staff at Colorado Mesa and Sodexo for their services.

I would be remiss if I didn’t also spend a few words focusing on Grand Valley Power’s achievements of the past year. These bring to light our cooperative’s Rooted and Resilient character and highlight the cooperative principle of Concern for Community:

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Members listen to GVP’s business report and year in review at the Annual Meeting, held at Colorado Mesa University.



GVP Energy Services Administrator Destry Smith talks with a member at the Annual Meeting in August.

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- Announced the future transition to Guzman Energy as our new wholesale power supplier
- Contributed \$60,000 to local community organizations and events, and youth scholarships that exceed \$20,000
- Received a 4.88 (on a 5-point scale) member satisfaction score
- Attained the critical benchmark of safety and celebrated the fourth consecutive year of no lost-time accidents

These accomplishments are all meaningful ways that we demonstrate — every day — our commitment to providing safe, reliable, and affordable power to you, our members, and empowering your lives with hometown service.

Something we introduced at this year's meeting to help ensure we are engaging with and meeting the needs of our membership was a question and answer session. Members could submit a question with their online RSVP. From among our 250-plus members who RSVP'd, we received 13 questions on topics such as rebates, solar, time-of-use rates, our future wholesale power supplier, and disconnects. Derek Elder, our Chief Administrative Officer, and Tom Walch, our Chief Executive Officer, took the time to make sure we answered these questions at the meeting for all our members.

I have coordinated many events in my career, but this was the largest-attended and most logistically detailed event I've ever managed. The attention and care that Grand Valley Power puts into serving our members and providing the most engaging experience is second to none. Our employees just jump in and go to work for you.

If you missed our wonderful annual meeting, I invite you to watch the 2023 Business Report video on YouTube.



Members share a meal and have a few laughs during the prize portion of the Annual Meeting.

This video was part of our meeting and highlights GVP's accomplishments, tells the story of one of our members, and explains the "why" behind time-of-use rates. Scan the QR code or visit gvp.org/roots to find the video.

Thank you to all our members who attended GVP's Annual Meeting. I'm already making plans for next year's event; and after being greeted by so many friendly members this go around, I won't be as nervous — I look forward to seeing you there.

BOARD MEETING NOTICE

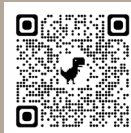
Grand Valley Power board meetings are open to members, consumers, and the public. Regularly scheduled board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the headquarters building located at 845 22 Road, Grand Junction, Colorado.

The meeting on September 20 will begin at 5 p.m.

The monthly agenda is posted in the lobby of the headquarters building 10 days before each meeting and posted on the GVP website.

If anyone desires to address the Board of Directors, please let us know in advance and you will be placed on the agenda.

WATCH IT NOW ON YOUTUBE




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**ROOTED & RESILIENT
2023 BUSINESS
REPORT**

Empowering lives for 87 years



Members Elect Two Incumbents, One Newcomer to Board

Members elect (left to right) Joseph Burtard, Joe Landini, and Janie VanWinkle to Grand Valley Power's nine-member Board of Directors. 



Grand Valley Power members elected three directors to the Board of Directors on August 3. Five candidates vied for three positions. Incumbents Joseph Burtard and Janie VanWinkle were re-elected, along with newcomer Joe Landini. Each will serve a three-year term and join the six other sitting directors on the cooperative's board.

Local CPA firm Chadwick, Steinkirchner, Davis & Co., P.C., tabulated the ballots under the supervision of the Grand Valley Power Election Supervisory Committee. The final vote count was:

- **Janie VanWinkle** 1,710 votes
- **Joe Landini** 1,627 votes
- **Joseph Burtard** 1,473 votes
- **Mike Moran** 965 votes
- **Thomas Lake** 851 votes

Grand Valley Power extends its deep appreciation to Don McClaskey for his 21 years of service on the board and his dedication to GVP members.

Thank you to all members who participated in this year's election. Results are online at gvp.org/director-election-results-2023.

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TOGETHER WE CAN DETERMINE WAYS TO SAVE

BY DESTRY SMITH ENERGY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR



DESTRY SMITH

Serving as your trusted energy advisor means I want to provide advice and information on a broad range of energy topics and help you save energy (and money). I've outlined below just a few of the ways that we at Grand Valley Power strive to empower members' lives.

SOLAR

If you're considering a rooftop solar installation, I am happy to give you an unbiased view of the pros and cons. Investing in a solar system is a major decision, and it's important to fully understand the costs, responsibilities, and potential energy savings. Unlike a solar company that has one objective — to sell their products and services — I am here to work with you to look at your total energy picture and help you determine the best option for your home. It's important for consumers to understand how a solar system will impact their bill with time-of-use rates. A consumer with high on-peak usage (4 to 9 p.m.) might consider installing more west-facing panels than any other direction. Grand Valley Power understands that homeowners must do their due diligence, and we're here to help you through the entire process. More information can be found online at gvp.org/solar.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Similarly, we recognize that many members are considering electric vehicles. GVP offers ways to save on EV charging with an Electric Vehicle Time-of-Use Rate. This option allows for a kilowatt-hour rate from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. that is specific to EV charging. Members must present registration documentation for a Plug-In Hybrid EV or All Electric Vehicle to switch to this rate class. Grand Valley Power also provides information about EV charging and electrical requirements to members so you can make informed decisions about EVs. No matter what our members drive, we want to help you achieve energy savings. More information is available online at gvp.org/driveEV.

HOME ENERGY USE

Understanding how your home uses energy can help you determine the best ways to modify your energy use, and keep more money in your wallet. Give us a call and we can walk you through how to see your usage in the SmartHub account management tool. You can use SmartHub to explore your electricity usage on a daily or even hourly basis. You can also see which days of the week your usage is highest and even narrow it down by which hours of the day

you consume the most power. SmartHub allows you to set up text messages that will be delivered to your cellphone to alert you when your household usage hits a certain kWh threshold. Using GVP's SmartHub account management services could potentially raise your awareness and ultimately reduce your energy consumption. More information is online at gvp.org/SmartHub.

At any time of the day, you can visit the Grand Valley Power website at gvp.org and find resources and tools under the Energy Solutions tab. An energy calculator will help you to calculate the cost of operating household items and appliances. Members can utilize the virtual Home Energy Adventure to assess their energy efficiency knowledge and learn the areas where they can improve. Be sure to visit gvp.org and check the savings tips to increase your home's efficiency, which will, in turn, save you money.

Destry Smith is GVP's Energy Services Administrator. Prior to this role, he worked in the field as a GVP journeyman lineman. A graduate of Colorado Mesa University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, Destry also completed the Electrical Lineworkers Program at Western Colorado Community College. His education and work in the field as a lineman has prepared him to serve in GVP's Member Services Department as your trusted energy advisor.

CO-OP CALENDAR

Labor Day (Office Closed) - Monday, Sept. 4

September Board Meeting - 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20

