

Swank Named CEO of CVEC



David Swank
CVEC's New CEO

The Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees named David Swank as Chief Executive Officer effective Feb. 1, 2015. Swank replaces George Hand who retired Jan. 31, 2015.

“David Swank provides superior leadership as a proven and successful co-op manager,” said Yates Adcock, President of the CVEC Board of Trustees. “We are blessed to name David as CVEC’s CEO, and have utmost confidence in his ability to position the members of CVEC for a secure and strong energy future.”

Swank has more than two decades experience in the electric cooperative sector. In 2005, Swank was named CEO of Central Rural Electric Cooperative in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and will continue that role moving forward.

“David has been instrumental in moving CREC forward over the last

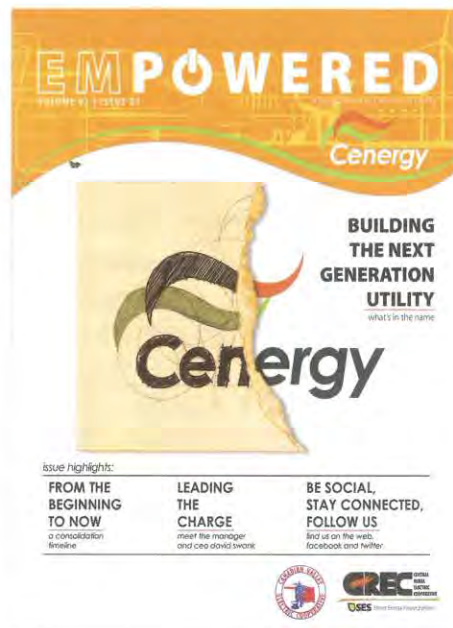
10 years,” said Gary McCune, President of the CREC Board of Trustees. “We are excited about our relationship with CVEC and see this as a stepping stone toward becoming the next generation utility.”

Prior to working for CREC, Swank spent 12 years at Grundy Electric Cooperative in Trenton, Missouri, his hometown. Swank also served as

president of a technology firm in the Kansas City area.

Swank serves on the boards of the OSU Center for Innovation and Economic Development and Stillwater Cares. Past appointments include Chairman of the Stillwater Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

Swank and wife Renee have two daughters, Brittany and Caroline.



CVEC, CREC Announce New Newsletter

Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative and Central Rural Electric Cooperative will begin publishing a newsletter for the combined membership beginning in March. The new newsletter titled *Empowered* will be inserted in *Oklahoma Living* magazine. The newsletter will be published quarterly and will provide members with important information about shared services and the potential consolidation.

Thoughts from the CEO

By David Swank

As I introduce myself here at Canadian Valley, I first want to say that I am thankful to have the opportunity to serve you along with the entire board and team at CVEC. I have enjoyed the chance to meet many of you at member meetings and various events and engage about the future of your cooperative. Working for the cooperative and serving the member-owners is both a privilege and honor.

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In Case of Trouble

1. Check for blown fuse or tripped circuit breakers.
2. Check with your neighbors. Ask if their electricity is off and if they have reported it.
3. If not call the office and report the trouble.

	<u>Read</u>	<u>Billing date</u>	
Cycle 1	26th-31st	5th	1-1/2% penalty is
Cycle 2	6th-11th	15th	applied 20 days
Cycle 3	16th-21st	25th	after billing date

Operating Statistics for December

	2013	2014
Operating Revenues	\$5,559,975	\$6,033,718
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$4,346,454	\$4,516,831
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	78.17	74.86
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$1,068.40	\$1,155.45
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.61	4.65
KW Peak Demand - This month	162,978	148,678
Billing kW demand	109,236	109,675
KW Peak Demand - YTD	162,978	184,404
KWh Purchased - This month	80,293,460	72,222,970
Taxes Paid	\$114,528	\$117,024
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$182,166	\$185,184
System Load Factor	66.2	65.3

New Services Staked in January

During the month of January 25 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2015 is 25. This compares to 34 for the same period in 2014.

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I hope to share more information with you each month about our vision for the future and how we are striving to “build our energy future together” with Central Rural Electric Cooperative. In this article I want to take a moment and express what I believe is at the heart of making our cooperative great – people who truly are committed to making a difference in others lives. These individuals make a difference due to the character and integrity they represent. Many words could define these characteristics but I would like to mention just a few: Sincerity, Authenticity, Humility and Dedication.

On January 31, George Hand retired after 30 years here at CVEC and more than 40 years in the cooperative program. When I came to Oklahoma ten years ago I met George for the first time. I knew immediately from George’s sincerity that he was someone I wanted to get to know and learn from. You knew when you were speaking with George about cooperative affairs that he was sincere about serving the members and doing what was right on the members’ behalf.

Sincerity – someone who is honest, trustworthy and straightforward

Thank you George for your sincerity that has made a difference in many lives including mine.

Those individuals that leave lasting impressions on our lives are usually those that are authentic. In other words, you can see their heart, are willing to allow them to shape your life and are receptive to being influenced by their wisdom.

Authenticity – someone who is genuine and provides wisdom

Thank you George for your wisdom over the many years of service and showing your heart for the cooperative program and members.

When others are not aware of all the great work you have done here at CVEC, and the state and national level, it is largely due to the fact that you have exemplified the greatest trait of all, humility. George has accomplished much here at CVEC but has also left a lasting mark on the entire cooperative program. Cooperatives are the strongest utility network in the nation and that is due to the servant leadership of individuals like George Hand.

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Upgrading Your Home's Lighting can Make it Safer as You Age

If your eyesight isn't what it used to be — and whose is? — consider upgrading the lighting in your home.

Better — and more — lights on the inside and outside of your house could make it possible for you to live there longer as you age.

Start in the bathroom. If you have a strip of lights above your vanity and sink, that might not be enough to stay safe in a room whose floor is often wet. Plus, the placement of those lights doesn't allow for your best reflection in the mirror as you shave or apply makeup while you're getting ready for your day.

Add some lights to each side of the mirror. Wall sconces reflect light onto your face at a better angle.

Consider adding overhead lighting as well. A single fixture isn't as efficient 1104011600 as several ceiling-hung lights.

Another light on the ceiling of the shower will help you see better in a spot of the bathroom that's often used but usually a bit dark.

Next, add more lights in the kitchen. Install task lighting under cabinets so it shines on the counters where you cut up vegetables and handle hot food.

And think about enlarging your windows — or minimizing window coverings — so natural light can wash over the space and brighten it up.

Other ideas:

- Place lights on staircases indoors and out.

- Add dimmer switches in room where you might need bright light while cleaning or working, but prefer something not as bright while you're watching TV or eating dinner.

- Install a motion sensor on outdoor security lights so they come on as you approach the house. A bonus: The light will use a fraction of the energy as one that stays on all of the time.



OPERATION ROUND-UP FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BEGINNING BALANCE 11/30/14.....	\$206,057.54
DEPOSITS.....	8,193.42
INTEREST INCOME	11.85
CHECKS ISSUED	-1,121.23
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-3,602.11
BALANCE 12/31/14.....	\$209,539.47

CVEC Foundation administers and disburses funds collected through CVEC's Operation Round-Up Program.

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Humility – a modest opinion of one's self

Thank you George, for demonstrating to all of us what makes leaders great, a servant mentality and thinking of others before yourself.

Over the past several years George and I have had the opportunity to work together on evaluating and considering the consolidation opportunities between CREC and CVEC. This has given me the opportunity to see the dedication George had, and continues to have, to the cooperative and ultimately you the members.

Dedication – complete and wholehearted devotion

Thank you George for your dedication to CVEC, the cooperative program on a national level and for dedicating yourself to positioning the cooperative for the future.

Find Your Account Number and Win \$25

If you find your account number hidden in this issue of *The Electralite*, you could win \$25.

In order to win, the account number must be your own.

You need to report finding the number to us by the 15th of the month.

And you need to report finding it by phone, mail or in person. Good luck!

Trading Center Classifieds

Each CVEC member family is limited to ONE free classified ad per month. The form below must be used. The length of the ad cannot exceed three lines on the form. Ads run only one time. Area codes are not used unless outside the 405 area.

ALL INFORMATION BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED

Name

Address

Account # Phone #

Classified must be received by the 5th of the month to appear in the following edition of The Electra-Lite.

Automobiles

1966 Dodge Dart convertible, 48K miles, garage-kept, \$7,500; 1978 GMC Gin Pole truck, \$3,500, 918-490-2223.

1972 Chevy 2-ton all steel flatbed w/dove tail, \$1,975; 1985 Crown Vic, 49K miles, \$2,975, 606-9113.

Equipment

Irrigation wench, lots of cable, \$195, 606-9113.

2010 New Holland T1520 diesel tractor, 4x4, 35 hp, 137 hours, front-end loader, 5' Rhino rotary cutter, \$13,500 OBO, 382-1444.

Pro-Mac 700 20-inch bar, \$75; 14-inch cast iron lid, \$10; propane liquid line w/valve, \$50, 454-2046.

2002 CM 3-horse slant trailer w/mangers, weekend pkg., new tires, good battery, refrigerator, stove, sink, \$16,750 OBO, 640-6470.

Miscellaneous

FREE - quilt backing or bottom, full-size w/batting, also material to make hand-made quilts, 543-9652.

Whirlpool washer and dryer, \$200; LP gas dryer, \$125; electric cook stove, \$100, 275-3419.

Two plots in Resthaven Cemetery, 61D, 3 & 4, Garden of Prayer, \$2,500, (918) 781-2187.

RCA 65" projection TV, works,

\$100, 598-0216.

Metal trash and feed barrels w/lids, \$10-\$12 ea.; 20-yr. old John Deere 5' windmill still in box, \$75, 567-7921.

High-quality Bermuda hay, sq. bales, \$6, discount for 25 bales or more, Alfalfa \$9, various rd. bales of hay, 598-2330.

Old Country store chopping block, \$100, 615-0267.

Ridgeway Grandfather chime clock, oak, \$800; glass curio cabinet, \$400; Lane 2 recliner and love seat, burgundy, about 1 yr. old, \$300, 863-3419.

Clothes-line poles, \$35; lg. fiberglass pet carrier, no door, \$9; 454-0510.

Large conference table or dining table w/4 padded chairs, \$125; antique vanity dresser, 5-drawers, lg. round mirror, \$125, 623-6685.

Water cooler, used 1 summer, \$150; 5-yr.-old Craftsman riding mower, new deck, seized motor, \$150, 664-8102.

Sherman Clay console piano, oak, great condition, you move it, \$1,800, 273-0670.

1991 Dodge diesel 350 auto transmission, 100867 miles, \$3,200, 570-8404.

Two double-depth plots in Resthaven Cemetery, 22-B, spaces 2 and 3, Trinity Garden, to be sold at auction to the highest bidder, 258-1511.

Square bales of prairie hay, \$4 ea., 598-5860.

30-year-old blonde, 5-piece bedroom suite, \$100, 398-4337.

Pets/Livestock

Rabbit farm, hutches, 8 rabbits (some have been bred), \$350, 918-866-2440.

Four yearling Brangus bulls, one registered yearling, 258-2950, (918) 812-5948.

Llewelin Setter puppies, IPD-BA, parents are good hunters and great family dogs, \$450, 760-6249.

St. Bernard-Great Dane puppies, 1st shots and wormed, (918) 618-2123.

Real Estate

2&3/4 acres on Whispering Oak Dr., north of Jacktown, off Hwy. 177, \$13,000 OBO, 279-3638.

20 acres, 2 ponds, 28'x60' mobile home, metal shop, greenhouse, 382-2116.

One 79'x120' lot, Arrowhead Estates, one 40'x140' lot w/ RV cover, 20'x40' Casaway Cove on Eufaula Lake, 382-1832.

Auction on March 24 - Two houses on 5 acres, one money, Hwy. 9A, Konawa district, 659-0704.

20 acres on paved road in Tecumseh, 606-9113.

RV

New custom-built M.C. trike, must see to appreciate,

\$15,000 or trade for equal value, 200-5974.

Services

Will haul away off unwanted scrap metal, old appliances, car batteries, anything that can be recycled, in south Pottawatomie County, 777-6955.

FREE - will haul away unwanted major appliances, scrap metal, car batteries, within a 15-mile radius of Shawnee, 609-4365.

Wanted

Want to split/share an order of baby chicks, 273-7366.

Land to hunt/fish on with my wife, son and grandson, 932-4336.

Will buy good used carpet, (580) 925-3428, (580) 332-0239.

Be Prepared to Stop Fire from Spreading in Your Home

Fires tend to spread quicker in homes today than they did 30 years ago, according to Underwriters Laboratories, a product safety organization.

The reason: Today's furnishings, from pillows to furniture to carpeting to clothing, are more likely to be made from synthetic or petroleum products, which burn quicker than natural materi-

als, the agency says.

In a UL test, a room furnished with modern products went up in flames in less than three minutes.

The same room, when furnished with 50-year-old products, took half an hour to burn.

The best furnishings your home can have, fire officials say, are sprinklers and smoke alarms.



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