

Meet the Candidates



Mike Rierson

With 20 years of experience on the SLVREC Board of Directors, Mike Rierson will be running as the incumbent for the Member at Large seat, District 7. Prior to becoming a director, Mike served on the Board Feedback Committee for five years.

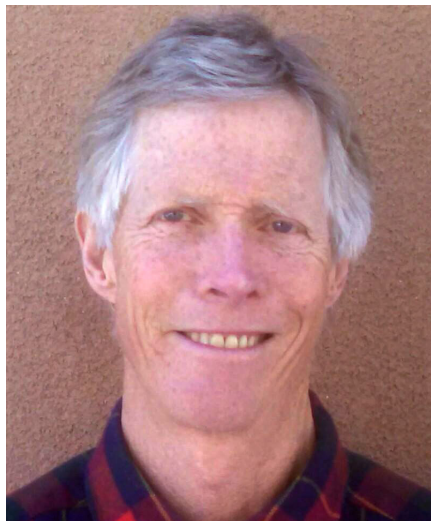
Mike and his wife, Sarah, have two children, Zoë and Ross. They are the proprietors of the Rierson Farm near Center.

In addition to serving on SLVREC's Board, Mike also represented SLVREC as a director of Colorado Rural Electric Association. He has served as board member and past president for Creede Repertory Theatre and as past president and current member of Kiwanis Club of Center. He has served on the board for SLV Friends of NRA. Mike is actively involved with his community.

He has completed the National Credential Cooperative Director Program. He believes his commitment to keeping up with the industry, along with his 16 years of experience as a board member, have been helpful in dealing with the challenges that face the cooperative today.

"I want to ensure that we work to keep rates affordable, fair, and equitable between each rate classification. It is important that everyone pays their fair share across the cooperative."

"I'm extremely excited about Ciello and bringing state-of-the-art fiber optics to our community. I believe this will offer so many options for individuals, families and small businesses to grow and thrive here. I would consider it an honor and privilege to serve another term."



Wade Lockhart

I am drawn to run for the Member at Large, District 7, seat on the SLVREC Board of Directors this year, because I have an interest in serving our community. I want to bring new ideas to the board that can benefit our community by providing new jobs, stable and potentially lower rates, better overall efficiency, and greater energy independence. We live in a time and location that has huge potential to improve our economic well-being through our electric cooperative, which we all own.

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More Than a Customer

Author Anthony J. D'Angelo observed that "Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community."

To a large degree, this reflects REC's philosophy toward our members and the broader service territory that we serve. As a cooperative, we have a different "bottom line." While our priority is always to provide reliable and safe energy, there is another equally important part of this equation. Your well-being and that of the larger community that we serve are of paramount concern.

To us, you are not just a customer, you are a member of our co-op, and without you, we would not exist.

In 1937 San Luis Valley REC was founded to fulfill a vital need in our community that otherwise would not have been met. Concerned local leaders came together to build this co-op and bring electricity where there was none.

At that time, members of the community understood, we were different, because they likely knew someone who helped to create REC. For most people, our founding and its circumstances have been long forgotten. Over time, folks in the community may have come to think of us as simply another energy provider. But we are not. We are a co-op that is constantly evolving to meet the needs of the communities we serve, and we are able to do this because of members like you.

Since our inception, we have sought

feedback and engagement from you and from the larger community to guide our long-term decisions. This is why we hold annual meetings and other events, such as Key Account meetings throughout the year. We host events like these to engage with you and listen to your feedback.

We strive to find new ways to help you use energy more efficiently. We're always looking to explore more options that will help you manage your energy use, such as SmartHub and the prepaid account option. In short, we are always seeking to keep pace with the changing energy environment, evolving technology, and shifting consumer expectations.

REC members help guide important co-op decisions that improve and enrich the community. We value the perspective of our board members, who are members of the co-op and community — just like you.

As a local business, we have a stake in the community. That's why we support local charitable organizations — programs like Operation Round-Up — and participate in community outreach through our servant leadership group projects. When you support these efforts, you are supporting the community and making it a better place for everyone.

While the times may have changed, our mission and outlook have not. We view our role as a catalyst for good. Working together, we can accomplish great things for our community, now and in the future.

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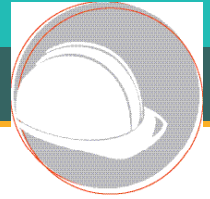


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Rate Sheet Update 2019



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| Rate | Charge Type | 2019 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| Schedule A | | |
| Rev: 01, 04, 08, 09 | Customer Charge | 35.40 |
| Rate: 01, 02, 04, 05, 07, 15 | Demand Charge/kW | 7.59 |
| | Energy Charge/kWh | 0.066 |
| Schedule A-TOD | | |
| Rev: 01, 04, 08, 09 | Customer Charge/1 Ph | 39.40 |
| Rate: 08, 09, 10, 11 | Customer Charge/3 Ph | 47.15 |
| | Distribution Demand/kW | 2.85 |
| | Purchased Pwr Demand/kW | 5.45 |
| | Energy Charge | 0.046 |
| Schedule B | | |
| Rev: 01, 04, 08, 09 | Customer Charge | 47.00 |
| Rate: 03, 06 | Demand Charge/kW | 6.93 |
| | Energy Charge/kWh | 0.088 |
| Schedule I | | |
| Rev: 03 | Customer Charge/Meter | 35.00 |
| Rate: 60, 62, 63, 65, 80, 82, 83, 85 | Customer Charge/No Meter | 25.00 |
| Fallowed Rate: 20, 22, 23, 25 | Distribution Demand/kW | 5.31 |
| | Purchased Pwr Demand/kW | 10.03 |
| | Energy Charge | 0.046 |
| | Fallowed Land/kW (Minimum 5) | 1.75 |
| Schedule LP-A | | |
| Rev: 05 | Customer Charge | 80.00 |
| Rate: 50, 55 | Demand Charge/kW | 10.67 |
| | Energy Charge/kWh | 0.076 |
| Schedule LP-A TOD | | |
| Rev: 05 | Customer Charge | 80.00 |
| Rate: 54, 56 | Distribution Demand/kW | 10.83 |
| | Purchased Pwr Demand/kW | 12.00 |
| | Energy Charge | 0.046 |
| Schedule LP-B | | |
| Rev: 07 | Customer Charge | 325.00 |
| Rate: 51, 52, 53 | Demand Charge/kW | 20.86 |
| | Energy Charge/kWh | 0.043 |
| Schedule YL | | |
| Rate: 70 or SYL | Unmetered Charge/Monthly | 12.77 |
| | Metered/Monthly | 6.10 |



Meet Your Candidates

I have lived and worked in the northern San Luis Valley since 1993 where, as an employee of the Colorado Outward Bound School, I spent two seasons in the Sangre de Cristos as a wilderness instructor. Since then, I have worked in language education, wildlife mitigation, and, most relevantly, the building trade. As an LLC in Crestone, I have worked to discover ways to reduce energy bills and improve comfort and building performance in custom residential home construction. In my work and relationships, I have always focused on quality, creativity, and energy efficiency.

My formal education is in engineering: Extractive Metallurgy, (B.S., 1980, Colorado School of Mines). I worked in the Colorado mining industry between 1975 and 1980 and have worked both as a miner and an electrometallurgist (1980, Globe, Arizona). The resources gained from these experiences gave me a broader understanding of the work I took on in the building trades. With these assets, including knowledge of generation and transmission, I have more than just a hammer and nails in my toolbox.

My skills will be useful to our SLVREC community as we move into a future where energy costs and availability are increasingly challenging. I believe we need to assess and potentially pursue new power supply options, as costs are dropping and many amazing opportunities are emerging.

If elected, I will be committed to working with all co-op members and directors to capitalize on opportunities to achieve these important goals for the future: more energy efficiency, a stable power supply, lower rates, and, especially, more energy independence. It will be a great honor as SLVREC Member at Large, District 7, to serve the needs of the traditional agricultural economy and the community at large. I am seeking your vote to build a better SLVREC, so please extend your support to me this May when the ballots go out. Thank you.

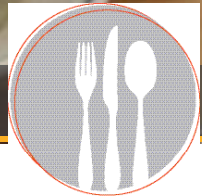
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Annual Meeting Location Change



CHANGE IN MEETING LOCATION!

**Annual Meeting
will be held at the
National Guard Readiness Center
1877 Old Sanford Road
Alamosa, Colorado 81101**



RECIPES OF THE MONTH

INGREDIENTS

1 medium head cabbage
1-1/2 cups chopped onion, divided
1 tablespoon butter
2 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) Italian stewed tomatoes
4 garlic cloves, minced
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1-1/2 teaspoons salt, divided
1 cup cooked rice
1/4 cup ketchup
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 pound lean ground beef (90% lean)
1/4 pound bulk Italian sausage
1/2 cup V8 juice, optional

Classic Cabbage Rolls

In a Dutch oven, cook cabbage in boiling water for 10 minutes or until outer leaves are tender; drain. Rinse in cold water; drain. Remove eight large outer leaves (refrigerate remaining cabbage for another use); set aside.

For the sauce. In a large saucepan, saute 1 cup onion in butter until tender. Add the tomatoes, garlic, brown sugar and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine the rice, ketchup, Worcestershire sauce, pepper and remaining onion and salt. Crumble beef and sausage over mixture and mix well.

Remove thick vein from cabbage leaves for easier rolling. Place about 1/2 cup meat mixture on each leaf; fold in sides. Starting at an unfolded edge, roll up leaf to completely enclose filling. Place seam side down in a skillet. Top with the sauce.

Cover and cook over medium-low heat for 1 hour. Add V8 juice if desired. Reduce heat to low; cook 20 minutes longer or until rolls are heated through and a thermometer inserted in the filling reads 160°.

INGREDIENTS

CAKE:

4 large eggs
2 cups sugar
1 cup canola oil
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 to 3 teaspoons ground cinnamon
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 cups grated carrots

FROSTING:

1/2 cup butter, softened
3 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3-3/4 cups confectioners' sugar
2 to 3 tablespoons 2% milk
1 cup chopped walnuts, optional
Orange and green food coloring, optional

Old-Fashioned Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting

In a large bowl, combine the eggs, sugar and oil. In a separate bowl combine the flour, cinnamon, baking soda, baking powder, salt and nutmeg; beat into egg mixture. Stir in carrots.

Pour into two greased and floured 9-in. round baking pans. Bake at 350° for 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely.

For frosting, in another large bowl, cream butter and cream cheese until light and fluffy. Beat in vanilla. Gradually beat in confectioners' sugar. Add enough milk to achieve desired spreading consistency. Reserve 1/2 cup frosting for decorating if desired. If desired, stir walnuts into remaining frosting.

Spread frosting between layers and over top and sides of cake. If decorating the cake, tint 1/4 cup reserved frosting orange and 1/4 cup green. Cut a small hole in the corner of pastry or plastic bag; insert #7 round pastry tip. Fill the bag with orange frosting. Pipe twelve carrots on top of cake, so each slice will have a carrot. Using #67 leaf pastry tip and the green frosting, pipe a leaf at the top of each carrot.

Store cake in the refrigerator.



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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Board Meeting: April 30, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m.
The REC Board of Directors meets the last Tuesday of each
month unless otherwise stated. Members are welcome.

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