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## **Sunflower Holds Annual Meeting, Elects Officers, and Makes Organizational Changes**

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HAYS, KS —Holcomb Station was the host site for the 2006 annual meeting of Sunflower Electric Power Corporation. The Board of Directors received reports concerning the corporation's current activities, and elected officers for the coming year.

Following the Board's meetings, an organizational meeting was conducted by the Board to elect their leadership for the coming year. Charles Ayers who lives in Leoti, Kansas and represents Wheatland Electric Cooperative was re-elected to be Chairman of the Board of Directors. Loren Ochs, who lives in near Jetmore, Kansas and represents Victory Electric Cooperative Association, was elected Vice Chairman.

Earl Watkins, Sunflower's President and Chief Executive Officer, in his report to the Board said, "The difficult decisions this Board has made over the years have brought us to the point where the Member Systems are able to take advantage of the opportunities that are available to us today."

Several organizational changes were also announced on Monday. Jim Hanks, Sunflower's Senior Vice President for Administration said, "The changes we're announcing today will help Sunflower more effectively meet the opportunities and challenges we see on the horizon." The title changes and new individual responsibilities include:

Kyle Nelson was elected by the Board to serve as Vice President, Power Production and Engineering, and Noman Williams was elected to serve as Vice President, Transmission Services and Engineering.

Additional promotions include:

- Wayne Penrod, Hays, was promoted to Executive Manager, Environment;
- Jayne Clarke, Hays, was promoted to Executive Manager, Financial Services;

- Clare Gustin, Hays, was promoted to Executive Manager, External Affairs;
- Jana Horsfall, Garden City, was promoted to Executive Manager, Administrative Services;
- Jerry Herman, Hays, was promoted to Senior Manager, Information Services;
- Corey Linville, Garden City, was promoted to Manager, Power Production Engineering;
- Bill Nolte, Garden City, was promoted to Manager, System Operations.
- Tom Zerfas, Hays, was promoted to Manager, Human Resources & Benefits.

### **About Sunflower—**

Sunflower Electric Power Corporation is a regional wholesale power supplier that owns and operates a 595 MW system of gas and coal-fired generating plants and a 1,200-mile transmission system for the needs of its six member cooperatives who serve 118,000 people spread throughout a 21,000 square mile area in western Kansas. Sunflower also provides power to regional utilities in western Kansas and in ten states. Visit Sunflower's website at <http://www.sunflower.net>