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- **BPA Pre-Payments:**
  - **Plugged-in Hybrid Vehicles:**
    - Additional studies are being done to evaluate plug-in hybrid vehicles to reduce dependence on petroleum products.
    - Staff will investigate retrofit kits to improve the performance of existing hybrids.
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### Website Results
- **All board meetings are held at 7 pm at Salem Electric, 633 Seventh Street NW, Salem, Oregon.

### Current Board of Directors
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### Upcoming Board Meetings
- **June 27**
- **July 22**
- **August 22**

### Staff Highlights
- **General Manager Bob Speckman**
  - Discusses the future challenges and opportunities regarding power supply and generation.

- **Apparatus Technician Jim Drago**
  - Reviews some of the equipment we use to make our system more reliable.

- **Special Services Representative Helen Findley**
  - Provides an overview of the Salem Electric Heating Assistance Program.

- **Customer Service Representative Michele Mogle**
  - Talks about the information on our community involvement, programs to support youth and how we met our goals in 2005.

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  - Shares information about his experience with the Leadership Youth Program.

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