

# Powerline Press

## NEWSLETTER



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# 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

## Save the Date

LREC is excited to host our Annual Meeting of the membership on **April 29th**. Mark your calendar for your Co-op Annual Meeting! The meeting will be on the last Saturday of April, back at Hulbert Public Schools (316 Rider Ln, Hulbert, OK 74441).

Each member account registered will receive a **\$30 electric credit** and have their name entered into a raffle for **cash prizes totaling \$4,500** after the Annual Meeting. The membership will **vote on two open board seats**. The voting will be conducted in an in-person drive-through format. Please be sure to bring your bill for quick registration.

We will also have a business meeting at the Hulbert School Auditorium at 1:30 p.m. for our CEO to update the members on co-op financials. **NO PRIZES** will be presented at this business meeting. This will only consist of the co-op financials.

LREC's success depends on guidance from its Board of Trustees, consisting of seven democratically-elected individuals from the membership. The board governs the cooperative by setting strategic goals, rates, and cooperative policies.

If you or a passenger in your vehicle have medical conditions or have difficulty spending an extended amount of time in a vehicle, please take precautions accordingly. We have planned for the traffic to flow as quickly as possible.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

### LREC Annual Meeting Agenda

Annual Meeting of the Membership  
Hulbert Public School, April 29, 2023

#### Call Meeting to Order at 8:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m. .... Board President, Scott Manes

#### Recess Business Session until 1:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. .... Drive Through Registration & Voting of Matters on Hand

Agenda Items for Drive Through Voting

- a. Approval of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes
- b. Election of Trustees

Voting Results and Drawing will be Announced on LREC Website Page and Facebook shortly after close of Registration

#### Resume Business Meeting 1:30 p.m. (Hulbert School Auditorium)

Business Meeting for the Purpose of Giving Reports  
(**NO PRIZES** will be given at this Business Meeting)

Call Recessed Meeting to Order ..... Board President, Scott Manes

Invocation ..... Glen Clark, LREC Employee

Welcome and Introduction of Guest ..... John Lee, CEO

Quorum and Notice ..... Tina Glory-Jordan, Cooperative Attorney

CEO's Report and the Financial Report ..... John Lee, CEO

Announcement of Trustee Election Results ..... Tina Glory-Jordan, Cooperative, Attorney

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn Business Meeting

# 2023 Board of Directors Election | Two Open Seats



**Lynn Lamons** is a Cherokee County farmer and rancher who has spent his entire life in the Lake Region Electric Cooperative service area. He graduated from Tahlequah High School and is a Hulbert resident. Lynn has been an active member of the Cherokee County 4-H Club for many years. Lynn has served on the LREC's Board of Trustees for the past 21 years. He has earned credentials as Cooperative Trustee, Board Leadership Certification, and Director Gold Credentials from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). Lynn has played an active role in guiding the cooperative through changes in the electric utility industry. He has worked to ensure that the cooperative provides reliable and affordable electric service to its members. Currently, Lynn serves as Vice-President of the board.



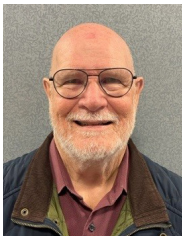
**Dianna Mayfield** is a lifelong member of LREC and a resident of the Shady Grove area. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from NSU and has extensive experience as a business owner, having owned and operated Cherokee Nation Towers with her late husband for 23 years. In addition to her business experience, Dianna has also served on the LREC Board of Trustees for the past five years, where she has been a passionate advocate for the cooperative and its members. She has earned credentials as a Cooperative Trustee from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), which demonstrates her commitment to staying up-to-date on industry best practices and serving the needs of LREC members.



**Stanley Young** has over four decades of experience in the electric utility industry, having worked for LREC. Stanley began his career with LREC in November 1972 as a lineman and worked up the ranks over the years. He left LREC in December 1978 to attend NSU but returned to the company in May 1978 as a staking tech in the engineering department. He held various other roles at LREC, including safety coordinator and economic development specialist. Stanley returned to NSU, got a Bachelor of Business Administration, and became LREC's Marketing Supervisor in 1997 and held this position for 21 years before retiring from LREC with over 40 years of service. Stanley would like to represent the members on the Board of Directors. Currently, Stanley is employed by Mark Hodson State Farm as a Multiple Line Representative of Insurance.



**Johnny Halpain** is a resident of the Gideon community in Tahlequah, has been a member of LREC since 1985. Johnny is happily married to Michelle Halpain and is a proud father of two sons, Matthew and Jacob Halpain. After graduating from Tahlequah High School in 1977, Johnny pursued a career in construction and graduated from Ironworkers school in 1981. He worked for the Ironworkers Local 584 Union for many years and gained valuable experience constructing areas of GRDA and PSO power plants. Aside from his work career, Johnny has been involved in his community and church. He has served as a trustee and deacon for ten years at Blue Springs General Baptist Church and has served on the Peggs Rural Water Board. Johnny would like to represent the members on the Board of Directors.



**Stan Sanders** a resident of Wagoner, Oklahoma for 20 years, has retired from his 35-year career in teaching and holds a Doctorate Degree in Higher Education Administration. Stan is now seeking a way to remain active in his community, Stan would like to serve on the co-op Board of Directors. He is happily married and deeply invested in his community.

**Clip, complete, and bring to Annual Meeting if you are voting for an organization**

RESOLVES THAT \_\_\_\_\_, who is a member or officer of the organization, is designated the official representative by \_\_\_\_\_. I certify that the before mentioned resolution is true and correct.

The representative was agreed upon at a meeting held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023. At the mentioned meeting, a quorum was present and enacted that the person is an officer or member of the organization to vote in the electric cooperative board election.

President \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_



# Drive-Through Annual Meeting Route



**You must be present** to register and vote and receive the **\$30 electric credit**. Please refer to the map for easy navigation. Please be sure to bring your electric bill to register and help keep traffic moving at this year's Annual Meeting. Prize drawing and election results will be published shortly after the meeting closes on our Website and Facebook. Questions? Please call **918-772-2526**. We are happy to answer any questions about LREC Annual Meeting.

## 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

Chairman Manes called the Annual Meeting of the members of the Lake Region Electric Cooperative, Inc., to order on April 30, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. at the Lake Region Electric Cooperative Headquarters. The Chairman then announced the business session would suspend and resume immediately at 1:30 p.m. after the members registration and voting on matters on hand was closed. Registration and voting period will be from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on this Annual Meeting date. Chairman Manes recessed the business session until 1:30 p.m.

The recessed business session was resumed at 1:30 p.m. and called to order by Chairman Manes. He called upon employee Glen Clark to give the invocation. CEO Vahdatipour gave the Welcome and Introduction of Directors. He also introduced the Operation Round-Up Board of Directors and Special Guests. He then introduced Cooperative Attorney Tina Glory-Jordan who then presided over the meeting. Attorney Glory-Jordan reported that at the close of registration, 1792 members had registered and voted. Attorney Glory-Jordan then declared that a quorum was present, and the meeting proceeded.

CEO Vahdatipour gave the CEO's Report and the Financial Report. During the process of the day, member voting on matters on hand was conducted through a drive-through method using an electronic voting system provided and conducted by the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives. There were three positions open for a three-year term. During the process of the day, the election ballots were cast and counted. Attorney Glory-Jordan reported on the voting results and on the matters on hand:

- a. Members voted to approve the 2021 Annual Meeting minutes as presented.
- b. Nominees Gary Cooper received 1,196, Randall Shankle received 1,334, James Walls received 1,132 and Marcie Gilliam received 811 votes. According to the Election results, incumbents Gary Cooper, Randall Shankle and James Walls were elected to the positions of Trustees of the Lake Region Electric Cooperative, Inc. for a period of three years.
- c. Members voted to approve the proposed by-law amendments that will amend Article IV, Section 2 of the bylaws, as printed in the Notice of the Annual Meeting. The votes were 1,573 "Yes" and 165 "No".

Old Business – There was no old business to come before the members. New Business – There was no new business to come before the members. With no other business come before the meeting, motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Annual Meeting. The motion carried unanimously. **85600**



# Thanks! LREC LINEMEN



**Electric linemen:** Cory Bloxson, Mark Carman, Jacon Carr, Levi Carson, David Collins, Trent Elliott, Dan Hakes, Jacob Mabry, Layne Marshall, Elmer Mullins, Jordan Penny, Randall Scott, Beau Sellers, Jason Steeley, Kregg Talburt, Frank Teague, Landon Unger, Duane Watkins, and Jason Youngblood. **ROW Workers:** Brent Lamons, James Dallis, Johnathon Hamby, Jordan Lechner, Mathew Graves, Ron Daniels.

**Fiber linemen:** Ethan Chuculate, Tony Davis, Nathan Elkins, Austin Fletcher, Don Johnson, Daniel Nichols, Tyler Rowland, Cooper Whitlock and Clay Wilson.

Every April, we take a moment to recognize our linemen in honor of National Lineman Appreciation Day, which LREC will observe on April 6th, 2023. Most of us don't often think about the men who build, repair, and maintain our co-op's power system and fiber network. Join us as we recognize all our Journeymen and Apprentice Linemen. LREC depends on 19 electric linemen, 6 right-of-way tree trimmers to keep the lights on and 9 fiber linemen to keep the internet streaming.

When they aren't responding to emergency outages or repairing damaged poles due to

vehicle accidents, trees falling on lines, they can be found replacing old poles, conducting maintenance, constructing services in new subdivisions, installing conduit for new underground lines, upgrading equipment to support growth, and inspecting our lines and poles.

All this work is being done on and around equipment and power lines that carry high-voltage electricity. This requires close attention to detail and daily awareness to work safely.

Our crews must complete numerous required safety trainings and certification. Thank you, Lake Region Linemen, for all your hard work for our local co-op.

### Your Board of Trustees

Scott Manes.....President  
 Lynn Lamons.....Vice-President  
 Randall Shankle.....Secretary-Treasurer  
 Jack Teague.....Asst. Secretary-Treasurer  
 James Walls ..... Trustee  
 Gary Cooper .....Trustee  
 Dianna Mayfield.....Trustee

### Staff

John Lee.....CEO  
 Ben McCollum .....Director of Finance  
 Logan Pleasant.....Director of Operations  
 Jarrod Welch.....Director of Fiber & IT  
 Glen Clark .....Director of Marketing  
 Larry Mattes.....Communications  
 Tina Glory-Jordan .....Attorney

### Office Hours

Monday-Friday  
 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Telephone

800-364-LREC or  
 918-772-2526

### Website:

[www.lrecok.coop](http://www.lrecok.coop)  
[www.lakeregionfiber.com](http://www.lakeregionfiber.com)

### Locations

Hulbert, Wagoner &  
 Tahlequah, OK.

### Main Office Address

P.O. Box 127  
 Hulbert, OK 74441

### Hidden Account Number

Look for your account number hidden in this issue of the *Powerline Press*. If you find your number, Lake Region Electric will credit your next bill. To claim your credit, notify LREC's Hulbert office by phone during the month of publication.

The amount increases by \$10 with each issue your prize goes unclaimed to a maximum of \$50.

**Cooperative bylaws** are available upon request at Lake Region Electric Cooperative's office in Hulbert.

