

# Powerline Press

## NEWSLETTER



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## 2022 LREC Annual Meeting



Photo from 2021 Annual Meeting at LREC's headquarters in Hulbert.

Lake Region Electric Cooperative is always proud to conduct our annual meeting for our members. The annual meeting is an excellent time to come together as a cooperative and cast your vote in the board election.

We had a great turnout last year (2021) and a successful annual meeting. This year, we will conduct our meeting similar, in an in-person drive-thru format with registration/voting and a business meeting off-site at the Hulbert auditorium. The Annual Meeting will be held on April 30, 2022. We will publish the official notice and schedule in next month's newsletter. Each member who attends, registers, and votes at the drive-thru meeting will receive a \$30 credit on their electric bill and be entered for some great cash prizes. Grand prize totals of \$1000, \$500 and \$250.

We are delighted to host this year's annual meeting for our members. Not only is it a time when we

come together as a cooperative, but it is also part of LREC's core mission. Democratic member control is one of our seven cooperative principles that guide everything we do. There is nowhere our members get to participate in this democratic process more than the annual meeting. Members have a chance to voice their ideas directly to the cooperative leaders and cast votes for who they want to represent them on the board of trustees. 2251900

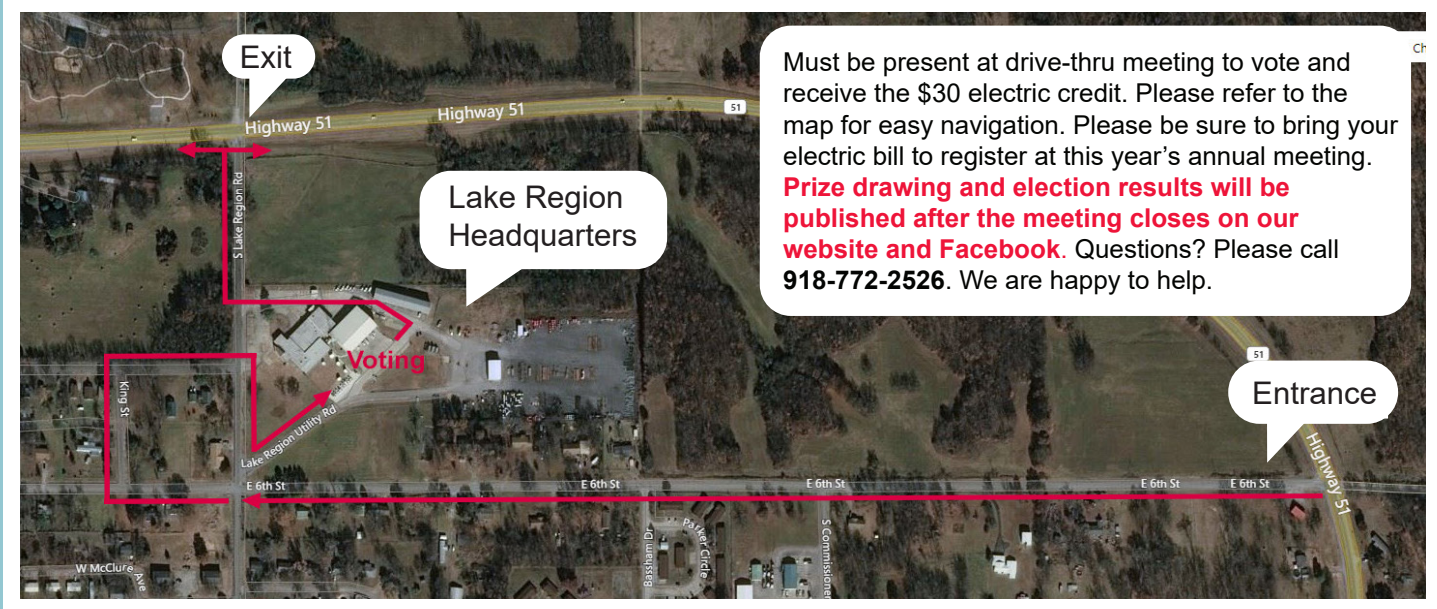
### Bylaw Change

We would appreciate your support in voting YES for our bylaw change on the ballot. You can read more about the proposed bylaw change at: [www.lrecok.coop/pdfs/FEB2022.pdf](http://www.lrecok.coop/pdfs/FEB2022.pdf)





# In Person / Drive-Thru Annual Meeting



Must be present at drive-thru meeting to 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 at this year's annual meeting. **Prize drawing and election results will be published after the meeting closes on our website and Facebook.** Questions? Please call **918-772-2526**. We are happy to help.



LREC's 2022 Annual Meeting will be held at our headquarters at 516 S Lake Region Rd in Hulbert. Members are encouraged to attend. Registration opens 8:00 a.m. Members will enter the cooperative office's back gate for registration and voting.

## Why should you attend and what you need to know.

- ★ Get to know your LREC Board of Directors and employees
- ★ Vote in the 2022 Board of Directors election
- ★ Cash prize winners will be selected from Drive-Thru registration
- ★ Cash prize winners will be announced on our website and Facebook page
- ★ Receive a copy of LREC's annual report

### *Special Notice*

Cooperative Business Meeting will be held off-site at the Hulbert School Auditorium at 1:30 p.m. Business financial update only, no prizes will given away at Hulbert Auditorium.

## Replace or re-seal windows to stop leaking air

Save up to \$280 on heating & cooling costs per year



Replace windows that don't close properly, or are single-paned. Storm windows reduce air movement, significantly reducing heating and cooling costs. Also, identify leaky windows and recaulk the edges to avoid losing your conditioned air.

**MORE WAYS TO SAVE >** [www.touchstoneenergy.com](http://www.touchstoneenergy.com)



# CHOOSE PAPERLESS

Thank you to all members who switched their electric or fiber accounts to paperless billing during our January five-dollar credit special. We had a total of **296** electric accounts switch, and a total of **158** fiber telecom accounts switch to paperless billing.



Your local Cooperative spends thousands of dollars to mail our members their monthly bills each year. By going paperless, you are taking an active role in helping your co-op decrease operating costs. If

you have not yet switched your account to paperless billing, we encourage you to consider it.

There are many reasons why a member chooses paperless billing. Some may want to save paper; others may monitor their finances online. Some may be decluttering their mailbox; others may appreciate the protection of a secure payment portal SmartHub. One important reason for the Co-operative is that it helps us reduce fixed costs, which means fewer costs passed onto you, the member.

Call us today or go online and enroll in paperless billing.  
[www.lrecok.coop/paperless-billing](http://www.lrecok.coop/paperless-billing)



## GET A FREE GIFT FROM YOUR CO-OP

# TULSA HOME & GARDEN SHOW

Check out the Green Country Electric Cooperative's booth at this year's Tulsa Home & Garden Show, March 10 - 13 at the SageNet Tulsa Expo Center, 4145 E 21st St.

Co-op representatives will be available to discuss establishing new utilities and co-op service territory as well as services provided by your member-owned rural cooperative. We look forward to visiting our members at this year's Tulsa Home & Garden Show.

## HOW TO REPORT AN OUTAGE



Call LREC at 918-772-2526 any time, day or night. Never report outages by email or Facebook.



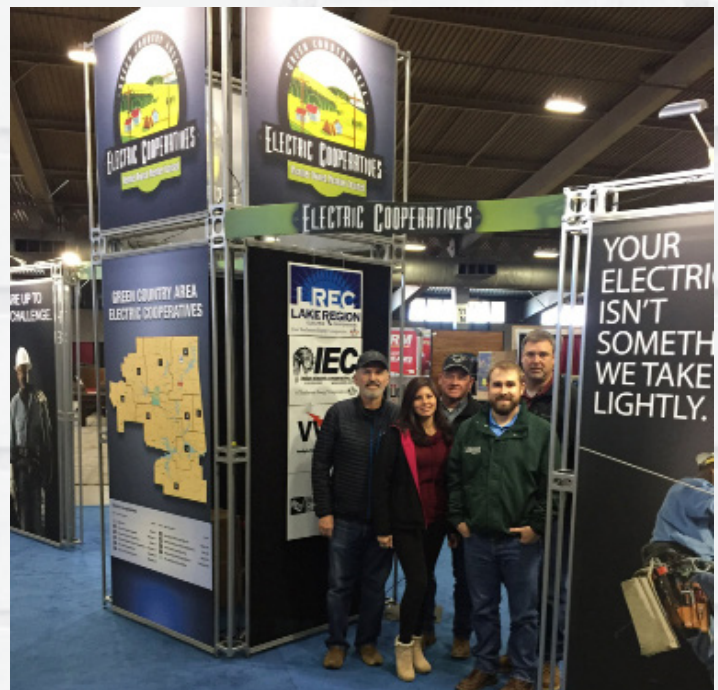
Be ready to provide your name, address, account number, and how long you've been without power.



Tell us about what you may have seen or heard on or near your property or LREC equipment when the outage occurred.



Stay clear of downed lines or damaged equipment and warn others - you cannot tell if high voltage electricity is still flowing.



# Operation Round-Up Assistance Available

*Do you know an organization/individual who could benefit from a Grant?*

As 2021 came to an end, we hope you were left with a sense of gratitude for all of life's blessings. Many in our communities may be struggling with personal or financial challenges.

LREC would like to thank all the Lake Region members who participate in our Operation Round-up grant program by rounding up your bill to the next dollar. These contributions collectively raised \$84,866 last year.

Your spare change has a significant impact on the lives of our friends and neighbors in need. Operation Round-Up funds have been donated to medical bills to service animals, to feed the homeless, and school children.

Do you know an organization or individual who could benefit from an Operation Round-Up Grant? Please have them visit our website [www.lrecok.coop/operation-round-up](http://www.lrecok.coop/operation-round-up) and complete an application.

The Operation Round-Up Foundation is made up of volunteer members from across our electric service territory. They meet quarterly to review applications and distribute funds to individuals and charitable organizations based on need and community impact.

This foundation has allocated funds to fire departments, senior citizen centers, school programs, agencies for the disabled, youth programs, and individuals.



The next Operation Round-Up Meetings will be held: April 27, then again on July 27 and October 26. After the meeting, Lake Region will contact all the approved grant recipients.

If you are not contributing, we would love to have your participation. Please call our office and ask about adding Operation Round-Up to your bill. Operation Round-Up is an easy and convenient way for LREC members to make a real difference in their communities.

**For more information and grant applications visit [www.lrecok.coop/operation-round-up](http://www.lrecok.coop/operation-round-up)**

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## Office Hours

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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 the articles of the *Powerline Press*. *Must be located in the LREC insert inside the Magazine*. 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.

