

Powerline Press

NEWSLETTER



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YOU'RE INVITED!

Drive-Thru Annual Meeting

Lake Region Electric Cooperative, a member-owned rural electric cooperative, would like to invite all our members to this year's Annual Meeting - Drive-thru style. The meeting will be held April 24th, the last Saturday of April, at our headquarters (516 S Lake Region Rd Hulbert, OK).

LREC's success depends on guidance from its Board of Trustees, made up of seven democratically-elected individuals from the membership. The board governs

the cooperative by setting strategic goals, rates, and 663100 cooperative policies. Come vote in your board election and receive a **\$30 electric credit** on your next bill.

While we are disappointed that we won't get to spend time visiting as one big cooperative family this year, we are excited to see our valued members attend this year's Annual Meeting in the safety of their cars. If you, or a passenger in your vehicle have medical conditions, or find it difficult to spend an extended amount of time in a vehicle, please make precautions accordingly.

1 WHO:
LREC
Members

2 WHAT:
2021
Annual Meeting

3 WHEN:
Saturday
April 24, 2021

4 WHERE:
516 S Lake
Region Rd.

OFFICIAL ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE & SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am - The drive-thru annual meeting begins - meeting will be called to order.

Important

MUST BRING A COPY OF YOUR ELECTRIC BILL TO REGISTER

- Members will receive the annual report, year-end financial statement. Comments from co-op leadership will be published in the annual report, which will be available at the meeting and at www.lrecok.coop/annual-reports.

- Every member who registers and votes will receive a **\$30 electric credit**. Members will be entered for a door prize drawing for **\$1,000, \$500, and \$250**, held after the annual meeting.

- 1:00 pm - The drive-thru annual meeting ends, meeting will adjourn. Election results will be published on our website, social media and the newsletter.


- There will be no in-person business meeting at this year's annual meeting.

Important Notice: Two Ballots at this year's Annual Meeting


LREC members will vote for four open positions on our board of trustees, due to COVID-19 safety concerns causing us to cancel last year's meeting. An election cannot happen without a meeting and quorum. Therefore, this year members will have two ballots to elect the co-op's leadership on the board. One election will be for the remainder of the term (2-year term) for the two positions from last year, and another election for the two full-term positions (3-year term) open this year.

2020 Board Election | 2 year term




 **Lynn Lamons** is a graduate of Tahlequah High School, a Hulbert resident, and a life-long Lake Region Electric Cooperative member. Lynn is a Cherokee County farmer and rancher who is active in the Cherokee County 4-H Club. He has served 19 years on the Lake Region Electric Cooperative's Board of Trustees. Lynn currently service as vice-president of the board.




 **Dianna Mayfield** is a resident of Shady Grove area and a life-long Lake Region Electric Cooperative member. Dianna is the widow of the late Bobby Mayfield and has two children, Jennifer Hughes and Billy Mayfield and six grandchildren. Dianna has a Bachelor of Business Administration from NSU. Dianna and her late husband also owned and operated Cherokee Nation Towers company for 23 years. Dianna has served on the LREC Board of Trustees for three years.

2021 Board Election | 3 year term



 **Jack Teague** is a lifelong Hulbert resident and a graduate of Hulbert High School. Jack has 25 years experience as owner/operator of Jack's Muffler Shop and ten years as owner/operator of Jack's Auto Parts. Jack has served on the Lake Region Electric Cooperative Board since 2000. He has earned credentials as a Cooperative Trustee and Board Leadership Certification, which is given by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).



 **Scott Manes** is a 1985 graduate of Hulbert High School and a resident of Hulbert. Scott attended four years of trade school to become a sheet metal worker. Scott is co-owner of American Environmental and a cattle rancher in Cherokee County. Scott also owns a small business, Triple J. Equipment, in Hulbert. Scott has served on the Lake Region Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees since 2009.

2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

Chairman Manes called the Annual Meeting of the members of the Lake Region Electric Cooperative, Inc., to order on April 27, 2019, at 8:00 am in the Hulbert School Auditorium. The Chairman then announced the business session would suspend and resume immediately at 1:00 pm after the members registration and voting was closed. Registration and voting period will be from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm on this Annual Meeting date. A motion was made and seconded to recess the business session until 1:00 pm The motion carried unanimously.

The recessed business session was resumed at 1:00 pm 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's Attorney Tina Glory-Jordan who then presided over the meeting.

Attorney Glory-Jordan reported that at the close of registration, 1172 members had registered and voted. Attorney Glory-Jordan then declared that a quorum was present, and the meeting proceeded. Upon motion made and seconded, the reading of the Notice of the Meeting mailed to all members and the proof of mailing were waived and approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Upon motion made and seconded, the reading of the minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting of April 28, 2018 was waived and the minutes approved as written. Copies were published in the LREC April issue of the Powerline Press. The motion carried unanimously. CEO Vahdatipour gave the CEO's Report and the Financial Report.

During the process of the day, the election ballots were cast and counted by a voting machine similar to the ones used in county elections. Attorney Glory-Jordan reported on the election results. There were three positions open for a three-year term. There were four candidates running for the three-year term. Nominees Gary Cooper received 784, Randall Shankle received 940, James Walls received 866 and Buddy Spradlin received 385 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.

Old Business – There was no old business to come before the members.

New Business – There was no new business to come before the members.

Motion was made and seconded without descent to adjourn the business session, subject to the drawing for the attendance prizes. The motion carried unanimously.

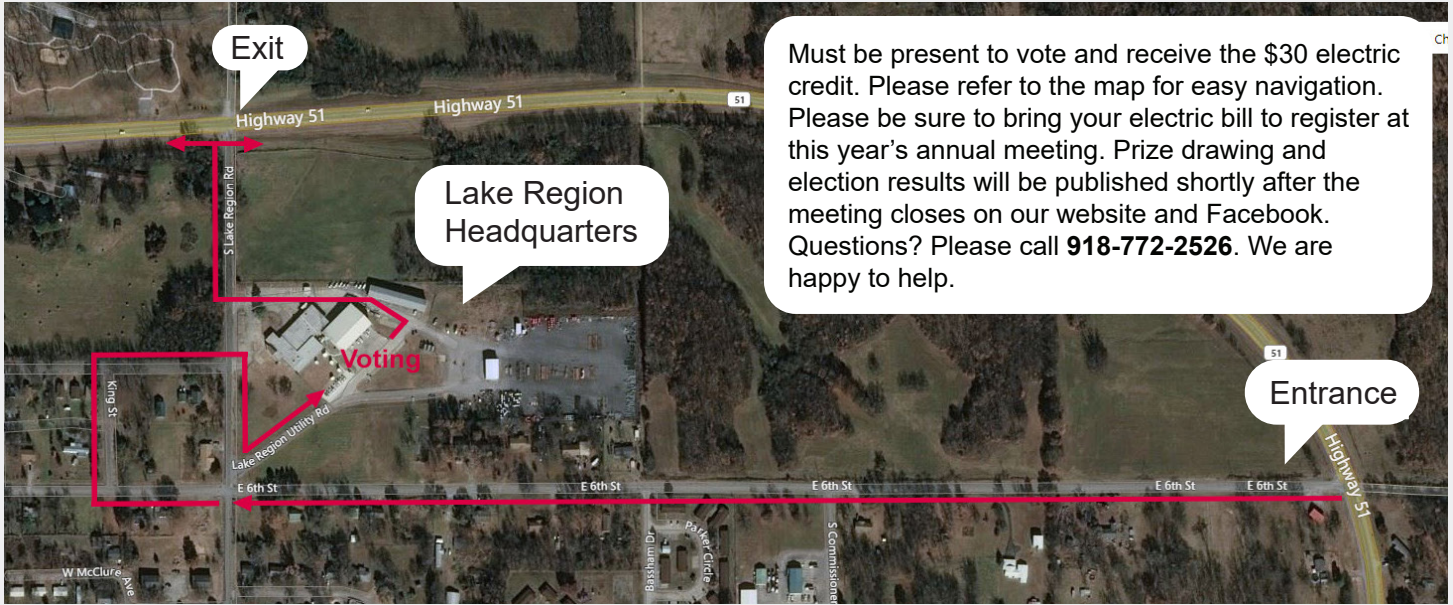
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RESOLVES THAT _____ who is a member or officer of the organization, is designated the official representative by _____. I certify that the before mentioned resolution is true and correct.

The representative was agreed upon at a meeting held the _____ day of _____ 2021. 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-Thru Annual Meeting



Must be present 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 shortly after the meeting closes on our website and Facebook. Questions? Please call **918-772-2526**. We are happy to help.

Thank You LREC LINEMEN



Every April, we take a moment to recognize our linemen in honor of National Lineman Appreciation Day which takes place on April 12, 2021. Most of us don't often think about the men and women who build, repair, and maintain our nation's power system, but it takes a lot to be a lineworker. Join us as we recognize all our Journeymen and Apprentice Linemen.

Cory Bloxson, Dean Buford, Levi Carson, David Collins, Tony Davis, Nathan Elkins, Trent Elliott, Brad Farrar, Wyatt Fuller, Dan Hakes, Nocona Ingram, Brandon Johnson, Don Johnson, Riley Light, Brock Lubbers, Daniel Nichols, Arnold Ratliff, Randall Scott, Jason Steeley, Kregg Talburt, Frank Teague, Kane Teague, Duane Watkins, Clay Wilson, Jason Youngblood

Your Board of Trustees

Scott Manes.....President
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 Randall Shankle.....Secretary-Treasurer
 Jack Teague.....Asst. Secretary-Treasurer
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 Dianna Mayfield.....Trustee

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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.

