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NEWSLETTER

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LREC Is Excited To Support Electric Vehicle (EV) Adoption

LREC is providing EV Tools and Resources at www.lrecok.coop/ev. Huge leaps have been made in battery technology, enabling electric vehicles to go further and become more affordable and more efficient. By making the change to EV, we can all save more money, enjoy more mobility, and have a cleaner world.

Why Go Electric

If you're considering an electric vehicle, you've probably heard how good they are for the environment. While this makes you feel good about your future purchase, you may still be on the fence about going electric.

Tax Savings: Did you know that when you purchase a new electric vehicle, you could be eligible for a federal tax credit of up to \$7,500? To learn more about this tax credit, visit the Department of Energy website.

Savings on Maintenance: When you drive a fully electric vehicle, there's no need for oil changes, fuel filters, new spark plugs, and



other costly maintenance. Instead, you can enjoy more money in your pocket as you drive to your next destination.

Fuel Savings: With an electric vehicle, you will no longer have to fuel up at the gas station, but instead, you can charge at home or any one of the hundreds of public charging stations across the state. While an efficient gas-powered vehicle can run for about 10-15 cents per mile, the average electric vehicle can run for just 3-5 cents per mile. Pennies per mile add up to significant savings over the lifetime of the vehicle!



Survey Lake Region Electric Cooperative is conducting a short (2 min) six-question satisfaction survey to learn how to improve service to our members. The survey will be conducted online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/LREC and posted on our website and Facebook page. Members are encouraged to participate so we can learn how to serve you better.



Ever wonder why your power doesn't go out when our crews are setting new poles? Here is a picture of how it is done.

In this picture, Frank Teague is performing a new pole change out on energized lines. LREC crews are setting a new pole in-line with 3 hot (energized) wires. The orange on the lines is a non-conductive protective rubber, as well as the lineman gloves that protect the linemen from the 12,500 V of electricity screaming through the wires! Our linemen work on lines energized, so our members do not experience a power outage. Your electricity isn't something we take lightly.

Two Board Seats Up For Election



The Annual Meeting scheduled for **April 25, 2020**, at the Hulbert School Auditorium. Any member who is interested in running for a board of trustees position, including incumbents, must submit a nominating petition before **March 20, 2020**. Each petition must include 15 or more member signatures. Lake Region Electric Cooperative supplies the petition forms. 945642

What does it mean to be a member and locally-controlled rural electric cooperative? It means you, our members, own the cooperative and are responsible for governing it through an elected Board of Trustees. Each year, members are tasked with selecting representatives from the membership to serve on LREC's Board of Trustees. This year two board seats are up for election. Interested members who live within our service area can seek a nomination. By serving on your co-op's board of trustees, you truly act as a voice of the membership.

Important Dates

March 20, 2020: Legislative breakfast at Hulbert Senior Citizen Building, hosted by LREC.

March 20, 2020: Deadline for nominating petitions for Board of Trustees due at Hulbert office.

April 25, 2020: Annual Meeting at Hulbert High School Auditorium.

Our Member Billing Team is Here to Help



Left to right: Jennifer, April, Judy, Amber, Kristi, and Amanda.

Does understanding your electric bill feel overwhelming? Do you need help setting up auto bank draft? Security light not working? Do you need to report a problem? Let our member solutions billing department help you with all your billing options and general questions.

As part of our seven cooperative principals, 5030200 education and information for our members is important for the success of your co-op. We are always here to help our members. Give us a call - 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday - Friday.

Payment Options

We want to make it easy for you to pay your bill. Lake Region offers convenient ways you can make your payment.

- ▶ **Bank Draft** - Recurring automatic payment plan. The amount owed comes directly out of your checking, savings, Visa or MasterCard account.
- ▶ **Budget Billing** - we will calculate your monthly bill based on your average consumption from the previous year, and you'll pay a fixed amount each month for your electricity costs. Annually your account will be trued up.
- ▶ **Pre-Paid** - is a pay-as-you-go program where you pay in advance for your electricity. This program allows you to make payments in any amount and at any time.
- ▶ **Paperless Billing** - Save a tree and enroll in paperless billing. You will be notified by email every month when your bill is ready to view.

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