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NEWSLETTER



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Celebrate Your Cooperative Membership

Lake Region Electric Cooperative, a member-owned rural electric cooperative, would like to invite all our members to the **71st Annual Meeting** of the membership. The meeting will be held **April, 25th**, the last Saturday of April at the Hulbert High School.

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 cooperative policies.

Members and family in attendance will receive a food coupon for a complimentary meal. Local area fire departments will serve delicious BBQ, Indian tacos, and catfish from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and accept the meal coupons as a fundraiser.

Hamid Vahdatipour, CEO, will present the state of the co-op and financial report during the business meeting. All members who register at the Annual Meeting will be entered into the prize drawings with several prizes. A grand total of \$5,000 in cash and other door prizes. *(Members do not have to be present to win.)*

Come vote in your board election, visit with your board representatives, enjoy great company, food, and fellowship. Also, learn about our Fiber-To-The-Home technology and Phase II plans. We hope to see several of our members at this year's Annual Meeting. You can view an event map on our website www.lrecok.coop.

WHEN:

**Saturday
April 25, 2020
8:00 AM- 1:00 PM**

WHERE:

**Hulbert High School
316 Rider Ln**



OFFICIAL NOTICE & LREC ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order at 8 a.m.....	Scott Manes, Board President
Recess Business Session until 1 p.m.	Registration, Voting, Free Lunch, and Information Tables
Resume Business Meeting at 1 p.m. Call Recessed Meeting to Order	Scott Manes, Board President
Open Meeting Prayer	Glen Clark, Director of Marketing
Welcome and Introduction of Special Guests	Hamid Vahdatipour, CEO
Quorum and Notice	Tina Glory-Jordan, Cooperative Attorney
Reading of the Meeting Notice, Proof of Publication, 118 Minutes	Randall Shankle, Board Secretary/Treasurer
CEO's Report and the Financial Report	Hamid Vahdatipour, CEO
Board Election Results	Tina Glory-Jordan, Cooperative Attorney

CANCELED
Due to COVID-19

Old Business | New Business | Adjourn Business Meeting | Prize Drawing

(Prize winners need not be present to win)

ANNUAL MEETING CANCELED

WE LOVE SEEING OUR MEMBERS

But we love keeping you healthy.

In light of Gov. Kevin Stitt declaring a health emergency in response to COVID-19, it is with an overabundance of caution, and with the well-being of our membership and employees in mind that Lake Region Electric Cooperative Board has decided to cancel the Annual Meeting which was scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2020.

The Governor's suggestion to abstain from large gatherings and the fact that by the close of the nominating period only the incumbents have filed for election, the LREC Board felt comfortable that canceling the Annual Meeting will not harm the cooperative and provide a safety net for the members, employees and the public in general. We hope to see everyone at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting Notice, the minutes of previous meeting and the candidates for the board position are included in this newsletter according to the bylaw requirements, even though the meeting is canceled.

Term: 3 years | Annual Meeting Election Ballot

Lake Region Electric Cooperative's policies and procedures are determined by a member-elected board of trustees. These trustees meet monthly to set guidelines for the co-op's management and to direct your voice in the cooperative's operations.



Dianna Mayfield

is a resident of the Shady Grove area and has lived on Lake Region Electric Lines for over 35 years. She is the widow of the late Bobby Mayfield and has two children, Jennifer Hughes and Billy Mayfield and six grandchildren. Dianna has a Bachelor's of Business Administration from NSU.

Dianna built and operated Hulbert's Country Corner convenience store, car wash and storage buildings. Dianna and late husband also owned and operated Cherokee Nation Towers company for 23 years. Dianna has served on LREC Board for 2 years.



Lynn Lamons

is a resident of Hulbert and a life-long member of Lake Region Electric Cooperative. He is a graduate of Tahlequah High School. Lynn is a Cherokee County farmer and rancher who is active in the Cherokee County 4-H Club. He has served 18 years on Lake Region Electric Cooperative's Board of Trustees. Lynn currently serves as vice-president of the board.

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Last Year's 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 a.m. in the Hulbert School Auditorium. The Chairman then announced the business session would suspend and resume immediately at 1:00 p.m. after the members registration and voting was closed. Registration and voting period will be from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on this Annual Meeting date. A motion was made and seconded to recess the business session until 1:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

The recessed business session was resumed at 1:00 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, 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.



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 _____ 2020. 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 _____

National **LINEMAN** Appreciation Day



Brad Farrar, LREC Apprentice Lineman, working on members' service line.

Every year, we take the time to thank our extraordinary linemen who dedicate their lives to keeping the lights on in our local communities. Twenty local linemen maintain over 3,050 miles of electric lines in LREC's service territory, and without them, our world would be DARK.

Join us this month as we say thank you to our lineman. **#thankalineman**. Send in a note to PO Box 127, Hulbert, OK 74441 or visit our Facebook page and leave a comment.



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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.

