

Powerline Press

NEWSLETTER



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ANNUAL MEETING = \$30 BILL CREDIT

LREC is excited to host our Annual Membership Meeting on **April 26th**. This is your opportunity to participate in the democratic process of electing your board members who oversee LREC and LRTC. Save the date and mark your calendar for your Co-op Annual Meeting! The meeting will be at Hulbert Public Schools (316 Rider Ln, Hulbert, OK 74441).

Each member account registered at annual meeting will also receive a **\$30 electric credit** and have their name entered into a raffle for **cash prizes totaling \$3,500** after the Annual Meeting. The membership will vote on three open-board seats. The voting will be conducted in an in-person drive-through format. Please bring your bill for quicker registration.

We will also have a business meeting at the Hulbert School Auditorium at 1:05 p.m. for our CEO to update the members on the co-op's financials. **NO PRIZES** will be presented at this business meeting; it will only consist of the co-op financial update.

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 difficulty spending an extended amount of time in a vehicle, please take precautions accordingly. This will be our fifth year hosting our Annual Meeting in the drive-through

format, and with our past experience, traffic will flow quickly. We look forward to another successful Annual Meeting and continuing to provide our members safe, reliable, and competitive services for today and tomorrow.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

LREC Annual Meeting Agenda

Annual Meeting of the Membership

Hulbert Public School, April 26, 2025

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

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

Recess Business Session until 1:05 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. Election of Trustees

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

Resume Business Meeting 1:05 p.m. (Hulbert School Auditorium)

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

Call Recessed Meeting to Order Scott Manes, Board President

Invocation Glen Clark, Assistant General Manager

Welcome, CEO's Report and Financial Report Hamid Vahdatipour, CEO

Quorum and Notice Tina Glory-Jordan, Cooperative Attorney

Reading of the Meeting Notice,
Proof of Publication, 2024 Minutes Randle Shankle, Secretary-Treasurer

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

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn Business Meeting



MEET THE CANDIDATES

2025 Board of Directors Election | Three Open Seats



Gary Cooper and his wife Cheryl have a farm in Shady Grove. Gary has over 20 years of experience on the LREC Board of Directors. Gary has received his NRECA Director Certification. Gary is also a Trustee of the Cherokee County Governmental Trust Authority and Superintendent for the Cherokee County Jr. livestock show. Gary and his wife Cheryl owned and operated Hulbert Superstop and Country Corner gas stations in Hulbert before retirement. Gary has two daughters, one son, and five grandchildren.



Randall Shankle has served as secretary-treasurer for the past 7 years and is a credentialed LREC Director. Randall has served a total of 14 years on the LREC Board. Randall is a lifelong Hulbert resident and owns R. Shankle Trucking. Randall owned and operated S&S Communications Specialists from 2000 to 2016. Randall strongly supports 4-H and FFA and has been an LREC co-op member since 1979. Randall is married to Amy and has five children.



James Walls is a lifelong resident of Hulbert and a 1980 graduate of Hulbert High School. James has served on the LREC board for 9 years. He has experience on the Hulbert Board of Education and the Advisory Committee at the Indian Capital Technology Center. James has earned his NRECA CCD (Credentialed Cooperative Director) certificate and is an NRECA voting delegate. James and his wife Phyllis have owned and operated Walls Machine Shop for 36 years.



Stanley Young has over 40 years of experience in the electric utility industry and retired from LREC in 2018. Stanley began his career with LREC in November 1972 as a lineman, worked up the ranks over the years, and held several positions in the co-op. Stanley and his wife Judy live on Lake Tenkiller and have been a co-op member for roughly 36 years. Stanley holds a business administration degree and a civil engineering certification from the Army Engineering School. Stanley has served on several boards, from his years on the Tahlequah Chamber and Wagoner Chamber Board to his church board at the first United Methodist Church, where he has held several positions. Stanley has two children and four grandchildren. Currently, Stanley is employed by Mark Hodson State Farm as a Multiple Line Representative of Insurance.

LOCAL STUDENTS ATTEND LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Last month in March, two outstanding local students, Brandy Swepston from Tahlequah High School and Harlie Smith from Sequoyah High School, attended the Leadership Summit hosted by the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC) in Oklahoma City.

LREC was thrilled to announce that Swepston and Smith were

each awarded a \$500 scholarship in recognition of their dedication to leadership and community service!

We are proud to have these incredible students represent us and look forward to seeing how they use their leadership qualities to shape our communities in the future! 153602



Left to right: Brandy Swepston and Harlie Smith

Drive-Through Annual Meeting Route



You must be present to register, vote and receive the **\$30 electric credit**. Please refer to the map for easy navigation. Please be sure to bring your electric bill or know your account number 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 the LREC Annual Meeting.

2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

Chairman Manes called the Annual Meeting of the members of the Lake Region Electric Cooperative, Inc., to order on April 27, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. at 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 on matters on hand was closed. Registration and voting period was from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on this Annual Meeting date. Chairman Manes recessed the business session until 1:00 p.m.

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 Lee gave the Welcome, Introduction of Directors, CEO's Report, and the Financial Report. He then introduced Cooperative Attorney Tina Glory-Jordan who then presided over the meeting.

Attorney Glory-Jordan reported that at the close of registration, 1,761 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 29, 2023, was waived and the minutes approved as written. Copies were published in the LREC April issue of the Powerline Press. The motion carried unanimously.

During the process of the day, the election ballots were cast and counted. Members' voting was conducted through a drive-through method using an electronic voting system provided and conducted by the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives. There were two positions open for a three-year term.

Attorney Glory-Jordan reported on the voting results and on the matters on hand: a. Attorney Glory-Jordan reported on the election results. Nominees Jack Teague received 1,104, Scott Manes received 1,363 and Stanley Young received 544 votes. According to the Election results, incumbents Jack Teague and Scott Manes 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 – A member asked how many square miles of service territory LREC serves. Attorney Glory-Jordan referenced that CEO Lee discussed with the member after the business meeting.

With no other business come before the meeting, motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Annual Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

THANK A LINEWORKER



Top row left to right: Jason Youngblood, Dan Hakes, Jacob Dandridge, Levi Carson, Gavin Henson, David Killebrew, Travis Davis, David Collins, Slaton Ford, Cory Bloxson, Matthew Davis, Markie Carman, Layne Marshall, Beau Sellers, Matthew Graves, Cale Orman, Frank Teague, Trent Elliott, Jason Steeley. **Bottom row left to right:** Tony Davis, Clay Wilson, Kregg Talburt, Austin Fletcher, Daniel Nichols, Tyler Rowland, Ethan Chuculate, Cooper Whitlock, Justin Fort, Don Johnson, Landon Unger, and Daniel Malon.

Every April, we proudly recognize our linemen for **National Lineman Appreciation Day**. Lake Region will observe this special day on April 17, 2025.

Our 21 electric linemen, 6 right-of-way tree trimmers, and 11 fiber linemen work tirelessly to keep the lights on and the internet running. Whether they're restoring power after storms, replacing old poles,

upgrading equipment, or building new service lines, their dedication never wavers.

Working with high-voltage electricity requires skill, focus, and constant safety training. We are grateful for their hard work and commitment to the cooperative!

Thank you, Lake Region linemen. We appreciate everything you sacrifice and do for the members!



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 _____ 2025. 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 _____

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
Tina Glory-JordanAttorney

Staff

Hamid Vahdatipour.....CEO
Glen ClarkAsst General Manager
Leisa Walker.....Sr Director of Accounting
Logan Pleasant.....Director of Operations
Jarrod Welch.....Director of Fiber & IT

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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.