

# Powerline Press

## NEWSLETTER



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# SAVE THE DATE!

## Annual Meeting

It's official, LREC is hosting our Annual Meeting of the membership on April 30th. Mark your calendars for this great event! The meeting will be on the last Saturday of April, at our headquarters (516 S Lake Region Rd in Hulbert). Each member account registered will receive a **\$30 electric credit** and have their name entered into a raffle for cash prizes totaling **\$4,000** after the annual meeting. The membership voting will be conducted in an in-person drive-through format. Please be sure to bring your bill for quick registration.

We will also have a business meeting at the Hulbert School Auditorium at 1:30 p.m. for our CEO to give the co-op financial update. **NO PRIZES** will be presented at this Business Meeting.

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. Come vote in your board election and receive a \$30 electric credit on your next bill. 794303

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 take precautions accordingly.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

#### LREC Annual Meeting Agenda

Annual Meeting of the Membership  
LREC Headquarters, April 30, 2022

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

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

Recess Business Session until 1:30 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. Approval of 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes
- b. Election of Trustees
- c. Proposed Bylaw Change

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

Resume Business Meeting 1:30 p.m.  
(Hulbert School Auditorium)

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

Call Recessed Meeting to Order ..... Board President, Scott Manes

Invocation ..... Glen Clark, LREC Employee

Welcome and Introduction of Guest ..... Hamid Vahdatipour, CEO

Quorum and Notice ..... Tina Glory-Jordan, Cooperative Attorney

CEO's Report and the Financial Report ..... Hamid Vahdatipour, CEO

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

Announcement of Voting Results on Bylaw Changes ..... Tina Glory-Jordan, Cooperative, Attorney

Old Business | New Business | Adjourn Business Meeting

# 2022 Board Election | 3 year term



**Gary Cooper** and his wife Cheryl have a farm in Shady Grove. Gary has 21 years of experience on the LREC Board of Directors. Gary has received his NRECA Director Certification. Gary serves on behalf of LREC as an OAEC representative and an NRECA resolution committee member. Gary is also a Trustee of Cherokee County Governmental Trust Authority and Superintendent for Cherokee County Jr. livestock show.



**Randall Shankle** has served as secretary-treasurer for the past 4 years and is a credentialed LREC trustee. Randall is a lifelong Hulbert resident and owns R. Shankle Trucking. Randall owned and operated S&S Communications Specialists from 2000 to 2016. Randall is a strong supporter of 4-H and FFA and has been an LREC co-op member since 1979. Randall is married to Amy and has 5 children, 1 of which attends Hulbert Public Schools.



**James Walls** is a lifelong resident of Hulbert and a 1980 graduate of Hulbert High School. James has served on the LREC board for 6 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.



**Marcie Gilliam** lives in the Woodall Community of Tahlequah and has been a member of LREC since 2004. Marcie is married to Brady Gilliam and has 5 daughters and 13 grandchildren. Marcie has a Master's Degree in Accounting and Finance. Marcie has worked in the accounting offices for the City of Tahlequah for 13 years and the City of Muskogee for 4 years. Currently, Marcie is working and helping her husband on the family farm.

## Annual Meeting Proposed Bylaw Change

LREC proposed bylaw change to **Article IV, Section 2. - Election and Tenure of Office** will be voted on during this year's annual meeting. Please read, the following statement presented to be added to the Bylaws.

**Nonetheless, in the event that an incumbent trustee or qualified nominee as described in Sections 3 and 4 of this Article runs unopposed, then such candidate shall be deemed to have been elected for the full term, and no election for that position shall be required.**

*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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2022. 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-Through Annual Meeting Route



## 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

Chairman Manes called the Annual Meeting of the members of the Lake Region Electric Cooperative, Inc., to order on April 24, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. at the Lake Region Electric Cooperative Headquarters. 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. Chairman Manes recessed the business session until 1:00 p.m.

The recessed business session were resumed at 1:00 p.m. and called to order by Chairman Manes.

Attorney Glory-Jordan reported that at the close of registration, 1413 members had registered and voted. Attorney Glory-Jordan then declared that a quorum was present, and the meeting proceeded.

During the process of the day, member 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 four open board positions; two carried over from 2020 Annual Meeting for a two-year term each and two for a three-year term each for 2021 Annual Meeting.

Attorney Glory-Jordan reported on the election results. Nominees Dianna Mayfield received 1225, Lynn Lamons received 1254, Jack Teague received 1290 and Scott Manes received 1253 votes. According to the Election results, incumbents Dianna Mayfield and Lynn Lamons were elected to the positions of Trustees of the Lake Region Electric Cooperative, Inc. for a period of two years. 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.

Members also voted to approve the 2019 Annual Meeting minutes as presented.

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

**VOTE YES ✓**

**On LREC Bylaw  
Change at this years  
Annual Meeting**

# Thank You LREC LINEMEN

Every April, we take a moment to recognize our linemen in honor of National Lineman Appreciation Day, which LREC will observe on April 14, 2022. Most of us don't often think about the men and women who build, repair, and maintain our nation's power system and fiber network. Join us as we recognize all our Journeymen and Apprentice Linemen. LREC depends on 18 electric linemen to keep the lights on and 7 fiber linemen to keep the internet running.

When they aren't responding to emergency outages or repairing damaged poles due to vehicle accidents, trees falling on lines, they can be found replacing old poles,

conducting maintenance, constructing services in new subdivisions, installing conduit for new underground lines, upgrading equipment to support growth, and inspecting our lines and poles.

All this work is being done on and around equipment and power lines that carry high-voltage electricity. This requires close attention to detail and daily awareness to work safely.

Our crews must complete numerous required safety trainings and certification. Thank you, Lake Region linemen, for all your hard work for our local co-op.



**Electric linemen:** Devon Barnes, Cory Bloxsom, Mark Carman, Levi Carson, Alfonzo Chiles, David Collins, Trent Elliott, Dan Hakes, Brock Lubbers, Elmer Mullins, Randall Scott, Beau Sellers, Jason Steeley, Kregg Talburt, Frank Teague, Landon Unger, Duane Watkins, and Jason Youngblood.

**Fiber linemen:** Tony Davis, Nathan Elkins, Austin Fletcher, Don Johnson, Daniel Nichols, Clay Wilson and Tyler Rowland.

## 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

## Staff

Hamid Vahdatipour .....CEO  
 Ben McCollum .....Director of Finance  
 Logan Pleasant.....Director of Operations  
 Glen Clark .....Director of Marketing  
 Larry Mattes.....Communications  
 Tina Glory-Jordan .....Attorney

## Office Hours

Monday-Friday  
 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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**918-772-2526**

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## Locations

Hulbert, Wagoner &  
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## Main Office Address

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**Cooperative bylaws** are available upon request at Lake Region Electric Cooperative's office in Hulbert.

