



### Tip of the Month

Energy Efficiency

Earth Day is April 22. Give back to the environment by planting a deciduous tree near your home. Deciduous trees lose their leaves during the fall, allowing sunlight to warm your home. The extra shade during summer months will keep your home cooler and give your AC a much needed break.



## Annual Meeting of the Membership

Lake Region Electric Cooperative, Inc. would like to invite all our members to the 66th Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held the last Saturday of April at the Hulbert High School.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., on April 30, 2016. Members will be voting on the election of three trustees. Nominees are on page 2. The business meeting will follow at 1:00 p.m. Members and family in attendance will receive a food coupon for a complimentary meal. As a fundraiser local area fire departments will serve lunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. When you present the fire department your food coupon you will receive a free meal. LREC Members will vote for three board members, at large, to serve a three-year term on the Board of Trustees and after the election ballots are cast, members will receive a free gift for attending. This year's gifts are rain gauges and reusable shopping bags.

Hamid Vahdatipour, LREC CEO, will give a co-op update and the financial report during the business meeting in the Hulbert School Auditorium. All members who voted at the annual meeting will be entered in a prize drawing after the business meeting closes. Cash prizes of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250, as well as several vendor donated prizes will be given away.

We are looking forward to good weather and hope to see several members at this year's annual meeting.

You can view 2588301 our website for this year's annual meeting map for parking and tent details at [www.lrecok.coop/annual-meeting-map](http://www.lrecok.coop/annual-meeting-map)



### Call Meeting to Order at 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. .... Gary Cooper, Board President

### Recess Business Session until 1:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. .... Registration & Vote for Board Trustees

### Resume Business Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Call Recessed Meeting to Order ... Gary Cooper, Board President

Invocation ..... Glen Clark, LREC Employee

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

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

Reading of the Meeting Notice,  
Proof of Publication,  
Reading of 2015 Minutes... Jim Loftin, Board Secretary/Treasurer

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

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

### Old Business | New Business

### Adjourn Business Meeting | Prize Drawing

# NOMINEES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

All Lake Region Electric Cooperative members will have the opportunity to vote for three candidates to serve on the Board of Trustees, for a three-year term. The election will be held at this year's Annual Meeting on April 30, 2016 at Hulbert Public Schools.



**Gary Cooper** and his wife Cheryl own and operate Hulbert Country Corner and Hulbert Super Stop. They also have a farm in the Shady Grove. He has served as president of the Cherokee County 4-H and FFA Booster Club, president of Shady Grove Board of Education, and county committee member of the Farmers Home Administration. Gary serves as a board

member of Cherokee Nation Businesses and the chairman of their Diversified Business Committee.

Gary has received his NRECA director certification and serves as the president of LREC Board of Trustees. Gary also represents LREC on the board of Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives. He is also one of the two representatives from the State of Oklahoma who serves on the Resolutions Committee of the NRECA.



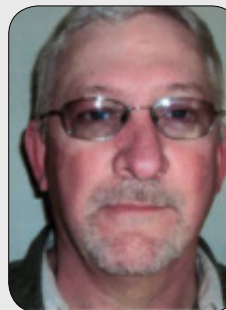
**Randall Shankle** has served as a credentialed LREC Trustee for the past 4 years and 8 months. He graduated from Hulbert High School in 1979. He has been a lifelong Hulbert resident. Randall is the owner of S&S Communications Specialists, Shankle Cattle Company, and part owner of American Environmental Fabrication and Supply. He is a strong supporter of

4-H and FFA. Randall is married to Amy and has 5 children, 3 of which attend Hulbert Public Schools.



**Jim Loftin** and his wife Yevonne own and operate Loftin Cattle Company. Jim has been a resident of Tahlequah and Hulbert most of his life. Jim has served as a credentialed LREC Trustee for the past 12 years and as secretary-treasurer for the past 9 years. He holds degrees from NSU and OSU.

Jim is a strong supporter of 4-H and FFA. Jim has served on the county fair board for 5 years. Jim also has served on banking loan committees with Farm Credit as well as local banks in Cherokee County.



**James Walls** is a lifelong resident of Hulbert and a 1980 graduate of Hulbert High School. James has served on the Hulbert Board of Education and on the Advisory Committee at the Indian Capital Technology Center. James and his wife Phyllis have owned and operated Walls Machine Shop for

the last 27 years.



**Eugene Adair** has been a co-op member for 37 years. Eugene is a lifelong resident of Hulbert and graduated from Hulbert High School. Eugene was an employee at LREC for 24 years and retired in 2009. Eugene held the position of right-of-way coordinator where he managed all right-of-way

crews for the co-op and contractors, as well as worked with ODOT and FEMA. Eugene has served on the RWD #11 board.



# ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE LAKE REGION ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

April 25, 2015

Chairman Gary Cooper called the Annual Meeting of the members of the Lake Region Electric Cooperative, Inc., to order on April 25, 2015, at 9:00 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 9:00 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 Cooper. 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, 1087 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 26, 2014 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 introduced guest speaker, Bethany Schultz, LREC 2014 Youth Tour winner and Oklahoma Youth Leadership Council winner. Bethany presented the speech she gave at the NRECA Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida to represent the state of Oklahoma.

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. Nominees Jack Teague received 865, Scott Manes, 789 and Louis Bohanon 281 votes. According to the Election results, 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 – 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  
(Person's name written in ink.)

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2016. At the mentioned meeting, a quorum was present and enacted that the person is an official or member of the organization.

Corporate Seal      President \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

# We can bring you Broadband Internet, HD TV, and Home Phone if we all Pull Together!

Lake Region Electric Cooperative (LREC) is implementing a fiber-based communication system across our electric grid. With this investment, we are able to provide fiber-to-the-home internet service through Lake Region Technology and Communications, a subsidiary of LREC. You will enjoy access to blazing high-speed internet, crystal-clear HD television and unlimited local and long distance home phone.

We have identified 10 expansion zones across our service area and are collecting expressions of interest (sign-ups) that will ultimately help guide our construction plan to expand our fiber network.

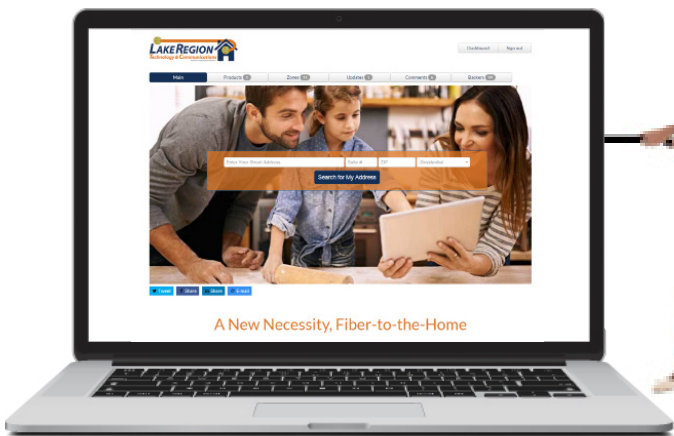
We are excited to release these fiber service zones. However, all of this will take time, an estimated 2-3 years of construction. Funding has not yet been secured, but we are in the process of securing the funding. Provided that we can get funding for each zone and our subscriber numbers reach the goal needed to expand the network, we will expand our fiber service area. But remember we are

building a 100% fiber optic network that will be scalable for hundreds for years into the future.

**The zones that have the most backers signed-up on our crowdfiber website will be the first new fiber optic lines built. Do not wait, this is a great technology. Sign-up and complete the online backer form today at [register.lrecok.net](http://register.lrecok.net).**

More than 750 LREC members are already surfing the web at fiber optic high-speeds, and your area could be next! Get your neighbors and friends on board, have them sign-up for LRTC fiber services and join the rural fiber-to-the-home revolution!

More details regarding LRTC fiber expansion zones, please visit [register.lrecok.net](http://register.lrecok.net)



### Board of Trustees

Gary Cooper .....Pres.  
Bobby Mayfield .....Vice Pres.  
Jim Loftin .....Secr.-Treas.  
Jack Teague .....Asst Secr.-Treas.  
Randall Shankle ..... Member  
Lynn Lamons ..... Member  
Scott Manes ..... Member

### Staff

Hamid Vahdatipour .....CEO  
Ben McCollum .....Dir. of Finance  
Logan Pleasant.....Dir. of Engineering  
and Operations  
Stanley Young .....Dir. of Marketing  
Larry Mattes .....Editor  
Tina Glory-Jordan .....Attorney

### Office Hours

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

### Telephone

800-364-LREC or  
918-772-2526

### Website:

[www.lrecok.coop](http://www.lrecok.coop)

### Locations

Hulbert, Wagoner &  
Tahlequah, OK.

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To claim your credit, notify LREC's Hulbert office by phone or mail during the month of publication.

The amount increases by \$10 with each issue your prize goes unclaimed to a maximum of \$50.

For more information, call [800-364-LREC](tel:800-364-LREC) or [918-772-2526](tel:918-772-2526)

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