



# Powerline Press

## NEWSLETTER

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Energy Efficiency

### Tip of the Month

Do not get your electric bill caught in a spin cycle! When doing laundry, use cold water. If your dryer has a moisture meter, use it to prevent over-drying clothes, 50 minutes often works best for a full load. And remember to check your lint filter each time before you run a load to help your dryer run more efficiently (and save energy).

Source: Touchstone Energy Cooperatives

### Offices Closed for Good Friday

The offices of Lake Region Electric Co-op will be closed on Friday, April 6, 2012 for Good Friday.

### Happy Easter!



## Annual Meeting Set for April 28th

Lake Region Electric Cooperative would like to invite all members to the 62nd Annual Meeting, which will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at the Hulbert High School. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the business meeting following at 1:00 p.m. Members and family in attendance will be given a food coupon for a complimentary meal. Local area fire departments will serve lunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. as a fundraiser. Members will have the opportunity to elect two board members at large to serve a three-year term on the Board of Trustees.

After the election ballots are cast, members will receive a gift. Hamid Vahdatipour, CEO of LREC, will give the CEO's Report and the Financial Report during the business meeting. All members who attend the 62nd Annual Meeting will be entered in a prize drawing. Which will take place after the business meeting, with a vendor super prize giveaway of a new storm cellar donated by Jerry's Excavation and H&H Septic Solutions in Peggs, as well as a grand prize of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250, plus several other vendor prizes.



Storm cellar donated by Jerry's Excavation and H&H Septic Solutions

## Official Notice

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

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

### Recess Business Session until 1 p.m

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. .... Registration & Voting

10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. .... Entertainment

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

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

Invocation ..... LREC Employee, Glen Clark

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 2011 Minutes ..... Jim Loftin, Board Secretary/Treasurer

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

Announcement of Election Results ..... Tina Glory-Jordan

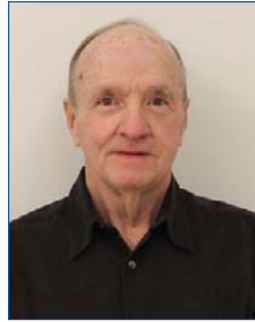
### Old Business

### New Business

### Adjourn Business Meeting

### Drawing for Prizes

## TRUSTEE NOMINEES



**Jack Teague** is a lifelong Hulbert resident and a graduate of Hulbert High School. Teague has 25 years experience as owner/operator of Jack's Muffler Shop and 10 years as owner/operator of Jack's Auto Parts. Teague has served on the Lake Region Electric Cooperative

Board since 2000 and currently holds the position of Assistant Treasurer-Secretary. Teague has earned credentials as a Cooperative Trustee and Board Leadership Certification given by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).



**Scott Manes** is a lifelong resident of Hulbert and a 1985 graduate of Hulbert High School. Manes attended four years of trade school to become a sheet metal worker. Manes is co-owner of American Environmental and a cattle rancher in Cherokee County. In addition, he

owns a small business, Triple J. Equipment in Hulbert. Manes has served on the Lake Region Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees since 2009.



**Louis Bohanon** is a husband and father of three where he resides in Shady Grove. He has been a member of Lake Region Electric Cooperative for approximately 23 years. He owns and operates a small calf farm seven miles northwest of Tahlequah. Bohanon holds a Bachelor

of Arts, as well as a Master of Arts in Education. Bohanon is employed by Norwood Elementary School as a teacher, where he has worked for 6 years. Bohanon has served on the Social Studies Pass Review Committee for the Oklahoma State Department of Education.



**Lake Region Electric Cooperative members will vote for two candidates for the Board of Trustees at this year's Annual Meeting held on April 28.**

## Minutes from the Annual Meeting on April 30, 2011

Chairman Gary Cooper called the Annual Meeting of the members of the Lake Region Electric Cooperative, Inc., to order on April 30, 2011 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 Trustees. He also introduced the Operation Round-Up Board 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, 1,034 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 24, 2010 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

*Minutes continued on next page ►*

## Safety

### Home Wiring Over the Hill?

#### ► Consider Easy Upgrades to Boost Safety

Nothing has the charm of an older home on a family farm or a cute cottage in a historical downtown district. But cosmetic and structural upgrades are often packaged with the cozy charm.

When upgrading your home, a fresh coat of paint and updated fixtures may come to mind. But what about hiring a professional to update the wiring behind a switch plate or outlet? Do you know the hidden dangers of aged wiring in your home? Do not take on wiring problems yourself, electrical upgrades often require a professional who knows what inspections and permits are needed. Here are a few clues to find out if your home's electric network needs a professional upgrade.

► **Type of wiring.** Modern wiring is insulated, meaning it is covered in plastic. Older homes may have copper or aluminum wiring. Copper wiring can work just as well as modern wiring if it is still in good condition and has not been altered or improperly installed. However, fire risk increases in homes with both copper and aluminum wiring. Corrosion to aluminum from copper can lead to loose connections causing fires. Use only aluminum-approved switches, outlets, and other accessories if your home has aluminum wiring.

► **Plugs fall out of outlets easily.** Loose plugs are a high fire danger. Older outlets that have lost their grip need to be replaced. Luckily this upgrade is affordable.



► **Not enough outlets.** The increasing use of chargers for phones and many other electronic devices means outlets are in high demand, especially in older homes where outlets are not as plentiful. A lack of outlets can result in overuse of extension cords and power strips. Be sure to use quality, 14-gauge or thicker cords that are approved by Underwriters Laboratories (UL). Never overload an outlet. Overloading can cause heat, leading to fire risk. Consider hiring a licensed electrician to add outlets to your home.

*Source: This Old House and Underwriters Laboratories*

## Minutes

in county elections. Attorney Glory-Jordan reported on the election results. Nominees Bobby Mayfield received 808 votes, Lynn Lamons, 722 votes and Tom Merrell, 320 votes. According to the Election results, Bobby Mayfield and Lynn Lamons 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 decent to adjourn the business session, subject to the drawing for the attendance prizes. The motion carried unanimously.

*Jim Loftin*  
Secretary-Treasurer

*Freda Pustle*  
Executive Administrative Asst.

## Clip, complete and bring to Annual Meeting

*The form below will not be available at this year's Annual Meeting, please complete this form and bring to meeting to cast vote for an organization.*

RESOLVES THAT \_\_\_\_\_

*(Person's name written in ink.)*

Who is a member or officer of the organization, is designated the official representative by \_\_\_\_\_

*(Organization's name written in ink.)*

I certify that the before mentioned resolution is true and correct. The representative was agreed upon at a meeting held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2012. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification Must Be Completed In Full To Be Valid**



# Right-of-Way Maintenance Improves Service Reliability

At Lake Region Electric Cooperative (LREC), we strive to enhance member satisfaction by providing reliable service to our members. Our goal of decreasing power outages and duration time is directly linked to maintaining proper clearances with our right-of-ways.

**“ Trees and shrubs that grow into power lines can cause power outages and delay restoration of power. ”**

Regular inspections and maintenance of all overhead distribution lines in our seven county service area is a major ongoing project. LREC contracts with specialists in the management of vegetation and right-of-way clearance to help keep our right-of-ways under control. LREC has two contractors working for us at this time. Asplundh has two bucket truck crews trimming trees in the Porter area. Northeast Rural Services (NRS) has one bucket truck crew and a machine crew trimming trees near Spring Creek and Snake Creek south of Locust Grove.


LREC is also utilizing our trained in-house right-of-way employees. Our in-house right-of-way crews continue work-



Photo by: Larry Mattes

Jordan Lechner, LREC right-of-way employee works to trim trees near power lines.

ing on service orders, new services, yard trees, and hot spots that demand immediate attention. If you have any questions concerning the right-of-way program, please contact our office at 918-772-2526.



## Get smart. Download the Co-op Connections Card App.

The new Co-op Connections smart phone app helps you find deals from pharmacies and a host of regional, online, and national retailers! The new GPS feature maps all the deals in your immediate area. To download the app for iPod, iPhone, or iPad, go to the iTunes Store and enter “Co-op Connections” in the search box. Also the Droid version is available now in the Android Market.

<p><b>Board of Trustees</b></p> <p>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</p> <p><b>Staff</b></p> <p>Hamid Vahdatipour .....CEO          Ben McCollum .....Dir. of Finance          Martin Walls .....Dir. of Operations          Stanley Young .....Dir. of Marketing          Larry Mattes .....Editor          Tina Glory-Jordan .....Attorney</p>	<p><b>Office Hours</b>          Monday-Friday          8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Telephone</b>          800-364-LREC or          918-772-2526</p> <p><b>Website:</b>  <a href="http://www.lrecok.coop">www.lrecok.coop</a></p> <p><b>Locations</b>          Hulbert, Wagoner &amp;          Tahlequah, OK.</p> <p><b>Main Office Address</b>          P.O. Box 127          Hulbert, OK 74441</p>	<p><b>Hidden Account Number</b></p> <p>Look for your account number hidden in this issue of the <i>Powerline Press</i>. If you find your number, Lake Region Electric will credit your next bill.</p> <p>To claim your credit, notify LREC's Hulbert office by phone or mail during the month of publication.</p> <p>The amount increases by \$10 with each issue your prize goes unclaimed to a maximum of \$50.</p> <p>For more information, call <b>800-364-LREC</b> or <b>918-772-2526</b></p> <p><b>Cooperative bylaws</b> are available upon request at Lake Region Electric Cooperative's office in Hulbert.</p>
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