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Energy Efficiency *Tip of the Month*

Keep energy efficiency in mind as the ground thaws and you plan spring landscaping. Properly selected and planted trees, shrubs, and bushes can create a windbreak that lowers home heating bills in the winter and insulates your home year-round. Before you start, check on the right plants and techniques for your climate at EnergySavers.gov.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy



ANNUAL MEETING

Will Be Held On April 27th

Lake Region Electric Cooperative, Inc. would like to invite our members to the 63rd Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2013 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 receive 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 three 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 will give the CEO's report and the financial report during the business meeting. All members who attend the Annual Meeting will be entered in a prize drawing after the business meeting closes.

All members who vote will be put in the final prize drawing with several vendor prizes as well as cash prizes from LREC of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250.

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Official Notice

Call Meeting to Order at 9 a.m.

9 a.m. Gary Cooper, Board President

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 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 2012 Minutes Jim Loftin,
Board Secretary/Treasurer

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

Announcement of
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 27, 2013 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 community. 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 serves as the President of Lake Region Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees and 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 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.



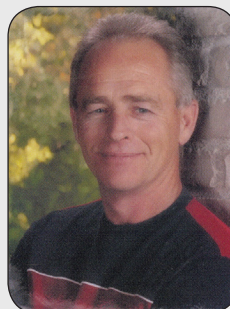
Randall Shankle has served as a credentialed LREC Trustee for the past 1 year and 8 months. He graduated from Hulbert High School in 1979. He has been a lifelong Hulbert resident. Randall is the owner of S&S Communications Specialists, Shankle Cattle Company, and part owner of American Environmental 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 has served as a credentialed LREC Trustee for the past nine years. He holds degrees from NSU and OSU. Jim has owned and operated Loftin Cattle Company for the past 31 years. Jim is a strong supporter of 4-H and FFA and received the 2006 State Friends of Extensions Award from OSU. Jim has resided in

Cherokee County for the past 61 years and has served as the president of the Cherokee County Cattlemen's Association for the past 25 years.



Louis Bohanon is a husband and father of three, and resides in Shady Grove. He has been a member of LREC for approximately 23 years. Louis retired from the dairy business in 2005 to pursue a career in education. He is currently teaching at Norwood School, where he has worked for seven

years. Louis holds a Bachelor of Arts, as well as a Master of Arts in Education and is currently working on his certification in administration. Louis has held positions on various state education improvement committees.

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Minutes from the Annual Meeting on April 28, 2012

Chairman Gary Cooper called the Annual Meeting of the members of the Lake Region Electric Cooperative, Inc., to order on April 28, 2012, 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, 1,133 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 30, 2011 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. Nominees Jack Teague received 878 votes, Scott Manes, 749 votes and Louis Bohanon, 367 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 decent to adjourn the business session, subject to the drawing for the attendance prizes. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim Loftin
Secretary-Treasurer

Freda Purtle
Executive Administrative Asst.

LREC Linemen Aid Fellow Oklahoma Cooperative



Pictured left to right: Dean KirkPatrick, Jason Youngblood, Randall Scott, and Stephen Lewallen (not pictured: Cory Bloxson)

A massive winter storm swept through western Oklahoma on February 25th, and left miles of poles and power lines on the ground. The winter system began with freezing rain, snow, and wind gusts over 35

to 45 miles an hour.

Lake Region Electric Cooperative had a crew of five men offer mutual aid to Alfalfa Electric Cooperative in Cherokee, Oklahoma. This crew, along with other mutual aid crews, helped restore electricity for the members of Alfalfa Electric Cooperative.

When the LREC crew arrived, Alfalfa was reporting that more than 600 poles were destroyed or damaged. The LREC crew spent seven days away from their homes and families, replacing damaged poles on Alfalfa's electric system.

Oklahoma electric cooperatives are part of a mutual aid agreement. When other electric cooperatives experience a large scale power outage, cooperatives in other parts of the state rush to help each other rebuild their system.

LREC would like to thank these men who volunteered their services to assist Alfalfa Electric Cooperative. Thank you for carrying on the cooperative spirit of "Cooperation among Cooperatives."

Clip, complete, and bring to Annual Meeting

The form below is to cast a business or organization vote at the Annual Meeting. This form is not required for an individual member to vote. These forms will not be available at the Annual Meeting, please complete this form and bring it with you to cast a vote for your business or 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 _____ 2013. At the mentioned meeting, a quorum was present and enacted that the person is an official or member of the organization.

President _____

Secretary _____

Certification Must Be Completed In Full To Be Valid



Scam Alert!

Scammers have been targeting members 775700 of electric cooperatives, making fake disconnection threats in an attempt to collect members credit card information. The people calling are stating they are with the electric cooperative and are asking the member to sign-up for auto pay. Then they are requesting bank or credit card information from the member.

Please be aware that Lake Region Electric Cooperative (LREC) employees never solicit members to pay over the phone or sign-up for any programs over the phone. LREC will show up on the caller ID when we contact you from our office.

To protect your identity, if you are contacted by anyone stating they are with "LREC" do not provide any banking or credit card information to them. Contact the police or sheriff and submit a report immediately and document the scam. Please provide the phone number that the call originated from so the authorities can investigate further. Members may also call LREC's billing department at 918-772-2526 and request status of their account during regular business hours or use LREC's automated phone system for account inquiry's 24 hours per day.

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

For more information, call **800-364-LREC** or **918-772-2526**

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