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## SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL MEETING

Lake Region Electric Cooperative, a member-owned rural electric cooperative, would like to invite all our members to the **70th Annual Meeting** of the membership. The meeting will be held **April, 27th**, the last Saturday of April at the Hulbert High School.

LREC's success depends on guidance from its Board of Trustees, made up of seven, democratically-elected individuals from the membership. The board governs the cooperative by setting strategic goals, rates, and cooperative policies.

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. and accept meal coupons as a fundraiser.

Hamid Vahdatipour, the CEO, will present the financial report during the business meeting. All members who register at the annual meeting will be entered into the prize



Photo by: Larry Mattes

LREC employee's 2018 Annual Meeting

drawings with several prizes. A grand total of \$5,000 in cash and door prizes.

We hope to see several of our members at this year's annual meeting. You can view an event map on our website [www.lrecok.coop](http://www.lrecok.coop).

### OFFICIAL NOTICE & LREC ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA


Call Meeting to Order at 8 a.m.....	Scott Manes, Board President
Recess Business Session until 1 p.m. ....	Registration, Voting, Free Lunch, and Information Tables
Resume Business Meeting at 1 p.m. Call Recessed Meeting to Order .....	Scott Manes, Board President
Open Meeting Prayer .....	Glen Clark, Director of Marketing
Welcome and Introduction of Special Guests .....	Hamid Vahdatipour, CEO
Quorum and Notice .....	Tina Glory-Jordan, Cooperative Attorney
Reading of the Meeting Notice, Proof of Publication, 2018 Minutes .....	Randall Shankle, Board Secretary/Treasurer
CEO's Report and the Financial Report .....	Hamid Vahdatipour, CEO
Board Election Results .....	Tina Glory-Jordan, Cooperative Attorney

Old Business | New Business | Adjourn Business Meeting | Prize Drawing


*(Prize winners need not be present to win)*

# Term: 3 years | Annual Meeting Election Ballot




 **Gary Cooper** and his wife Cheryl have a farm in Shady Grove. He has served as president of the Cherokee County 4-H, president of the Shady Grove Board of Education, and county committee member of the Farmers Home Administration. Gary has received his NRECA director certification and serves on the LREC Board of Trustees. Gary owns and operates Hulbert Super Storage.




 **Randall Shankle** has served as secretary-treasurer for the past year and is a credentialed LREC trustee. Randall is a life long Hulbert resident and employed by Sunset Valley Steel. Randall owned and operated S&S Communications Specialists from 2000-2016. He is the owner of Shankle Cattle Company, and part owner of American Environmental Fabrication and Supply. 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, 2 of which attend Hulbert Public Schools.



 **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 has earned his NRECA CCD (Credentialed Co-operative Director) certificate and is a NRECA voting delegate. James and his wife Phyllis have owned and operated Walls Machine Shop for the last 32 years.



 **Buddy Spradlin** is a resident of Tahlequah and has been a member of Lake Region Electric Cooperative for 27 years. He is a graduate of Tahlequah High School and attended the University of Madison-Wisconsin and graduated as a CLCP (Certified Loss Control Professional). Buddy has three children and five grandchildren. Buddy has worked in the electrical field for 30 years with lineman experience and as a Field Safety Director.

## Annual Meeting Free Member Gift

Be sure to attend your annual meeting. You, the members, are the co-op 4686901. Each member in attendance at this year's annual meeting may select one free hat or bag. Be sure to register early Saturday while supplies last.



# Last Year's 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

Vice-Chairman Manes called the Annual Meeting of the members of the Lake Region Electric Cooperative, Inc., to order on April 28, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. in the Hulbert School Auditorium. The Vice-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. 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 Vice-Chairman Manes. 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, 1196 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, 2017 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. There were two positions open for a two-year term and two positions open for a three-year term. There were five candidates running for the two-year term and three candidates running for the three-year term. The top two candidates in each group are elected to the board the election results are as follows: Two-Year Term: (because no quorum was made the year before) Bobby Mayfield 747, Lynn Lamons 626, Michael Moss 345, Chester Bailey 259, Liz McMahan 133. Three-Year Term: Jack Teague 838, Scott Manes 805, Billy Bob Dougherty 394.

Incumbents, Bobby Mayfield and Lynn Lamons, were re-elected for a two-year term. Incumbents, Jack Teague and Scott Manes, were re-elected for a three-year term.

Motion was made and seconded without descent to adjourn the business session, subject to the drawing for the attendance prizes. The motion carried unanimously.

*Lynn Lamons*, Secretary-Treasurer

*Freda Purtle*, Executive Admin. Assistant



**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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2019. 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 \_\_\_\_\_



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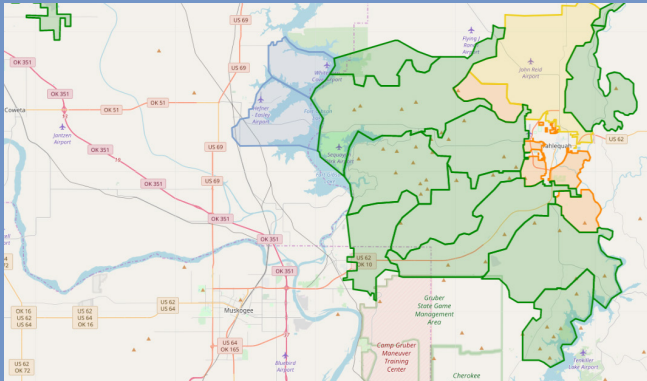
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# GOT LAKE REGION FIBER?

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If you are not in an in-service zone, **BE SURE** to continue on and preregister so your name gets added to the list of backers for future zones. Then help us spread the word to your neighbors and friends, and tell them to join in on the rural broadband revolution. Also if you are one of the lucky members connected to our fiber network be sure to let us know how it is. Share on Facebook or leave us a Google review.

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### 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.

### Telephone

800-364-LREC or  
918-772-2526

### Website:

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

### Locations

Hulbert, Wagoner &  
Tahlequah, OK.

### Main Office Address

P.O. Box 127  
Hulbert, OK 74441

### Hidden Account Number

Look for your account number hidden in this issue of the *Powerline Press*. If you find your number, Lake Region Electric will credit your next bill. To claim your credit, notify LREC's Hulbert office by phone during the month of publication.

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.

