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NEWSLETTER



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Get Ready For Annual Meeting



Save the Date

LREC is happy to announce the milestone of our 75th Annual Meeting of the membership, scheduled for April 27th. Save the date and mark your calendar for your Co-op Annual Meeting! The meeting will be on the last Saturday of April, at Hulbert Public Schools (316 Rider Ln, Hulbert, OK 74441). This year marks our 75th year anniversary. Members who attend will receive an anniversary coffee mug as co-op gift marking 75 years of service!

Each member account registered will also receive a **\$30 electric credit** and have their name entered into a raffle for **cash prizes totaling \$3,500** after the Annual Meeting. The membership will vote on two open board seats. The voting will be conducted in an in-person drive-through format. **Please bring your bill for quick registration.**

We will also have a business meeting at the Hulbert School Auditorium at 1:00 p.m. for our CEO to update the members on co-op financials. **NO PRIZES** will be presented at this business meeting. This will only consist of the co-op financials.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

LREC Annual Meeting Agenda

Annual Meeting of the Membership

Hulbert Public School, April 27, 2024

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

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

Recess Business Session until 1:00 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. Election of Trustees

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

Resume Business Meeting 1:00 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, CEO's Report and Financial Report John Lee, CEO

Quorum and Notice Tina Glory-Jordan, Cooperative Attorney

Reading of the Meeting Notice,
Proof of Publication, 2023 Minutes Randle Shankle, Secretary-Treasurer

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

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn Business Meeting

Annual Meeting

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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.

If you or a passenger in your vehicle have medical

conditions or have difficulty spending an extended amount of time in a vehicle, please take precautions accordingly. We have planned for the traffic to flow as quickly as possible. 2648900

As we embark on this milestone year, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to every member and the cooperative which has been shaping success and driving LREC forward. Together, let's celebrate 75 years of providing our members safe, reliable, and competitive services for today and tomorrow.



YOUR CO-OP YOUR VOTE

2024 Board of Directors Election | Two Open Seats



Scott Manes a native of Hulbert, proudly graduated from Hulbert High School in 1985. His passion for craftsmanship led him to pursue four years of trade school, where he honed his skills as a sheet metal worker. Scott is also a cattle rancher in Cherokee County and owns several small businesses, most notably Triple J. Equipment in Hulbert.

These businesses have become a cornerstone of the local economy. Family is at the heart of Scott's life. He shares his journey with his wife of 35 years, Brigette, and takes immense pride in fathering three daughters who inspire him daily, four grandchildren, and a new grandbaby on the way. Scott's commitment to community service is exemplified by his longstanding tenure on the Lake Region Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees since 2009. He has earned credentials as a Cooperative Trustee, Board Leadership Certification, and Director Gold Credentials from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). Scott is a Board Member and on the Internal Communications Committee at OAEC. He has played an active role in guiding the cooperative through changes in the electric utility industry. Scott currently serves as President of the LREC Board of Directors and has been a lifelong LREC Member since 1989. His dedication to the cooperative's success remains unwavering.



Jack Teague is a dedicated and lifelong Hulbert resident and a proud graduate of Hulbert High School. Jack had a career spanning 25 years of dedication to his communities and experience as owner/operator of Jack's Muffler Shop and ten years as owner/operator of Jack's Auto Parts. Jack's passion for community service and commitment to cooperative principles shine through his tenure on the Lake Region Electric Cooperative Board. Since 2000, he has been a trusted steward of the cooperative's mission, advocating tirelessly for the interests of its members and ensuring access to essential services. Jack has earned credentials as a Cooperative Trustee and Board Leadership Certification awarded by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).



Stanley Young has over four decades of experience in the electric utility industry, having worked for LREC. Stanley began his career with LREC in November 1972 as a lineman and worked up the ranks over the years. He left LREC in December 1978 to attend NSU but returned to the company the following May as a staking tech in the engineering department. He held various other roles at LREC, including safety coordinator and economic development specialist. Stanley returned to NSU, got a Bachelor of Business Administration, and became LREC's Marketing Supervisor in 1997 and held this position for 21 years before retiring from LREC with over 40 years of service. Stanley would like to represent the members on the Board of Directors. Currently, Stanley is employed by Mark Hodson State Farm as a Multiple Line Representative of Insurance.

Drive-Through Annual Meeting Route



You must be present to register and vote and receive the **\$30 electric credit**. Please refer to the map for easy navigation. Please be sure to bring your electric bill or know your account number to register and help keep traffic moving at this year's Annual Meeting. Prize drawing and election results will be published shortly after the meeting closes on our Website and Facebook. Questions? Please call **918-772-2526**. We are happy to answer any questions about LREC Annual Meeting. 730201

2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

Chairman Manes called the Annual Meeting of the members of the Lake Region Electric Cooperative, Inc., to order on April 29, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. at Hulbert School Auditorium. The Chairman then announced the business session would suspend and resume immediately at 1:30 p.m. after the members registration and voting on matters on hand 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 1:30 p.m. The recessed business session was resumed at 1:30 p.m. and called to order by Chairman Manes. He called upon employee Glen Clark to give the invocation.

CEO Lee gave the Welcome and Introduction of Directors. He then introduced Cooperative Attorney Tina Glory-Jordan who then presided over the meeting. Attorney Glory-Jordan reported that at the close of registration, 1584 members had registered and voted. Attorney Glory-Jordan then declared that a quorum was present, and the meeting proceeded. CEO Lee gave the CEO's Report and the Financial Report.

During the process of the day, member voting on matters on hand was conducted through a drive-through method using an electronic voting system provided and conducted by the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives. There were two positions open for a three-year term. During the process of the day, the election ballots were cast and counted. Attorney Glory-Jordan reported on the voting results and on the matters on hand:

- a. Members voted to approve the 2022 Annual Meeting minutes as presented.
- b. Nominees Lynn Lamons received 1,027, Dianna Mayfield received 1,015, Johnny Halpain received 295, Stan Sanders received 133 and Stanley Young received 418 votes.

According to the Election results, incumbents Lynn Lamons and Dianna Mayfield 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. With no other business come before the meeting, motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Annual Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Thanks! LREC & LRTC LINEMEN



Every April, we take a moment to recognize our linemen in honor of National Lineman Appreciation Day, which LREC will observe on April 3rd, 2024. Most of us don't often think about the men who build, repair, and maintain our co-op's power system and fiber network. Join us as we recognize all our Journeymen and Apprentice Linemen. LREC depends on 24 electric linemen, 6 right-of-way tree trimmers to keep the lights on and 11 fiber linemen to keep the internet streaming.

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 certifications. Thank you, Lake Region Linemen, for all your hard work for our local co-op.



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 _____ 2024. 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 _____

Your Board of Trustees

Scott Manes.....President
 Lynn Lamons.....Vice-President
 Randall Shankle.....Secretary-Treasurer
 Jack Teague.....Asst. Secretary-Treasurer
 James Walls Trustee
 Gary CooperTrustee
 Dianna Mayfield.....Trustee
 Tina Glory-JordanAttorney

Staff

John Lee.....CEO
 Ben McCollumDirector of Finance
 Leisa Walker.....Sr Director of Accounting
 Logan Pleasant.....Director of Operations
 Jarrod Welch.....Director of Fiber & IT
 Glen ClarkDirector of Marketing

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