

# Voice Your Vote at Annual Meeting

**Coleman County Electric Cooperative will hold its 76th annual membership meeting on July 18 at the Winters Cafeteria and Gym. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m., and the business meeting begins at 7 p.m.**

Along with the annual reports presented by the president and general manager, we will also have a representative from Golden Spread Electric Cooperative. Coleman County Electric Cooperative joined GSEC in November 2003. Golden Spread is a generation and transmission cooperative comprising 16 electric distribution cooperatives.

We plan to serve homemade ice cream and cookies prepared by the Runnels County 4-H'ers. Attendance gifts will be given to each member registering as well as attendance gifts for the kids. There will be prize drawings for adults and children.

There will be a place to vote for or against changing the Articles of Incorporation on the ballot with the election of directors. This change would allow the cooperative to have not more than nine directors or less than seven to represent the membership. In June's issue of Texas Co-op Power, there will be more information about this change, including the wording of the proposed resolution.

As you know, a couple of years ago, we made some changes in the ballot procedure. We would just like to remind you that if you mail your ballot or you bring your ballot to the meeting, be sure to vote for the directors of your choice and vote yes or no on changing the number of directors, put the ballot in the envelope and sign the outside of the envelope. The signature must be on the outside of the envelope and the envelope sealed for your vote to be counted.

Please mark July 18 on your calendars and make plans to attend this year's meeting in Winters. Come and enjoy the fellowship with your fellow members while participating in the business activities of your own cooperative.

The ballot and annual report will be included in the July issue of Texas Co-op Power, which will be mailed about July 1.



## Board Selects Nominating Committee

**In accordance with Article III, Section 3, of the bylaws of Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Inc., the board of directors has appointed nine members to serve as the committee to nominate director candidates for the upcoming annual meeting.**

The nominating committee will meet at the cooperative office at 9 a.m. Thursday, May 15.

The committee will select qualified members from each of three districts to run for three-year terms on the board of directors. These three districts are District 1—Roger Bryan, District 5—Anthony Strawn and District 8—Helen Bragg.

Nominating committee members for this year are: District 1—Dewaine Lange, District 2—Bill Bredemeyer, District 3—Jerald Wilson, District 4—Tommy Mac Connelly, District 5—Roy Young, District 6—Ruth Hyde, District 7—Harriet Fischer, District 8—Glenda Gassiot and District 9—Jerry Ellis.

Any member wanting to make a recommendation to the nominating committee should contact one of the committee members before May 15.

The committee nominations will be posted at the cooperative office at least 20 days before the annual meeting.

The nominations will also be published in the issue of Texas Co-op Power that will be mailed to you around July 1. All questions concerning bylaws requirements can be answered at the office of Coleman County Electric Cooperative, by directors or by nominating committee members.

Your cooperative strives to remain truly yours, and member participation is vital to keep it that way. Please participate.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



.....  
**COLEMAN COUNTY EC 76TH ANNUAL  
 Membership Meeting**

**Friday, July 18, 2014 • 5:30 p.m.**  
 Winters Cafeteria and Gym  
 .....

*Look for full details in next month's issue.*

# Bylaws Excerpts

## ARTICLE III—Directors

**SECTION 1. GENERAL POWERS.** The business and affairs of the cooperative shall be managed by a board of nine (9) directors which shall exercise all of the powers of the cooperative except such as are by law or by the articles of incorporation of the cooperative or by these bylaws conferred upon or reserved to the members.

**SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS AND TENURE.** At the Annual Meeting of the Members in 1960, three (3) directors shall be elected by and from the members to serve for a period of three (3) years from the date of their election, or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. Thereafter at each Annual Meeting of the Members of the Cooperative, three (3) directors shall be elected by and from the members to serve for a period of three (3) years from the date of their election, or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified, subject to the provisions of these bylaws with respect to the removal of directors. No member shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold any position of trust in the cooperative who is not a bonafide resident in the area served by the cooperative, or who is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the cooperative, and no person shall take or hold office as a director who is the incumbent or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid. When a membership is held jointly by a husband and wife, either one, but not both, may be elected a director, provided, however, that neither one shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold a position of trust in the cooperative unless both shall meet the qualifications hereinabove set forth. Nothing in this section contained shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 2A. RESIDENCE OF DIRECTORS.** Not more than one director may be elected from the same Detail Area of the territory served by Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Incorporated, as such territory and Detail Area are defined and shown on the current map of the cooperative as established by the Board of Directors; such detail areas being drawn off by red pencil. If, after his or her election a director of the cooperative shall, for the purpose of residing therein, move into a Detail Area wherein one other director of said Cooperative is then residing, the office of the director so moving into such Detail Area shall automatically become vacant without further action on the part of the cooperative or its Board of Directors; and such Board of Directors shall at its first regular, or special meeting thereafter name and appoint a qualified member of the Cooperative as director to fill the unexpired term of the director so disqualifying himself or herself.

**SECTION 3. NOMINATIONS.** It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one hundred and twenty (120) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members who shall be selected so as to give equitable representation on the committee to the geographical areas served or to be served by the Cooperative. No officer or member of the Board of Directors shall be appointed a member of such committee. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days before the meeting a list of nominations for directors; but any fifteen (15) or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail with the notice of the meeting a statement of the number of directors to be elected and showing separately the nominations made by the committee on nominations and the nominations made by petition, if any. The members may, at any meeting at which a director or directors shall be removed, as hereinbefore provided, elect a successor or successors thereto without compliance with the foregoing provisions with respect to nominations. Notwithstanding anything in this section contained, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any election of directors.



## Coleman County Electric Cooperative

3300 N. Highway 84 • P.O. Box 860  
Coleman, TX 76834

*Operating in Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Coke, Concho, Runnels, Taylor and Tom Green counties*

### GENERAL MANAGER

Roland Witt

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Roger Bryan, *District 1*
- Roger Kruse, *District 2*
- David Wright, *District 3*
- Sandy Neal, *District 4*
- Anthony Strawn, *District 5*
- Daniel Redman, *District 6*
- Bob Fuchs, *District 7*
- Helen Bragg, *District 8*
- Glen Scarborough, *District 9*



## Contact Us

### CALL US AT

**(325) 625-2128** local  
**1-800-560-2128** toll-free

### AFTER-HOURS EMERGENCY

**1-800-560-2128** toll-free

### FIND US ON THE WEB

**colemanelectric.org**



Coleman County EC salutes the men and women who have paid the ultimate price to secure the freedoms we enjoy today.

*Our offices will be closed Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.*