

Board Selects Nominating Committee

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE III, SECTION 3 of the bylaws of Coleman County Electric Cooperative, the board of directors appointed seven members to serve on 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 11.

The committee will select qualified members to run for three-year terms on the board of directors. The current director for District 5 is Anthony Strawn; after 24 years of dedicated service to the cooperative, he has decided to retire. Seats in District 1 and District 4 are also vacant.

Nominating committee members for this year are: District 1, Dwaine Lange; District 2, Bill Bredemeyer; District 3, Jerald Wilson; District 4, Lorene Halfmann; District 5, James Barr; District 6, Jerry Ellis; and District 7, Harriet Fischer.

Any member wanting to make a recommendation to the nominating committee should contact one of the committee members before May 11.

The committee's nominations will be posted at the cooperative office at least 20 days before the annual meeting. The nominations also will be published in the issue of *Texas Co-op Power* that will be mailed to you July 1.

All questions concerning bylaws requirements can be answered at the office of Coleman County EC, by directors or by nominating committee members.

Your cooperative membership means you are an owner of your electric cooperative and you have a say in how it's operated. Member participation is vital to keep it that way. Please participate.



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Annual Meeting To Be Held in Coleman

COLEMAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE WILL HOLD its 79th annual membership meeting July 14 at Coleman High School in Coleman. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m., with the business meeting at 7 p.m.

We plan to offer homemade ice cream and cookies prepared and served by the Coleman County 4Hers at the Coleman Junior High cafeteria. Attendance gifts will be given to each member registering as well as attendance gifts for the kids. There also will be prize drawings for the adults and children.

As you know, a couple years ago, we made some changes in voting procedures. We would like to remind you that whether you mail your ballot or bring your ballot to the meeting, you need to vote for the directors of your choice. Place 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 14 on your calendars and make plans to attend this year's meeting in Coleman. Come and enjoy fellowship with your fellow members while participating in the business activities of your own cooperative.

Bylaws Excerpt

ARTICLE III—DIRECTORS

SECTION I. GENERAL POWERS. The business and affairs of the cooperative shall be managed by a board of not more than nine (9) or less than seven (7) 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. The directors elected shall 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 bona fide resident in the area served by the cooperative, or while a Director or at any time prior to becoming a Director, either was or becomes convicted of a felony crime, or pleads or has pled guilty to a felony crime, 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

Capital Credits Allocated

CAPITAL CREDITS RECENTLY WERE ALLOCATED to accounts of Coleman County Electric Cooperative members for 2016.

After the end of every fiscal year, cooperatives must determine what, if any, margins were made during the year and allocate these margins to its members' accounts. Your cooperative's margin is any money left after all operating costs have been paid for the year. Because members are owners of the cooperative, that money is allocated back to their accounts.

These capital credits will be returned to members at some time in the future, when doing so will not weaken the financial condition of the cooperative.

In the meantime, the funds remain invested in the cooperative plant while credited to each member's account, even if a member moves away from Coleman County EC's lines. It is very important that departing members keep the co-op informed of their current mailing addresses so that they can receive capital credits returns when they are paid.

The Coleman County EC 2016 capital credits distribution totaled \$284,620.32, and the Golden Spread Electric Cooperative generation and transmission co-op's capital credits totaled \$181,081.54.

An individual's capital credits can be calculated by multiplying the member's total annual bill by the factor listed below for the appropriate consumer classification.

Notice that we have listed two columns below: One shows the factors for Coleman County's EC distribution (power sold to our members), and the other shows factors for our generation and transmission co-op (via power we purchase from Golden Spread EC). Being a member of Golden Spread EC has enabled us to return G&T allocations to our membership.

Type	Co-op	Generation & Transmission	Type	Co-op	Generation & Transmission
Residential	0.0316	0.0201	M.W.P. I	0.0024	0.0015
Irrigation	0.0350	0.0223	II	0.0045	0.0029
Commercial	0.0283	0.0180	III	0.0057	0.0036
L.P. Special	0.0130	0.0083			

In calculating the amount of your total bill, include the security light charge, but do not include any tax, service or miscellaneous charges.

If you have any questions concerning these calculations, please feel free to contact the co-op office for your correct allocation for 2016.

BYLAWS EXCERPT CONTINUED

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.



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Clint Gardner

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MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 29