



CCEC Annual Meeting To Be Held in Coleman

COLEMAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE WILL HOLD ITS 81ST ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP meeting July 19 at Coleman High School in Coleman. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m., and George Allison will provide entertainment before the business meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Homemade ice cream and cookies will be prepared and served by the Coleman County 4-H Club at the Coleman Junior High School cafeteria. Each registering member will receive attendance gifts. There will be prize drawings for adults and children.

As a reminder, we ask that you complete your ballot by voting for your director of choice. Ballots need to be completed, placed in the provided envelope, sealed and signed. The outside of the envelope must be signed for your ballot to be counted.

Please mark July 19 on your calendar and make plans to attend this year's meeting in Coleman. Come and enjoy fellowship with your fellow members while participating in the business of your cooperative.

Board Selects Nominating Committee

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE III, SECTION 3 of the bylaws of Coleman County Electric Cooperative, the board of directors has appointed seven members to serve on the committee to nominate director candidates for the election at the upcoming annual meeting.

The nominating committee will meet at the cooperative office at 9 a.m. Monday, May 13.

The committee will select qualified members to run for three-year terms on the board of directors. Directors up for re-election are:

Roger Kruse, District 2

Darla Wise, District 6

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

Any member wanting to make a recommendation to the nominating committee should contact one of the committee members prior to May 13.

The committee's nominations will be posted at the cooperative office at least 20 days prior to the annual meeting.

The nominations also will be published in the July issue of *Texas Co-op Power*. All questions concerning bylaws requirements can be answered at the office of Coleman County EC by directors or by nominating committee members.

As a member of the co-op, you are also an owner of your electric cooperative, and you have a say in how it's operated. Member participation is vital to keeping it that way. Please participate.

Coleman County EC Bylaws Excerpt

ARTICLE III—DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. 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 provision 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 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.



No employee and/or spouse of an employee shall be eligible to become a Director of the Cooperative who has been employed by any other electric cooperative, municipally-owned utility or investor-owned utility; or has been employed by Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Inc within five (5) years immediately following the last day of employment. Except as otherwise provided by the Board of Directors for good cause, a Director must attend at least three-fourths (3/4ths) of all regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors during each twelve (12) month period between annual meetings in order to remain qualified to be a Director. No person shall be eligible to seek a director position if the election for such position is to occur after the individual becomes seventy-five (75) years of age. 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

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

CEO/GENERAL MANAGER

Clint Gardner

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Richard Lange, *District 1*
- Roger Kruse, *Vice President, District 2*
- David Wright, *Secretary-Treasurer, District 3*
- Les Dobbins Jr., *District 4*
- Brent McMillan, *District 5*
- Darla Wise, *District 6*
- Bob Fuchs, *President, District 7*

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HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

**Coleman County Electric Cooperative
will be closed Monday, May 27,
in observance of the holiday.**

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.

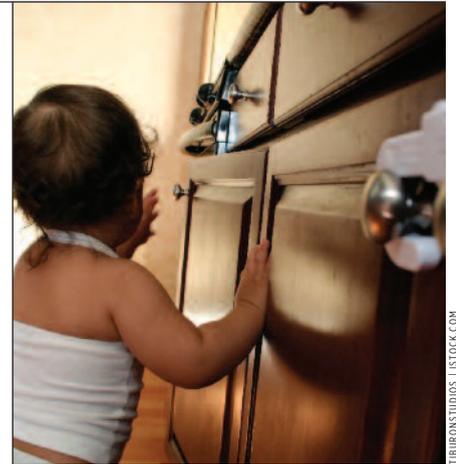
SECTION 3. NOMINATIONS. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one hundred and twenty (120) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five (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.

SECTION 4. REMOVAL AND DISCIPLINE.

(a) Removal by Board. A director may be removed for cause, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the remaining directors, who are not subject to current challenge, at a regular or special board meeting called for such purpose. The affected director shall be informed thereof in writing at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting at which such a vote is scheduled to take place and shall have an opportunity to be heard in person at such meeting.

(b) Cause shall include: (1) a conviction or judicial determination involving a felony crime or a crime of moral turpitude; (2) becoming ineligible to serve due to failing to meet the qualifications of Section 2 of this Article; (3) failure, without excuse, to attend a majority of board meetings in a one (1) year time period, and/or failure of health, or other violation of a director's fiduciary duty to such a degree as two-thirds (2/3) vote of remaining Board members finds to warrant such disciplinary action; or (4) the bringing of such disrepute or disparagement to the Cooperative by unacceptable personal conduct to warrant such discipline as determined by two-thirds (2/3) of the remaining Board members.

(c) Director Discipline. The Board shall create a committee to investigate any formal complaint of a director's conduct. The committee shall be composed of the current Board President, or next highest officer if the current highest officer is subject of the complaint, and two (2) other directors selected by the Board. Following investigation, the committee shall make its report to the full Board with recommendations, if any, of discipline of the affected director. The committee and the Board may meet in executive session to consider the complaint or report. The affected director shall not participate in the committee or Board's deliberation except as requested. The affected Director shall be provided a copy of the report and given opportunity to respond prior to the vote on any recommended action. Discipline action may range to include: (1) a verbal warning; (2) a written reprimand; (3) censure; (4) a reduction in director benefits or compensation; or (5) removal pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.



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May Is Electrical Safety Month

EVERY MAY, NATIONAL ELECTRICAL Safety Month reminds us to sweep our homes of hazards that could lead to accidents and fires. **This year, resolve to:**

Install ground-fault circuit interrupters. These devices can protect your family from electrocution. In fact, the Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that GFCIs could prevent half of all home electrocutions. Install them in any room that could get wet, including bathrooms, garages, kitchens and laundry rooms, and on outdoor receptacles and any outlet that's within 6 feet of a faucet.

Prevent fires with arc-fault protection. When electrical wiring or devices get damaged or overheated, an arc fault can occur. An arc fault is a discharge of electricity that turns into heat and can break down a wire's insulation. That can cause a fire. In fact, the National Fire Protection Association estimates that 47,000 home fires every year involve some sort of electrical malfunction, and half of those fires could be prevented by arc-fault circuit interrupters.

Childproof your home. Your 2- to 4-year-old child can remove plastic outlet caps within 10 seconds, according to research by Temple University. Foil your little one's attempts by installing tamper-resistant receptacles, which are designed with toddlers in mind. Every room of your house needs childproof outlets so your child can't insert anything into them, which would otherwise cause a shock.

Why Electricity Is Dangerous

HAVE YOU EVER WALKED ACROSS CARPET AND RECEIVED A shock when you touched a doorknob or another person? What you felt was a buildup of static electricity.

But a real electric shock is a lot more painful and can be deadly. Here's what can happen:

- ▶ Muscles tighten up, making it almost impossible to pull away from the circuit.
- ▶ Lungs constrict, making it hard to breathe.
- ▶ Heartbeat is interrupted and blood vessels narrow.
- ▶ Burns and internal organ damage occur.
- ▶ Death may follow.

It sounds scary—and it is—but if you remember some simple safety rules, you can use electricity without getting hurt.

Humans Are Good Conductors

The human body is a good conductor of electricity. That means electricity flows easily through our bodies. Why? Because electricity moves quickly through water—and the human body is 70 percent water.

Another fact to remember is that electricity always tries to

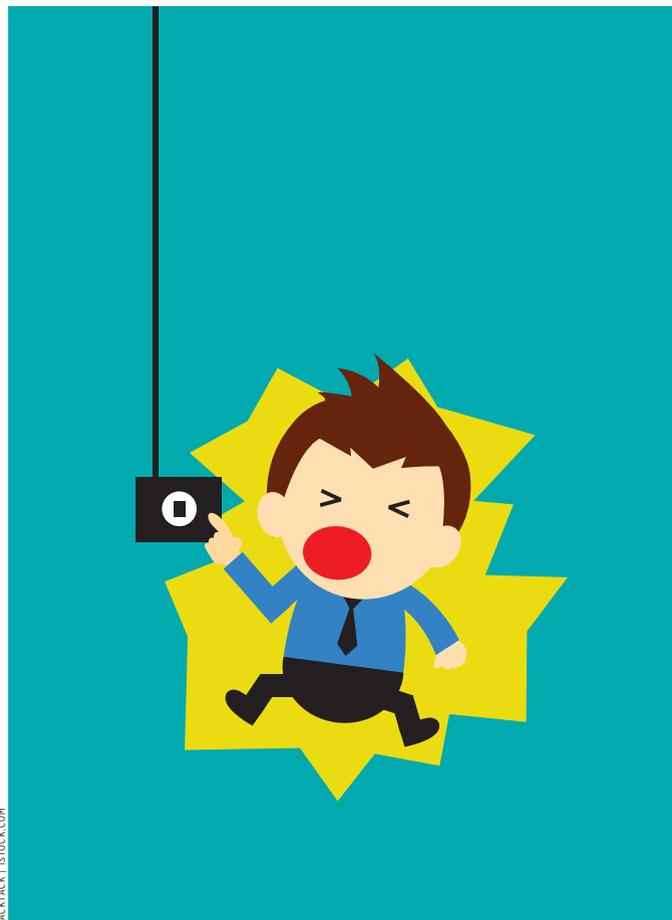
find the easiest path to the ground—so don't get in its way. Maintain safe distances from electric lines at all times. Avoid using ladders, poles or other tools in situations where they may come into contact with overhead lines. Contact your electric cooperative if you need to work near power lines.

Accidents Happen Quickly

You might think that if you get shocked, you can pull away quickly and not get hurt. Electricity travels at nearly the speed of light, 186,000 miles per second, so the effects of electricity can be felt immediately. A person has almost no chance of avoiding the shock.

If the electricity is strong enough, muscles tighten so much that a person can't let go.

Anyone who touches someone who is being shocked can become part of the circuit, too. That's why you should never grab anyone who's been shocked. If an electrical accident happens, turn off or unplug the circuit if it's safe to do so, call 911 and tell the operator that someone has been involved in an electrical accident, and keep others away until trained help arrives.



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ELECTRICITY SAFETY RULES

- 1. Look up and look out for power lines** before you raise a ladder, climb onto a roof or climb a tree. Stay at least 35 feet away from overhead power lines.
- 2. Don't ever play or work on or near** a green transformer box or climb the fence around an electrical substation.
- 3. Keep electrical equipment away from water.** Most electrical accidents around the house happen when people use electricity near water.
- 4. Don't plug a bunch of devices** into one outlet or extension cord. It could damage the electrical system in your house or even cause a fire.
- 5. Make sure all electrical cords** are tucked out of the way to avoid a tripping hazard and to keep pets or small children away from them.
- 6. Don't yank an electrical cord** from the wall. Instead, pull from the plug. Pulling on a cord can damage the appliance, the plug or the outlet.
- 7. Don't fly drones or kites** near power lines or substations. A kite and its string may conduct electricity—sending it right through you to the ground.
- 8. Install tamper-resistant receptacles.** Not only will it help keep kids safe, but covering outlets will also help save energy by stopping cold drafts.
- 9. Make sure all electric appliances and tools** are in good repair.
- 10. Don't use extension cords** for long-term electrical needs. They are intended for temporary use only.