

CCEC Annual Meeting To Be Held in Coleman

COLEMAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE WILL HOLD ITS 82ND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP meeting July 17 at Coleman High School in Coleman. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m., with attendance gifts for members. Homemade ice cream, cookies and punch will be prepared and served by the Runnels County 4-H Club in the Coleman Junior High School cafeteria. Entertainment will be provided beginning at 6 p.m., and the business meeting begins at 7 p.m. Prize drawings for adults and children will follow the meeting.

As a reminder, we ask that you complete your ballot by voting for the director of your 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 17 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.

CCEC 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 via conference call Monday, May 11, to select qualified members to run for three-year terms on the board of directors. Directors up for reelection are Richard Lange, District 1; Les Dobbins, District 4; and Brent McMillan, District 5.

Nominating committee members selected for this year are **Dwaine Lange**, District 1; **Gary Burelsmith**, 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 11.

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.

Working Together To Slow the Spread of COVID-19

CONCERN FOR OUR COMMUNITIES drives everything we do at Coleman County Electric Cooperative. That's why we are continuing to take every precaution in the fight against COVID-19—to protect our consumer-members and employees, who are critical to keeping the lights on.

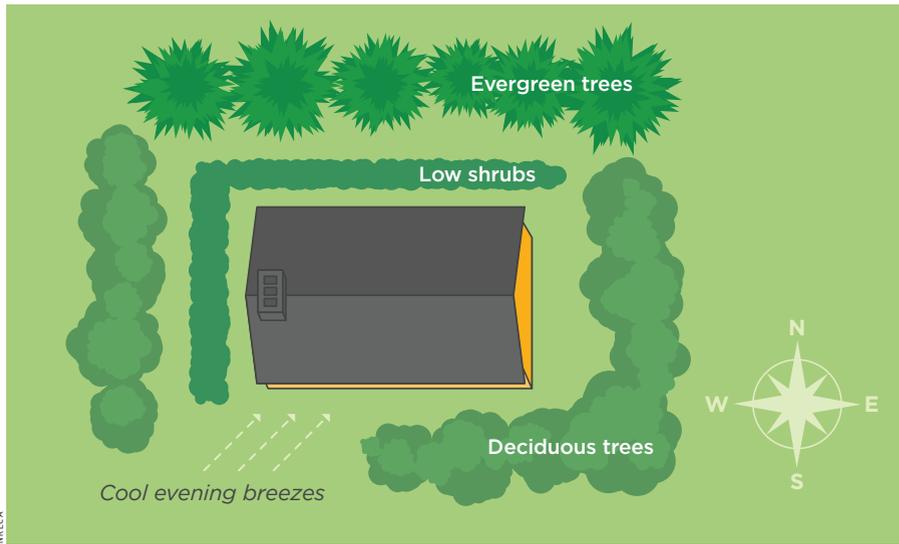
We are grateful for your understanding, patience and words of support since we made the difficult decision in March to close our lobby to in-person transactions. Under guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, our doors must unfortunately remain closed to the public for now.

But we're still here, and we're still ready to take your phone calls and Facebook messages—to help however we can.

As always, you can pay your bill on colemanelectric.org, by mail or by calling (325) 625-2128. And if you're struggling to pay, please let us know.

This public health crisis has taken a toll on all of us, but CCEC is here just as we have been for more than 80 years. We continue to monitor the situation and work closely with local leaders to ensure the future of our communities remains bright.





The Power of Planting

THE DECISIONS YOU MAKE AND THE STEPS YOU TAKE IN PLANNING YOUR HOME'S landscaping can help you stay cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. With summer just around the corner, let's look at how strategic planting can help cool your home.

Direct sunlight hitting windows is a major contributor to overheating homes during summer months. By planting trees that block sunlight, you can improve comfort and reduce your air conditioning use. If the trees eventually grow tall enough to shield your roof, that's even better.

The most important windows to shade are the ones facing west, followed by windows that face east. An eave on the south side of your home can help shade your windows during midday sun.

If you live in a colder climate, planting deciduous trees, which lose their leaves in the fall, will shield your windows in summer and allow sunlight in during winter to help warm your home. A simple approach that can deliver some shade the first year is to plant a "living wall" of vines grown on a trellis next to your home.

One cooling strategy is to make sure your air conditioning compressor has some plants near it—but not too close. The compressor should have 5 feet of space above it and a 2- to 3-foot gap all the way around so that it gets enough air to do its job.

Choosing native plants and trees that require minimal watering can contribute to your savings.

Landscaping can provide similar impact in cold months. A solid windbreak can cut harsh winter winds. The best solution for this is a solid row of trees (preferably evergreen) on the windward side of the home, with shrubs underneath the trees to keep the wind from sneaking through. In warmer climates, you don't want a wind barrier as wind flow will help cool your home.

If you live in a climate that isn't too humid, planting a row of shrubs a foot from your home can provide more efficiency. By stopping air movement, it can form a dead air space around the home that acts as "bonus" insulation. In a humid climate, however, leave several feet of space between landscaping and the home as airflow is necessary to avoid moisture-related home damage.

Before you begin any landscaping project that requires digging, remember to dial 811 to ensure all underground utility lines are properly marked.

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

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Roger Kruse, Vice President, *District 2*

Darla Wise, Secretary-Treasurer, *District 6*

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Les Dobbins Jr., *District 4*

Brent McMillan, *District 5*

Bob Fuchs, President, *District 7*

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Memorial Day

Monday, May 25

Our offices will be closed in
observance of the holiday.

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 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.

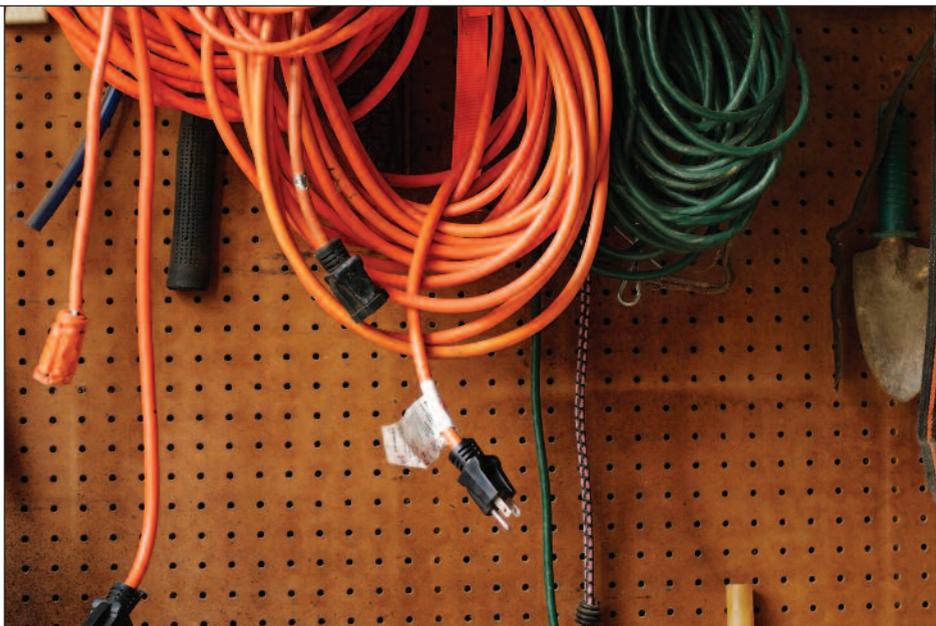
SECTION 4. REMOVAL AND DISCIPLINE.

(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.



Reminders for National Electrical Safety Month

EVERY DAY, WE RELY ON ELECTRICITY TO POWER OUR HOMES AND OFFICES. HOWEVER, it can be easy to take for granted the safety of electric appliances and equipment and power lines. May is National Electrical Safety Month—a great time to raise awareness of how to avoid electrical hazards.

Indoors

- ▶ Check electric cords for fraying or cracking. Replace cords that may be damaged, and don't overload electric outlets.
- ▶ Extension cords are intended to be temporary. If you find yourself using extension cords regularly, have an electrician add outlets where you need them.
- ▶ Don't run cords under carpets or rugs and don't tack or nail cords to walls or floors.
- ▶ Keep electric appliances and tools away from water. Never reach for or unplug an appliance that has fallen into water; instead, turn the power off at the breaker before you unplug the appliance or remove it from the water.
- ▶ Never put anything other than an electrical plug in an outlet. Use outlet covers or caps to protect children.
- ▶ Keep your home's electrical system in good repair. Contact a licensed electrical contractor if you have flickering lights, sparks or nonfunctioning outlets, or need wiring repairs or upgrades.

Outdoors

- ▶ Never touch downed power lines.
- ▶ Always call 911 or your electric cooperative if you see lines down.
- ▶ Watch for overhead lines every time you use a ladder, work on roofs or in trees, or carry long tools or tall loads. Keep kites, drones and metallic balloons away from power lines.
- ▶ Know what's below before you dig. Call 811 three days in advance of your project to have underground utility lines, pipes and cables marked for free.
- ▶ Avoid planting trees underneath power lines or near utility equipment.