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Portales, New Mexico 88130
Operating in portions of Chaves,
Curry, De Baca and all of
Roosevelt County

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**EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT &
GENERAL MANAGER •**

Antonio R. Sanchez, Jr.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Pos 2-Wesley Brown, President
 - Pos 5-Kenneth Cox, Vice President
 - Pos 6-Chris Duncan, Secretary
 - Pos 1-Janet Collins
 - Pos 4-Charles Bennett, Jr.
 - Pos 3-Gene Creighton
 - Pos 7-Darrell Caviness
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MEMBER BENEFITS

- E-billing
- Co-op Connections card discounts
- Energy Efficiency Loans
- New Construction Rebates
- Free Conversion Water Heaters

*“Roosevelt County Electric
Cooperative, Inc. is an equal
opportunity provider
and employer”*

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Co-op Connections' Card



Happy
Valentine's
Day

Annual Meeting Process Begins with By-Laws Summary

Requirements for Membership: Any person, firm, corporation, or body politic or subdivision thereof will become a member of Roosevelt County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter called “cooperative”) upon receipt of electric service from the cooperative, provided that he/she or it has first:

1. Made a written application for membership therein
2. Agreed to purchase from the cooperative electric energy as hereinafter specified
3. Agreed to comply with and be bound by Articles of Incorporation and bylaws of the cooperative and any rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees and
4. Paid the deposits/fees hereinafter specified.

No member may hold more than one membership in the cooperative, and no membership in the cooperative shall be transferable, except as provided by these bylaws.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the members shall be held during the month of April of each year at such place in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, as selected by the Board of Trustees and which shall be designated in the notice of the meeting for the purpose of electing trustees, passing upon reports for the previous fiscal year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Trustees to make adequate plans and preparations for the Annual Meeting at the designated time and place shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the cooperative.

Trustee Qualifications: No person shall be eligible to become or remain a trustee of the cooperative who:

1. Is not a member and bona fide resident in the zone he represents in the area served or to be served by the cooperative.
2. 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 members of the cooperative

3. Has been an employee of the cooperative during the preceding three (3) years. Upon establishment of the fact that a trustee is holding the office in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, the Board of Trustees shall remove such trustee from office. Nothing contained in this section shall affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Nominations: The nominating committee elected by the members at the preceding Annual Meeting shall prepare and post at the cooperative office at least 30 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting at which trustees are to be elected, a list of nominations for trustees to be elected, listing separately the nominee from each trustee district to be elected at the meeting. The committee shall include at least two candidates for each trustee to be elected to succeed the trustee whose term expires at the Annual Meeting; but any fifteen (15) or more members acting by petition not less than 50 days prior to the Annual Meeting and a list of such nominations shall be posted at the place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. The secretary shall be responsible for mailing with the notice of the meeting, or separately but at least 10 days before the date of the meeting a statement of the number of trustees to be elected from which zones to be elected and the name of the candidates, specifying separately the nominations made by the committee on nominations and the nominations made by petition if any. Nothing contained herein, however shall prevent additional nominations from the floor of the meeting of the members. Notwithstanding anything contained in this section... *Cont. page 2*

Mark Your Calendars!!!

Join us for the 70th
Floyd Lions Club Jamboree
March 27-28
in the Floyd School Gym

RCEC's 82nd Annual Meeting Monday, April 13, 2020

ENMU Campus Union Ballroom

Registration at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 5:45 pm

Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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failure to comply with any of the provisions of the section shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any election of trustees. The Nominating Committee members for the 2020 Annual Meeting are as follows:

<u>Position/Member</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
1 Michael Eaton	Jana Terry
2 Deborah Moore	James Love
3 Jeff Essary	Betty Price
Jimmy D Ward	
4 Alfonso Gomez	Kerry Osburn
5 Patrick Kircher	Gordon Frazee
6 Roy L. Criswell	James S. Southard
Floyd Jones	
7 Beverly Creighton	Carol Fine

NOTE: Positions 6 & 7 are at-large

Notice:
The 2020 Nominating Committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 1 p.m. at the cooperative office at 121 North Main, Portales, NM.

Products & Services

Free 40 gallon conventional water heaters with conversion from gas
 Discounted light bulbs
 Surge protection programs
 Water Purification systems
 New Construction Rebates
 3% Interest Energy Efficiency loans
 0% Ground Loop Loans
 Thermal Energy Service for Ground Loops
 Low Interest Irrigation System loans
 Energy Star appliance loans
 Scholarships
 Youth Tour contest
 Electrical safety demonstrations
 Electric heating/water heater rates

Potential Back-up Generator Service

RCEC's Board of Trustees are requesting that we poll our members and see if there is interest in having RCEC provide back-up generators. Our mission statement reads, "To provide safe, reliable and affordable electrical service to the members we serve." In an effort to always provide reliable power, a back-up generator would guarantee that when storms roll-in, accidents involving powerlines occur, or other reasons beyond our control that result in the loss of utility power, our members could still have electricity. Because this is still in the "brainstorming stages" we don't know for certain all of the details involving this potential new service but initial discussions included allowing our members to purchase or lease a back-up generator from RCEC. Once we receive feedback from our members, the Board will decide if we're going to pursue this endeavor or not. Please call us at 575-356-4491 or email us at members@rcec.coop with your opinion of this and any ideas that you may have regarding this potential service.

Non-Residential Deposits

Delinquent nonresidential accounts without a continuing letter of guaranty from financial institution are required to pay a deposit equal to 25% of the delinquent bill. On 3rd consecutive delinquency, a deposit equal to 1/6th of the estimated annual billing will be assessed.

Residential Deposits

For residential consumers a deposit equal to 1/6th of the estimated annual billing is required if the account becomes delinquent three or more times in one year. After that year, the deposit may be refunded and applied to the next month's bill provided the account has not been delinquent in that year. If a service is disconnected, the deposit is applied to the final bill if all requirements have been met.

Recipe Corner

Green Chile Cheddar Cheese Soup

4 Large baking potatoes	2 tsp salt or less to taste
1 small onion, chopped	1 cup milk, cream or half-and-half
4 cans (about 7 cups) chicken or Vegetable broth, or 4 bullion cubes	1 can (4oz) chopped green chilies
Plus water	1 cup shredded cheddar cheese, plus more for garnish

Pepper

1. Peel potatoes and chop into medium dice. Put potato and onion in a slow cooker and add broth to cover, reserving remaining broth. You may substitute water and 4 bouillon cubes. Add salt.
2. Cover and bring to a boil on high, then lower heat and simmer 30 minutes or until potatoes are just tender. Remove half of the potatoes to a colander or bowl. Mash remaining potatoes in cooking broth with a potato masher or spoon. Return reserved potatoes to cooker along with milk, green chilies and cheese.
3. Let simmer 30-45 additional minutes. Add pepper to taste. If soup is too thick, add extra broth.
4. Serve with extra shredded cheese, crumbled bacon, sour cream and green onion on top, if desired.

Serves 6

Calendar of Events

Ground Hog Day.....2nd
 Valentine's Day.....14th
 Presidents' Day...Office closed.....17th
 Regular Board Mtg.....25th
 Nominating Comm Mtg.....25th

Our office will be closed Monday, February 17, 2020 in observance of Presidents' Day. Call our after hours number at 575-356-4492 in the event of an outage or emergency.