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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Pos 2-Wesley Brown, President
Pos 5-Kenneth Cox, Vice President
Pos 6-Chris Duncan, Sec (At-Large)
Pos 1-Janet Collins
Pos 3-Gene Creighton
Pos 4-Charles Bennett Jr.
Pos 7-Darrell Caviness (At-large)

MEMBER BENEFITS

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

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Cooperative, Inc. is an equal
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Co-op Connections' Card



Job Anniversaries

Leslie Roberts.....20 yrs
Rich Smith.....18 yrs
Ro Orrantia.....6 yrs
Tammy Salas.....4 yrs

82nd Annual Meeting of the Members

Monday, April 13, 2020

ENMU Campus Union Ballroom

Portales, New Mexico

**Registration
5:30 p.m.**

**Buffet Dinner
5:45 p.m.**

**Meeting to
Follow Meal**

The Board of Trustees and staff at RCEC invite you to attend RCEC's 82nd Annual Meeting of the Members on Monday, April 13, 2020 with registration beginning at 5:30 p.m., a buffet meal served at 5:45 p.m. and the business meeting to follow.

On the Agenda:

- Election of Trustees in Position 3 and 6 At-Large
- Election of 2021 Nominating Committee members and alternates
- Announcement of Scholarship recipients and Youth Tour winners
- Financial Reports
- Update on cooperative business

Results of 2020 Nominating Committee Meeting:

Trustee Candidates for 2020—2023 term of office

Position 3: Gene Creighton (present trustee) & Larry Jewell

Position 6: Chris Duncan (present trustee) & Waverly Criswell

Nominees for 2021 Nominating Committee Members & Alternates

<u>Position</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
1	Rod Savage	Steve Harris
2	James Love John King	Debbie Moore
3	Betty M. Price	Jeff Essary
4	Kerry Osburn	Alfonso Gomez
5	Brandon Dewbre Caleb Howl	
At Large 6	James Shay Southard	Floyd Jones
At Large 7	Carol Fine Billy Jo Dixon	Beverly Creighton

2020 Scholarship & Youth Tour Recipients Selected

On April 13th the following graduating high school seniors will be awarded scholarships during the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Members at ENMU:

\$5000 Scholarships:

Abigail Cameron	Ignacio G. Perez	Allie Luscome	Alyssa McAlister	Austen Jones
Lydia Barron	Hope Bilbrey	Kaitlyn Kircher	Macki J. Bilbrey	Gunnar Standifer

\$3000 Scholarships:

Francisco Lopez Jr.	Desiree N. Nettles	Will Haley	Cobe Correa
Cree Barber	Holly Chandler	Lexie Miller	Annalie A. Flores
Kimberly Singletery			

\$2000 Returning College Student Scholarships

Sklyer Davis	Carson Fraise	Shelbi Walker	Jessica Barron
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2020 Youth Tour Winners

Eli Terry & Chance Essary-Floyd High School

Residential Solar-What our members need to know.

The sales pitch for residential solar panels can be pretty tempting, but how true is it when you're told that you'll save on electricity at little or no cost to you? It has been brought to our attention that some sales representatives from residential solar companies feel as though electric cooperatives are discouraging their members from engaging in this renewable alternative. This is a farce. What we want is for our members to know all of the facts before they make such an investment. The best decisions are made by those who do their fact checking before they make any commitments.

If you hear a solar sales representative tell you that you will no longer have a bill from your electric cooperative if you invest in solar, you need to make sure you understand that this is not necessarily true. Unless a member requests to be disconnected from the cooperative, there is potentially still going to be a bill due even with solar panels on their residence. A member has an agreement with the cooperative to pay a "monthly minimum" for having service available, whether they use it or not. Along with a monthly minimum are other charges such as a customer charge and applicable taxes. A monthly bill is composed of more than just energy usage. RCEC would be more than happy to go over this detail with our members anytime.

If you hear a solar sales representative tell you that you will make money from excess solar generation that you'll put back on the cooperative's system, check with your cooperative to make sure you know and understand what "avoided cost" means. Any earnings a member makes from excess generation as evidenced through a net-metering application is calculated using our avoided cost as filed with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

RCEC recently visited with a residential solar sales representative that used a sales tactic while on the phone with our member saying that we average 4-6% energy rate increases annually. RCEC has not had an increase in their rates since 2015. There may be some electric utilities out there that have annual rate increases but RCEC is not one of them.

RCEC trustees, staff and employees all recognize the benefits associated with renewable energy and wholeheartedly support this green alternative. RCEC is an electric distribution cooperative which means we purchase all our power from a Generation & Transmission (G&T) entity. In our case, our G&T is Western Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc. WFEC's 2019 zero carbon resources comprised of wind, solar and hydro totaled 32.76%. Therefore, potentially a third of all energy distributed on RCEC's system came from renewable sources.

The new Energy Transition Act created in the 2019 Legislature sets a statewide renewable energy standard of 40% by 2025, 50% by 2030, 80% by 2050 in addition to setting a target of achieving a zero-carbon resource standard for NM electric cooperatives by 2050. As you can see, RCEC is committed to providing our members with affordable, renewable energy resources.



Products & Services

- Free 40 gallon conventional water heaters with conversion from gas
- 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

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.

Calendar of Events

- 8th.....Daylight Savings Time
- 17th.....St. Patrick's Day
- 19th.....Spring Begins
- 24th.....Regular Board Meeting

Happy St. Patrick's Day 

70th Floyd Lions Club Jamboree
March 27th & 28th @ 7 P.M.
Floyd School Gym