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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

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

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Co-op Connections' Card



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.*

***Our office will be closed Monday,
February 15, 2021 in observance
of Presidents' Day. Call our after
hours number at 575-356-4492 in
the event of an outage or
emergency.***

***RCEC's 83rd Annual Meeting
Tentatively, Monday,
April 12, 2021***

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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 2021 Annual Meeting are as follows:

<u>Position/Member</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
1 Michael Eaton	Jana Terry
2 John King	
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 2021 Nominating Committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2021 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

Please Don't Enclose that Electric Meter

Are you planning to enclose a carport or porch? Is there a co-op meter or electric pole with a security light on the same side of the house or structure that you're planning on enclosing? Keep in mind that the co-op's meter or electric pole must be easily accessible by the cooperative servicemen at all times. So...if you are remodeling and it does enclose cooperative property, you will be responsible for the cost of moving the meter or electric pole outside of the enclosure. As the co-op becomes aware of any unsafe conditions, we will contact the member to relocate their meter base or electric pole to a safer location that is accessible to our servicemen.

Am I Allowed to Attach Signs to Power Poles?

NO! For safety reasons, please **do not attach anything to power poles.** Nails and staples can increase injury among utility workers, especially since line crews climb power poles.

We all have seen hung up posters of missing pets, upcoming garage sales, and other miscellaneous announcements on utility poles. While it may seem like a harmless act, with no malice intended these **little pieces of paper can cause big harm** to utility workers and are illegal.

Linemen are tasked with climbing those same power poles to work around power **lines that carry 7,200 or more volts of electricity.** Foreign objects such as staples or nails embedded in the pole can lead to the lineman snagging or getting a hole in their gloves that are meant to insulate workers from high voltage and protect them from being electrocuted.

Hunting stands, basketball hoops, satellite dishes, fences and fencing materials have also been found attached to utility poles. This is not only a hazard for utility crews, but also to the person installing these items. Under no circumstance should these items be attached to a power pole.

Nails, staples, and other materials put into wooden power poles can cause poles to deteriorate more quickly. This can reduce their structural integrity and stability, increasing the risk for the pole to fall over when struck by a vehicle.

Fallen poles mean power outages, which at the very least are an inconvenience and we must spend valuable resources on repairing or replacing damaged utility poles. Downed lines also create dangers for pedestrians and motorists.

Keep yourself and our community safe by **not posting or hanging anything on utility poles.**

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

Ground Hog Day.....2nd
Valentine's Day.....14th
Presidents' Day-Office closed.....15th
Regular Board Mtg.....23rd
Nominating Comm. Mtg.....23rd

