

CTEC OPERATION ROUND-UP

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



The second grant went to the Hill Country Community Action Association's Meals on Wheels program, which provides meals to senior shut-ins in Kingsland, Buchanan Dam and Sunrise Beach. The program feeds about 60 clients, of which only about 5 percent can afford to pay. Additionally, the program offers someone to check in and talk to the seniors once a day. The HCCAA service area covers nine counties, including Llano, San Saba and Mason, which are also included in the CTEC service area. The grant requested and approved was for \$1,500. Pat Frain, Operation Round-Up director from Llano County, presented the check to Site Manager Nita Burton at the CTEC office in Kingsland.

The third grant went to the Gillespie County Committee on Aging in Fredericksburg. Locally known as the Golden Hub, the committee provides opportunities to enhance the quality of life for senior citizens in Gillespie County by providing nutritious meals as well as social and health-related activities. The grant of \$2,000 will provide help with the Meals on Wheels program. The check was presented to Golden Hub Director Denise Usener by White and Lehmborg.

A fourth award, for \$1,000, was given to the Hill Country Community Action Association's Head Start program in Mason, which provides school-readiness training for children ages 3 to 5 from low-income families. The local Head Start will purchase play tables for their fenced outdoor play area with part of the grant money. Curtis Schulze, Operation Round-Up director from Mason County, and Jack Asbill, CTEC director from District 3, presented the grant to students

and staff at the Mason Head Start facility.

All four organizations will combine their grants with the donations upon which each relies from local churches, organizations and individuals. If you are interested in participating in or volunteering for their causes, please contact them.

Sign up one or more of your electric accounts for Operation Round-Up today. Average contributions are only 50 cents per month, or \$6 a year. The more members volunteer to participate, the more we can make a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

To find out how you can volunteer to participate in Operation Round-Up, call any CTEC office in Fredericksburg, Llano, Mason or Kingsland, or visit the CTEC website at ctec.coop.



Hill Country Community Action Association (Kingsland Meals on Wheels): From left, OPR Llano County Director Pat Frain and HCCAA Site Manager Nita Burton

THE CTEC OPERATION ROUND-UP Board of Directors approved four grant applications December 17, 2015.

A \$2,000 grant was awarded to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Fredericksburg, with funds going toward the construction of their 16th house. Habitat for Humanity works to provide decent, affordable housing for people in need by the construction of houses at a low cost. The check was presented at the site of ouse No. 16 on West Park Street in Fredericksburg to Wayne Murphy, volunteer building supervisor, and Kelly Musselman, vice president of the local organization. Presenting the award were Bill White, Operation Round-Up chairman of Gillespie County, and Tim Lehmborg, CTEC director from District 5.



Gillespie County Committee on Aging: From left, OPR Chairman Bill White of Gillespie County, GCCA Director Denise Usener and CTEC District 5 Director Tim Lehberg



Hill Country Community Action Association (Mason Head Start): From left, OPR Mason County Director Curtis Schulze and CTEC District 3 Director Jack Asbill with students and staff of the Mason Head Start program



Habitat for Humanity of Greater Fredericksburg: From left, OPR Chairman Bill White of Gillespie County, Habitat volunteer building supervisor Wayne Murphy, Habitat Vice President Kelly Musselman and CTEC District 5 Director Tim Lehberg



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To report electric service interruptions, please call the Central Texas Electric Cooperative office in your area at the numbers listed below:

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(830) 997-2126

1-800-900-CTEC (2832)

including Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Blanco, Real and Kimble counties

LLANO AND SAN SABA AREAS

(325) 247-4191

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8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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(325) 347-6314

including McCulloch, Menard and Kimble counties

Deadline for District Meeting Ballot Approaching

THE MARCH 15 DEADLINE IS APPROACHING FOR Central Texas Electric Cooperative members interested in running for a seat on the cooperative's board of directors. Under CTEC bylaws, any member seeking to have his or her name placed on the ballot for director nomination at the upcoming district meetings must deliver a completed application and petition to the cooperative before this deadline.

Incumbents Rex Brand (District 2), Jack Asbill (District 3) and Stanley Keese (District 4) have filed to run for re-election for a final three-year term if elected by majority vote. Tim Lehmborg, who filled a mid-term vacancy in District 5, has also filed for election for his first full three-year term.

Details about the revised director selection process are contained in the bylaw excerpts reprinted on Pages 22–24 of this magazine and are summarized here.

- ▶ Candidates for director must meet bylaw requirements for director eligibility.
- ▶ Candidates must reside in the area served by the cooperative and must receive electric service in the district where they are seeking to be placed on the ballot.
- ▶ Persons seeking the district meeting nomination must submit an application and a petition signed by at least 10 cooperative members who receive electric service in the district in question.
- ▶ Persons who do not submit an application and petition before the deadline will not be eligible to be named as a district meeting nominee, as the bylaws no longer provide for nominations from the floor.

▶ All applications and petitions will be reviewed by a Credentials & Election Committee, composed of cooperative members.

▶ The names of all candidates whose applications and petitions are approved by the Credentials & Election Committee will be listed on the District Meeting Notice mailed to all cooperative members in the district in question.

The deadline for submitting the required materials is 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 15. Applications and petitions submitted after the deadline will not be considered. Members wishing to be placed on the ballot are encouraged to turn in completed applications and petitions as soon as possible. If materials are submitted early enough, CTEC staff members will review the materials and make a preliminary determination regarding their sufficiency, giving potential candidates an opportunity to remedy any deficiencies before the deadline.

Members submitting petitions are also urged to secure petition signatures from more than 10 members to provide a margin for error in the event that one or more of the signatures submitted is not recognized as valid by the Credentials & Election Committee.

Application and petition forms are available by calling the CTEC headquarters office in Fredericksburg, and completed applications and petitions must be returned there by March 15.

Questions about the director selection process should be directed to the CTEC headquarters office. In Fredericksburg, members should call (830) 997-2126; the toll-free number is 1-800-900-2832.

Excerpts From the CTEC Bylaws on Director Elections

THE CTEC BOARD OF DIRECTORS is made up of 11 co-op members representing six directorate districts in the co-op's service area. This year, director candidates from Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5 will be nominated at their respective district meetings, and elections will be held at the 2016 annual meeting, scheduled for August 16 in Fredericksburg.

A meeting will be held at the co-op's headquarters office March 22 at 6 p.m. with members who have been selected to serve on this year's Credentials & Election Committee

in attendance. Following are sections of the co-op's bylaws that deal with director qualifications, tenure and nominations. To view the complete CTEC bylaws, log on to the co-op's website at ctec.coop or see them at any CTEC office.

Section 2. Qualifications and Tenure

Directors shall be so nominated and elected that one director from or with respect to each of directorate districts nos. two, three, four, and five shall be elected for three-year terms at an annual member meeting; one

director from or with respect to each of directorate districts nos. two, three, four, and five shall be elected for three-year terms at the next succeeding annual member meeting; and one director from or with respect to each of directorate districts nos. two, three, four and five shall be elected for three-year terms at the next succeeding annual member meeting, and so forth, provided that the terms of no two directors from the same directorate district shall coincide. Upon their election, directors shall, subject to the provisions of these

bylaws with respect to the removal of directors, serve until the annual meeting of the members of the year in which their terms expire or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. If for any reason an election of directors shall not be held at an annual meeting of the members duly fixed and called pursuant to these bylaws, such election may be held at an adjournment of this meeting of the members. Failure of an election for a given year shall allow the incumbents whose directorships would have been voted on to hold over only until the next member meeting at which a quorum is present.

To initiate the staggered terms described above the directors from districts three, four and five shall draw by lot to determine their respective terms of office, a separate drawing being held for each district.

To be eligible for election or appointment to, and to serve on, the Cooperative's Board of Directors, a person shall:

- (a) Be an individual with the capacity to enter legally binding contracts;
- (b) Be a member of the Cooperative for at least twelve (12) months;
- (c) Be a bona fide resident of the area served by the cooperative;
- (d) Be served by the Cooperative;
- (e) Not be engaged in any business, nor employed by or materially affiliated with any individual or entity;
 - (1) Regularly, directly, and substantially competing with the Cooperative or a Cooperative Subsidiary;
 - (2) Regularly selling goods or services to the Cooperative or a Cooperative Subsidiary; or
 - (3) Otherwise possessing a substantial conflict of interest with the Cooperative or a Cooperative Subsidiary;
- (f) Not be an incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid, other than members of a School Board or County Commissioner's Court; and
- (g) Not be an individual that has been an employee of the Cooperative within two (2) years prior to serving on the Cooperative's Board of Directors.

(h) Except as otherwise provided by the Board of Directors for good cause, receive a Credentialed Cooperative Director designation, Director's Certificate, or similar certification from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association within three years after becoming a director.

Members of the Board of Directors with twelve (12) consecutive years of service on

said Board shall be ineligible for election to the Board of Directors except as follows: (1) a director who has twelve (12) consecutive years of service on the Board shall be eligible for re-nomination to the Board of Directors if he or she will not have served as a director at any time within three hundred sixty (360) days prior to being reelected.

A husband and wife shall not both be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors at the same time.

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.

The Board of Directors shall not authorize the employment of a chief executive officer, assistant chief executive officer, attorney, assistant attorney, who is related in the second degree by affinity or the third degree by consanguinity to any director, retained Cooperative attorney, chief executive officer and/or assistant chief executive officer of the Cooperative.

Section 3. Nominations and Elections

Director elections will take place at the annual meeting of members held on the third Tuesday of August of each year. The names of all candidates nominated for election to the board of directors in accordance with these bylaws, and whose eligibility is confirmed by the C & E Committee, shall be published in the notice of meeting mailed to the members of the cooperative, along with a proxy ballot including the names of all such nominated candidates for director.

Methods of Nominating. Nominations to serve as a director may be made: (1) by the members at a district meeting as provided in subsection (a) of this section or (2) by member petition delivered to the Cooperative as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(a) District Meetings. Between May 20 and June 20 of each year, the Board of Directors shall convene a separate meeting of the members of each district at a suitable place designated by the Board of Directors. Notice of the meeting shall be mailed to each member located in such district and shall indicate the district to which the member belongs. If a director is to be elected from the district, the notice shall state that the members in attendance at the meeting shall select the district's nominee for director. The meeting shall be open for discussion of any other matters pertaining to the business of the Cooperative, regardless of whether or not such matters were listed in the notice of the meeting. However, the district meeting does not constitute a meeting of members of the Cooperative as

described in these bylaws, and no formal action may be taken, other than the selection of the district's nominee for director.

On or before March 15 (or the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday) of each year, each member seeking to become his or her district's nominee for director must deliver to the Cooperative a Cooperative-approved application confirming that the member satisfies bylaw requirements to serve as director, along with a petition meeting the following requirements:

- (1) Listing, on each page, the name of the member seeking to become the district meeting nominee;
- (2) Indicating, on each page, the director position for which the member will run; and
- (3) Containing the printed names, addresses, telephone numbers, and original dated signatures of at least ten Cooperative members receiving electric service from the Cooperative in the district in question.

The C&E Committee shall review all applications and petitions submitted by members seeking nomination at a district meeting to confirm that the requirements of these bylaws have been satisfied, and further confirming that each such member satisfies bylaw eligibility requirements to serve as director. The C&E Committee shall report its findings to the President of the Board of Directors in writing on or before March 30 of each year. The names of all candidates seeking district meeting nominations whose eligibility is confirmed by the C&E Committee shall be included in the District Meeting Notice.

The President of the Board of Directors shall designate a chairperson to preside over each district meeting. The district meeting shall be called to order by the chairperson, who shall appoint a secretary to act for the duration of the meeting. Members of other districts present at the meeting may be heard but shall have no vote.

The district meeting shall select one and only one member to be the nominee of the district meeting to serve on the Board of Directors. Such person shall be considered at the meeting of the members as the nominee of the district meeting. Voting by mail and voting by proxy shall not be allowed at the district meeting. If only one candidate is seeking to become the district's nominee for director, he or she may be elected by acclamation. If more than one candidate is seeking to become the district meeting nominee at the district meeting, voting by ballot shall be conducted. If one candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote, that candidate shall be declared to be the official nominee of

the district meeting from such district. If no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the votes, runoff ballots shall be conducted until one candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes on the preceding ballot shall be included in the succeeding runoff ballot. In the event of ties, more than two candidates may be included in a runoff ballot. In the event there are three runoff ballots with no candidate receiving more than 50 percent of the vote, the nominee of the district meeting shall be selected by lot from among the candidates included on the final runoff ballot. One member shall be declared to be the official nominee of the district meeting from such district.

The minutes of each district meeting shall set forth, among other matters, the name of each candidate seeking to become the district meeting nominee and the number of votes received by each, and shall specify the official nominee of the district meeting. A copy of the minutes, signed and certified to by the chairperson and secretary of the district meeting, shall be delivered to the secretary of the Cooperative within ten (10) days after such district meeting. No informality or defect in such minutes or in the proceedings had shall void the nominations so made or affect the validity of the election of directors at the meeting of the members of the Cooperative.

District Meeting Record Date. A "Record Date" is the date for determining the members entitled to (1) receive notice of a district meeting; and (2) vote at a district meeting. In order to exercise these privileges, an individual or entity must be accepted for membership in the Cooperative by the Board of Directors in accordance with Article I, Section 1 of these bylaws on or before the Record Date. Any membership transfer to create a joint membership in accordance with Article I, Section 7(b) of these bylaws must be accepted by the Board of Directors on or before the Record Date in order for such membership transfer to be given effect at a district meeting. If a member is suspended after the Record Date, that member is not entitled to receive notice or exercise the right to vote at a district meeting.

Unless otherwise designated by the Board of Directors, the Record Date for purposes of determining the members entitled to (1) receive notice of a district meeting and (2) vote at a district meeting shall be the first Thursday in May immediately preceding such district meeting.

(b) Nomination by Petition. In addition to district meeting nominations, a Cooperative

member may place his or her name in nomination to run for election to a director position at an annual meeting of members by member petition and application. On or before June 25 (or the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday) of each year, a member seeking to be nominated in this manner must deliver to the Cooperative a Cooperative-approved application confirming that the member satisfies bylaw requirements to serve as director, along with a petition meeting the following requirements:

- (1) Listing, on each page, the name of the member being placed in nomination;
- (2) Indicating, on each page, the director position for which the nominee will run; and
- (3) Containing the printed names, addresses, telephone numbers, and original dated signatures of at least one percent (1 percent) of the Cooperative members as of the date the petition is submitted.

The C&E Committee shall review all applications and petitions submitted by members seeking to place their name in nomination for a director position at an annual meeting to confirm that the requirements of these bylaws have been satisfied, and further confirming that each such member satisfies bylaw eligibility requirements to serve as director. The C&E Committee shall report its findings to the President of the Board of Directors in writing on or before June 30 of each year.

(c) Notice of Nominations. The Secretary shall mail with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting, a statement of the number of directors to be elected and showing the nominations made by the district meetings and nominations by petition. 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.

(d) Elections. Members present in person and by proxy at the annual member meeting shall elect directors from each directorate district in which a director election is being held. Each member may cast one vote in each such district, without regard to the district or districts where the member resides or receives electric service from the Cooperative. Directors shall be elected from the District Meeting Nominations and Member Petition Nominations. If only one candidate is nominated in a district, he or she may be elected by acclamation. Members may not vote for write-in candidates. The candidate receiving the most votes in each district shall be declared the winner of the election.



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