CENTRAL TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

2017 DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

See inside this cover for the official notice and locations of district meetings.

DETACH THIS REGISTRATION CARD AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO YOUR DISTRICT MEETING.
OFFICIAL NOTICE
of Central Texas Electric Cooperative District Meetings

In accordance with Article III, Section 3 of the cooperative’s bylaws, district meetings will be held in each board district to take action upon the following matters:

1. To determine the district nominee for election to the board of directors (districts 4, 5 and 6 only). Information about the candidates is included on Page 20 of this issue.

2. Any business that may come before the meeting that is relevant to the district.

MEETING LOCATIONS

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Election

VOTING

To be eligible to vote, your membership must have been approved and accepted by the board of directors on or before May 4, 2017. Only one vote is allowed per membership. If married individuals attend, only one may vote. You must be present at your District Meeting to vote. Proof of identification will be required.

DOOR PRIZES & BILL CREDITS

A $10 bill credit will be allowed for each voting member in attendance. Drawings for door prizes will be held at the close of the meeting.

DETACH THIS REGISTRATION CARD AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO YOUR DISTRICT MEETING.

IMPORTANT

Check the mailing label on the front cover of this magazine to identify your district.

DISTRICT NUMBER

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Your Name
Your Address
Your Town, TX 00000-0000

BRING THIS NOTICE WITH YOU TO SAVE TIME IN THE REGISTRATION LINE.
In accordance with the bylaws of Central Texas Electric Cooperative, a Credentials and Election Committee was formed to review applications and petitions submitted by cooperative members seeking election to the cooperative board of directors. Each sitting director chose one committee member, and an equal number were chosen at random by computer.

This Credentials and Election Committee met at the cooperative’s headquarters office in Fredericksburg, March 20, 2017. The members serving on the committee are:

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<td>Coralie Brown</td>
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In 2017, elections will be held in districts 4, 5 and 6 to choose one member from each district as its district meeting nominee for director. Biographies of interested members who submitted their applications for director seats by the March 15, 2017, deadline and were approved by the Credentials and Election Committee are included on Page 20 of this issue.
IMPORTANT DISTRICT MEETING DETAILS

ALL MEETINGS START AT 6:30 P.M. • ALL REGISTRATIONS START AT 5:30 P.M.

Members should bring the registration card located on the front cover of this magazine and proof of identification.
Director candidates will be chosen in districts 4, 5 and 6.

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DISTRICT NUMBER

EXAMPLE

DISTRICT 1
JUNE 13, TUESDAY • 6:30 P.M.
Kendall County Area
Comfort High School Auditorium

DISTRICT 2
JUNE 8, THURSDAY • 6:30 P.M.
Kerr/Real/Southern Kimble Counties Area
Ingram Elementary School Cafetorium

DISTRICT 3
JUNE 6, TUESDAY • 6:30 P.M.
Mason/McCulloch/Menard/Northern Kimble Counties Area
New CTEC Mason Branch Office

DISTRICT 4
JUNE 12, MONDAY • 6:30 P.M.
Llano County Area
Llano High School Auditorium

DISTRICT 5
JUNE 15, THURSDAY • 6:30 P.M.
Gillespie/Blanco Counties Area
Fredericksburg High School Auditorium

DISTRICT 6
JUNE 15, MONDAY • 6:30 P.M.
San Saba County Area
Cherokee High School Cafeteria
This May, Plug Into Safety

MESSAGE FROM
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ROBERT A. LOTH III

THIS MONTH, I’D LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT to reflect on the importance of safety. We all depend on electricity to power our lives, but accidents can happen when electricity is improperly used.

May is National Electrical Safety Month, and throughout the month, Central Texas Electric Cooperative will work to raise awareness about the dangers of electricity. Visit our website, ctec.coop, and our Facebook page to see safety tips and reminders.

Our Responsibility to You

We care deeply about the well-being of our members and encourage you to plug into safety especially this month. Thousands of people in the U.S. are critically injured or killed each year as a result of electrical fires, accidents and electrocution in their own homes, according to the Electrical Safety Foundation International.

To promote safety education in our local communities, we conduct safety programs for local schools and other groups. We provide electrical safety content in Texas Co-op Power, and we encourage the public to contact us if they see a downed power line or any other type of dangerous electrical situation. We strive to provide our communities with safe, reliable and affordable electricity and serve as your trusted energy advisor, now and well into the future.

Our Responsibility to Employees

It is no accident that safety is a top priority at your electric co-op. We are committed to a culture of safety that is integral to our daily operations. We participate in programs and follow specific guidelines and protocols for electrical safety that are considered leading practices. Our lineworkers are required to wear personal protective equipment at all times when on the job. This includes special fire-resistant clothing that will self-extinguish, limiting potential injuries from burns and sparks. Insulated and rubber gloves are worn in tandem to protect from electrical shock. Our safety team regularly discusses important safety issues pertaining to work in our buildings and out in the field.

As the CEO of Central Texas EC, I believe it is my duty and responsibility to raise awareness about the importance of electrical safety. Take a moment to plug into safety. Please visit ctec.coop for tips about how to keep yourself and your loved ones safe.

The Value of Membership

SERVICE IS OUR MISSION. Electric co-ops were established to provide safe, reliable and affordable power. This has remained our mission since day one.

You are a member, not a customer. Cooperatives are businesses owned by members. Members elect the co-op’s board of directors and can run for seats on the board. Your votes and participation help shape the co-op’s direction.

We are a nonprofit. Unlike investor-owned utilities, which operate to make profits for stakeholders, electric co-ops do not earn profits. Instead, revenue remaining after expenses is returned to members in the form of capital credits.

We are community-focused. Electric co-ops are committed to local community development programs and projects such as Habitat for Humanity, the Hill Country Community Needs Council, Youth Tour and others.

We are guided by a set of principles. All co-ops are guided by Seven Cooperative Principles: Voluntary and Open Membership; Democratic Member Control; Members’ Economic Participation; Autonomy and Independence; Education, Training and Information; Cooperation Among Cooperatives; and Concern for Community.

We are committed to innovation. Electric cooperatives are able to respond quickly to changing member needs. We are committed to experimenting and innovating in ways that benefit the communities and members we serve.
Attend the District Meeting and Get $10 Off Your Electric Bill

DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL is one of the Seven Cooperative Principles that guides co-op business.

One membership, one vote. By exercising your right to vote this June at the district meeting, you will help select a candidate to represent your area on the Central Texas Electric Cooperative Board of Directors.

Board candidates will be selected in districts 4, 5 and 6 this year. Those meetings will be held in Llano, Fredericksburg and Cherokee.

The other three meetings, in Comfort (District 1), Ingram (District 2) and Mason (District 3) will not hold elections; however, all meetings will share information about your co-op. CEO Robert A. Loth III will be present to update members on the state of the electric industry and discuss current and future issues regarding the co-op. The meetings will conclude with question-and-answer sessions in which members can address concerns directly with him.

The example on the dust cover of this magazine will show you where to find your district number on the mailing label. Once you verify your district number, you can find the location of your district meeting by referring to the maps. Remember to keep the registration card on the front cover and bring it with you to the meeting, along with identification, for faster registration.

According to the CTEC bylaws, members must be present at their designated district meetings to vote and participate. Attendees each will receive a $10 bill credit, per membership, on their electric bills. Those in attendance also will be eligible for a few door prizes at each meeting.

Mark your calendar today!

Director Application Notice

MEMBERS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE the district meeting nomination for director can still be placed on the annual meeting ballot by submitting an application and petition signed by at least 1 percent of co-op members eligible to vote (about 250 signatures). The deadline for submitting the application and petition is June 26. The names of all nominees are published in the annual meeting notice and included on proxy ballots mailed to all members. Nominations from the floor are not allowed.
Applications Received for CTEC Board Nominations

THE FOLLOWING CTEC MEMBERS submitted their applications for a seat on the board of directors in their respective districts. Each of these individuals will be placed on the ballot as a district meeting nominee for director. Their eligibility has been confirmed by the Credentials and Election Committee, which met at the CTEC headquarters March 20.

CHARLES E. PEARSON, DISTRICT 5
COLLEGE ATTENDED: University of Houston, Bachelor of Science in Engineering; and Master of Business Administration, Southern Methodist University; Southwestern Graduate School of Banking

OCCUPATION: Real estate investment

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT: President, Power-Matic System; senior engineer, Texaco; senior vice president in banking (Houston)

OWNERSHIP POSITIONS IN OTHER FIRMS: President/owner of Liquid Carbon; owner of Pearson Real Estate Investments; partner at Pearson-Carriker

PAST MEMBERSHIPS/OFFICES HELD: American Society of Petroleum Engineers; American Institute of Banking; Texas Banking Association; State Bar of Texas Grievance Committee member, 5 years

MEMBERSHIPS/OFFICES HELD: Rotary International—Boerne Club, 14 years; Hill Country Dispute Resolution Center Certified Mediator, 2 years; church guidance committee; Texas Registered Professional Engineer, 46 years; NRECA Credentialed Cooperative director, 2008; and Board Leadership Certificate, 2010

PAST MEMBERSHIPS/OFFICES HELD: Board of Directors, Texas Six-man Coaches Association

MEMBERSHIP/OFFICES HELD: Deacon, Cherokee Baptist Church

W.C. (DUB) STEWART III, DISTRICT 4
COLLEGE ATTENDED: Texas A&M University; Southern Methodist University

OCCUPATION: Realtor

OWNERSHIP POSITIONS IN OTHER FIRMS: Partner and owner of Stewart & Stewart Realtors; owner of Stewart’s Nursery (a wholesale growing operation); owner of Stewart’s Laundry; owner of Stewart’s Apartments; member of board and president of Lipantitlan. All of the above in Corpus Christi.

PAST MEMBERSHIPS/OFFICES HELD: Board member and vice president of Sunrise Beach Volunteer Fire Department; board member of Oil Belt Little League; board member of Oil Belt Little Miss Kickball; board member and vice president of River Acres Water Supply Co-op; treasurer of Robstown Rotary Club; member of Five Points Lions Club, Corpus Christi

MEMBERSHIPS/OFFICES HELD: Communications officer of Sunrise Beach Volunteer Fire Department; EMS first responder and fire boat crew; secretary of the board of directors of CTEC; NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director, 2009; and Board Leadership Certificate, 2010

JAMES LOW, DISTRICT 6
COLLEGE ATTENDED: Southwest Texas State University

OCCUPATION: Retired teacher and rancher

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT: Teacher at Cherokee ISD
Rebekah Stotz Wins Trip to Washington, DC

The World's Most Fundamental Amenity

Electricity has been a fundamental role in our society since the late 1870s. Every day it plays a key role in keeping homes, schools, and businesses running smoothly, and powers transportation to get from one place to another. It has quickly revolutionized everything. We all use electricity every single day in many different ways. The biggest challenge I would face without electricity is how dramatically my daily life would be affected.

From the moment we open our eyes in the morning, we use electricity until the time we go to bed at night. Everything we use in our daily lives that makes everything easier and plays a major impact requires electricity. From televisions and computers that are in constant use, cellphones which we never unhand, appliances such as washing machines and dishwashers that allow us to work less, all require electricity. Imagine not being able to cool your home during the hot Texas summers or heat your homes on the rare occasion the temperature drops below 60.

Not having electricity would make communicating a lot harder. We wouldn’t be able to use electrically powered computers, internet, or cellphones to communicate no matter how far the distance is, which would make maintaining relationships a lot harder. As long as you have a source of power to use your cellphone, computer, or the internet, you will not have any problem with long-distance communication. Living without electricity would not just affect my home and social life, but it would also affect my education. Most schools frequently use electronics for our education, which require electricity to be able to function. Without electricity, all classroom activities would be limited, along with every student’s education.

Without electricity, human progress would be halted. New inventions such as the lightbulb, computers that can model the universe, new methods of surgery, and even new ways of cancer treatment would not be possible without the use of electricity. This would not only affect me, but everyone else. This fundamental amenity plays a key role in the well-being and advancement of not only me, but everyone else on this earth.

Fortunately, I don’t have to worry about the challenges I would face without electricity because of great companies like CTEC. CTEC is a nonprofit organization that is owned and operated by the people it serves and distributes electricity to over 11 different counties. The cooperative has over 39,000 meters on over 6,000 miles of energized line. My lifestyle today would be nearly impossible without the use of electricity, but with CTEC reliably providing electricity for my home and community, my daily life will continue to run smooth and easy.

—Rebekah Stotz
10 Simple Spring Energy Savers

FOLLOW THESE SPRINGTIME TIPS to help save energy and lower your electric bill:

1. Call a qualified technician to service your central air-conditioning system. HVAC equipment needs servicing every year to head off major problems and keep the system running smoothly all summer.

2. As long as the spring weather is mild, open a window instead of turning on the air conditioner. Draw soft spring breezes into the home by turning on your ceiling fans.

3. Cook outside on the grill as soon as the weather permits it. When you don’t turn on the cooktop or oven, you don’t heat up your house.

4. Close the shades. It’s tempting to leave them open on beautiful, sunny spring days. If it’s hot outside, that heat can find its way into your house through the windows and tempt you to crank up the AC unnecessarily.

5. If it’s sunny but not hot outdoors, throw those curtains open and let the natural daylight illuminate your home. Then, turn off any lights. You won’t need them.

6. Don’t have a programmable thermostat yet? It’s time. Sometimes spring weather calls for heat, and sometimes you need the AC. A programmable thermostat will help you limit how much energy you use for either by automatically turning the temperature up or down as needed.

7. Seal the ducts in your central air-conditioning system. Leaky ducts can push your cooling costs up by as much as 30 percent.

8. Likewise, caulk around windows and electrical outlets so cool air can’t escape your house and hot air can’t get in.

9. Keep your home’s humidity levels low by running kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans—but only until the smoke or steam clears. Running them for too long will suck more than humidity and odors from your home. Those fans can send your comfortable, conditioned air out of the house.

10. Change your AC filter. A clogged filter forces your system to work harder and use more energy. It also can send the dust and allergens it collects right back into your indoor air.
Attention, Mason County Residents: District 3 Meeting at NEW Location

TO CELEBRATE OUR NEW MASON BRANCH OFFICE, this year’s District 3 meeting Tuesday, June 6, will be held at our new location at 1881 East State 29. (See the map on the back of this month’s issue.)

An open house will be held 4–6 p.m. Refreshments will be provided along with raffles for prizes. Come by and see the new facilities and stay for the district meeting.

Registration for the meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Mason County members attending will receive a $10 electric bill credit as well as be eligible for door prizes.

The meeting will address important updates and issues regarding CTEC and will conclude with a question and answer session with CEO Bob A. Loth III.

Regular Board Meeting Recap

Central Texas Electric Cooperative, March 14

Meeting called to order by Board President James Low and prayer offered.

Discussed:
- Operations Report for February 2017

Approved:
- Corrected minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held February 14, 2017
- February Membership List and Membership Conversions
- Safety Report for month ended January 31, 2017
- Financial and Statistical Reports for month ended January 31, 2017
- IRS Form 990 Questionnaire
- Board Policy No. 9.0: Review/Audit of Board Member-Claimed Compensation and Expenses
- District meeting attendance bill credit amount of $10 per member

Discussed:
- Member Communications and Board Transparency Policy
- Committee to review and update as necessary CTEC’s Strategic Plan (Chair: Goodwin; Members: Hahn, Pearson, Stewart)
- Mason property update, Fredericksburg building update
- Legislative update
- CTEC Transmission System update
- Board Policy No. 14.0: Policy on Use of Electronic Means of Communications in the Conduct of Board Business and Activities
- Youth Tour essay contest winners

Meeting adjourned
Observe Electrical Safety on the Outside

**ELECTRICAL HAZARDS ARE NOT ONLY** present indoors but also can occur outside. Follow these guidelines to help prevent common outdoor electrical hazards.

**Power Lines**
Before planting trees near a power line, do some research or speak with a professional at your cooperative to ensure that there’s enough space for them to grow safely. If you suspect that a tree is too close to power lines, report it to your electric co-op.

Electricity can jump to nearby objects! Always keep yourself and any equipment at least 10 feet away from power lines.

Power lines also are found underground. Call 811 before you dig for any project.

**Outdoor Outlets**
Have ground-fault circuit interrupters installed on outdoor outlets. GFCIs automatically cut power when a plugged-in item comes in contact with water or begins to “leak” electricity.

Install weatherproof boxes or covers on outdoor outlets.

**Generators**
Of the 931 carbon monoxide fatalities between 1999 and 2012, 79 percent were associated with generators. Twenty-four percent occurred when generators were used inside an attached garage or shed.

When in use, position generators outside and away from doors, windows and vents.

Make sure your home is properly equipped with carbon monoxide alarms and test them monthly.

Make sure your generator is properly grounded. Do not plug it directly into a home outlet without a transfer switch to prevent “backfeeding,” which could harm utility lineworkers making repairs.

**Extension Cords**
Extension cords provide a temporary solution and should not be used long term.

Never use an indoor extension cord outdoors. Outdoor cords will be labeled “for outdoor use” and are often orange.

Never attempt to extend the length of an extension cord by connecting it to another extension cord.

Only use extension cords that bear the mark of a nationally recognized safety testing laboratory such as UL, Intertek or CSA.

Hire the Right Electrician for the Job

**IF YOU DIDN'T BUY** your home new, or if it is more than 20 years old, you should have an electrician check your electrical system to be sure it can safely handle your family's electricity needs.

The Electrical Safety Foundation International offers tips for selecting the best electrician for the job.

- Look online for a directory of local electrical contractors.
- Ask the electrician to show you current insurance certificates for liability, property damage and workers’ compensation.
- Choose an electrician who has a contractor’s license issued by the state.
- Do not hire electricians who go door-to-door asking for work. Reputable companies don’t need to do that.
- Call more than one electrical contractor for estimates so you can comparison shop.
- Ask the contractor for local references or check with the Better Business Bureau.
- Determine whether the electrician is part of a national or regional electrical association. Membership doesn’t guarantee a quality inspection, but associations offer educational programs to keep members up to date on technological advancements.
Central Texas Electric Co-op

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One-time setup fee of $49.00 and $7.95/month equipment lease fee applies.
Speeds are “up to” and not guaranteed. Actual speeds will vary.

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Local (830) 992-2240 or Toll Free (888) 297-1340

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