

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

11 a.m.

Registration Opens

Noon

Lunch Served

1 p.m.

Call to Order

CRAIG CROSSLAND, PRESIDENT

Introduction of Board Members

Determination of Quorum & Notice of Mailing

E. JAY DEINES,

CORPORATE ATTORNEY

Approval of Minutes

RICHARD SCHAUS,

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Treasurer's Report

RICHARD SCHAUS,

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Manager's Report

TOM RUTH, GENERAL MANAGER

Youth Tour Presentations

Report of Election Results

New Business

Adjournment

Ice Cream Social

OFFICIAL NOTICE

OF THE 74TH ANNUAL MEETING OF WESTERN COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION INC.

On Wednesday, May 8, 2019, the doors will open at 11 a.m., and the meeting will begin at 1 p.m. at the Western Cooperative Electric Association, Inc. office, 635 S. 13th St., WaKeeney, Kansas, to act upon the following matters:

- ▶ The report of officers, trustees and committees,
- ▶ Trustee election results, and
- ▶ To transact other business which may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

RICHARD SCHAUS, SECRETARY

Appointment of Nominating Committees

On Feb. 21, 2019, the Board President, with approval of the board of Trustees, appointed nine members of the cooperative to serve on three nominating committees.

The nominating committee for District Number 1, which includes Graham, Osborne, Rooks, and Sheridan counties, was composed of **JOHN V RIEDEL**, Chairman, Morland; **GARY PARKS**, Ellis; and **FRANK BRUNGARDT**, Morland.

The nominating committee for District Number 2, which includes Ellis, Lincoln, Russell, and Trego counties was composed of **BRIAN STAAB**, Chairman, Hays; **ERIC MODEN**, WaKeeney; and **JOHN KUPPETZ JR.**, Ellis.

The nominating committee for District Number 3, which includes Barton, Ellsworth, Gove, Ness, and Rush counties was composed of **JOHN PAYNE**, Chairman, Ransom; **MIKE RUST**, Ellsworth; and **LARRY MANHART**, Grainfield.

Co-op Vital Statistics	2017	2018
Meters	12,170	12,245
Idle Serv.	364	381
Miles of Line	3,987	3,991
Consumers per mile	3.05	3.07
Average kWh used - Residential	821	891
Average Bill - Residential	\$99.99	\$107.32
Average Bill - Commercial, Small	\$241.89	\$251.05
Average Bill - Commercial, Large	\$1,271.68	\$1,336.01
Gross Revenue per mile	\$9,414.23	\$9,799.48
RUS, CFC and CoBank Principal Payments	\$2,047,534.00	\$2,114,990.94
RUS, CFC and CoBank Interest Payments	\$1,369,506.00	\$1,397,288.35

WESTERN COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC, INC.

Board Members



Craig Crossland
PRESIDENT

Wakeeney - District 2



Terry Hobbs
VICE PRESIDENT

Penokee - District 1



Richard Schaus
SECRETARY/
TREASURER

Ellis - District 2



Landon Heier

Gainfield - District 3



Frank Joy

Hays - District 2



Marvin Keller

Palco - District 1



Charles Luetters

Ransom - District 3



Susan Rohleder

Morland - District 1



Dale Weinhold

Ellsworth - District 3

General Manager



Tom Ruth

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Operating Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018

REVENUE

We sold electric service amounting to	\$38,214,404.87
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$895,313.56
Total Revenue	\$39,109,718.43

EXPENSES

Electric Power cost us	\$25,521,565.44
Expenses operating and maintaining plant	\$8,093,691.86
Estimated depreciation on our system	\$2,511,072.61
Interest charged to operations	\$1,397,320.99
Total Expenses	\$37,523,650.90

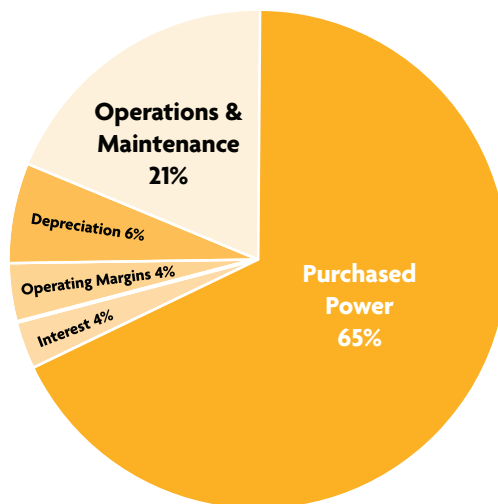
Operating Margin & Patronage Capital	\$1,586,067.53
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NON-OPERATING ACTIVITY

Income / Loss from investments	\$85,861.65
Merchandising, Electrician Wiring Serv. and Other	\$34,555.84
Power Supplier Equity and Patronage Capital (non-cash)	\$2,027,716.13
Non-Operating Margin & Patronage Capital	\$2,148,133.62

Total Margins & Patronage Capital	\$3,734,201.15
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How Your Dollars Were Spent



Balance Sheet

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

ASSETS (What We Own)

Original cost of our plant	\$94,800,780.94
Estimated depreciation	(\$28,710,884.58)
Net cost of our plant	\$66,089,896.36
Cash in the bank	\$486,865.49
Temporary cash investments	\$657,510.60
Net value of accounts receivable	\$3,847,607.87
The value of our materials and supplies	\$1,051,628.22
Advance payments of insurance, etc	\$388,126.17
Current and accrued assets	\$504,172.23
Miscellaneous debits	\$1,108,794.92
Investments in EcoDevo Projects	\$1,467,748.00
Investments in Associated Organizations	\$20,952,541.76
Interest and dividends receivable	\$5,817.96
Total Assets	\$96,560,709.58

LIABILITIES (What We Owe)

We have borrowed from the RUS / CFC / CoBank	\$81,434,145.64
We have paid back	(\$33,208,988.33)
We still owe RUS / CFC / CoBank	\$48,225,157.31
Capital Leases Payable	\$59,723.30
Accumulated Retirement Obligations	\$375,041.41
Taxes and insurance	\$1,018,741.42
Deferred Credits	\$75,776.73
Consumer deposits	\$626,497.48
Accounts payable	\$2,136,534.69
Total Liabilities	\$52,517,472.34

EQUITY (Net Worth)

Patronage capital assigned	\$64,035,914.96
Refunded to deceased members	(\$2,798,256.12)
Patronage capital refunds 1952-2002	(\$21,311,120.68)
Net Patronage Capital Assigned	\$39,926,538.16
Operating Margin this year	\$1,586,067.53
Non-Operating Margin this year	\$2,148,133.62
Other capital	\$1,625.93
Other margins and equities	\$380,872.00
Total Equity	\$44,043,237.24
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$96,560,709.58

2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 73rd Annual Meeting of Members of Western Cooperative Electric Association, Inc. was held at the Western Cooperative Electric office in WaKeeney, Kansas, on May 9, 2018.

After a delicious meal prepared by Bigge Catering and served by the Western employees, President Crossland called the meeting to order and introduced all of the board members and their spouses, distinguished guests and employees.

E. Jay Deines of Deines & Deines, the corporate attorney, reported that more than 20 members were present and thus a quorum was present. He also read the Notice of the Meeting and an affidavit executed by Quik Print of Topeka, Kansas, that they had given notice to the members as required by the bylaws. A copy of said notice and affidavit are attached and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Deines also announced and introduced the Credentials and Election Committee which was appointed by the Board pursuant to the bylaws of Western Cooperative Electric Association, Inc.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held June 7, 2017, were approved as printed by vote of the members present.

The treasurer's report was presented in the annual report and approved as printed by vote of the members present.

Dennis Deines was introduced and presented the Manager's report.

Stuart Lowry, CEO of Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, was introduced. He addressed the members on concerns of Sunflower Electric.

Attorney E. Jay Deines then gave results of the trustee election.

Dennis presented plaques to outgoing board members, Larry Evans and Melvin Keller. They addressed the members.

The President asked the members if there was any new business or any old business to come before the members.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned. Door prizes were then distributed.

WESTERN EMPLOYEES

42 years of service ▶ Gary Benisch, Line Foreman	18 years of service ▶ Ron Aschenbrenner, Assist. Line Superintendent ▶ Jeff Mattheyer, J. Lineman	9 years of service ▶ Dalton Nuttle, J. Lineman
41 years of service ▶ Greg Stahl, J. Lineman	17 years of service ▶ Tyler Renard, J. Lineman	8 years of service ▶ Colleen Klein, Receptionist ▶ Craig Cramer, Mgr. of Info. Systems
36 years of service ▶ Jerry Casey, Operations Field Supervisor	14 years of service ▶ Melissa Sherfick, Mgr. of Billing Serv. & Collections ▶ Nate Budig, Safety & HR Director ▶ Sandy Smith, Customer Service ▶ Ashley Garrett, Accountant	7 years of service ▶ Aaron Frieb, J. Lineman
35 years of service ▶ Kellye Irvin, J. Lineman ▶ Dennis Deines, Member Serv. Mgr. & Compliance ▶ Kelly Owens, Crew Foreman	13 years of service ▶ Reg Flagler, Materials & Work Order Clerk ▶ Terry Kuhn, Materials & Work Order Clerk	6 years of service ▶ LaNette Steckline, Custodian ▶ Matthew Neff, J. Lineman ▶ Seth Bittel, J. Lineman ▶ Alan Austin, J. Lineman
29 years of service ▶ Kenneth Flax, Crew Foreman	12 years of service ▶ Shelli Nowlin, Customer Service ▶ Gene Hedding, J. Lineman ▶ Johnny Howard, J. Lineman ▶ Robert Zeman, J. Lineman ▶ Dustin Wacker, J. Lineman ▶ Stacey Malsam, Assist. General Mgr./CFO ▶ Andrew Schultz, AMI/GIS Technician	5 years of service ▶ Jacob Arnold, A. Lineman
28 years of service ▶ Mark Klein, Line Foreman	11 years of service ▶ Robert McCoy, AMI/GIS Technician ▶ Gary Yahne, J. Lineman ▶ Vivian Russ, Customer Service	4 years of service ▶ Chase Newell, A. Lineman
26 years of service ▶ Dave Conness, Purchasing & Warehouse Mgr.	10 years of service ▶ Brad Barta, J. Lineman ▶ Kaleb Stefek, J. Lineman	3 years of service ▶ Neil Malsam, IT Specialist
25 years of service ▶ Brady Bittel, J. Lineman		2 years of service ▶ Chance Demel, A. Lineman
23 years of service ▶ Tonya Keller, Corporate Serv. Admin. ▶ Chad Schoenthaler, Crew Foreman		1 year of service ▶ Tyler Lang, A. Lineman ▶ Joshua Tessendorf, A. Lineman ▶ Levi Schneider, A. Lineman ▶ Tom Ruth, General Mgr. ▶ Dalton Hensley, A. Lineman
22 years of service ▶ Kurtis Brock, J. Lineman		Less than 1 year of service ▶ Nicholas Geist, A. Lineman ▶ Valerie Schneider, Human Resources Mgr. ▶ Jennifer Garner, Safety Mgr.
21 years of service ▶ Alfred Katt, J. Lineman ▶ Jay Scott, Line Foreman		
19 years of service ▶ Christina Lowry, Office Mgr. ▶ Tom Bayuk, J. Lineman		

BALLOT ON REVERSE: How to Use This Ballot

In accordance with Western Cooperative Electric, Inc. bylaws, the election of directors is being conducted by mail-in ballots. The ballot is on the reverse side of this document. The candidates whose names appear on the ballot were selected by the nominating committee.

- Vote for one person in each position.**
- Tear out, fold, insert this ballot** in the envelope marked "For Ballot Only" and **seal**.
- Place the "For Ballot Only" envelope** inside the "Business Reply Envelope" and **seal** the envelope.
- Complete the Certificate of Membership** on back of "Business Reply Envelope" and **sign your name or company name as it is listed on your account** (refer to mailing label). The Certificate of Membership must be completed in its entirety in order for the ballot to be counted. A spouse of the member is not authorized to sign ballot.
- Mail or bring** to the Western office **prior to APRIL 26, 2019.**
 - Return only one (1) ballot per Business Reply Envelope.
 - Only ballots returned in the official Business Reply Envelope will be counted.

The results of the election will be reported at the Western Cooperative Electric Annual Meeting on May 8, 2019, at 1 p.m. at the WaKeeney office, 635 S. 13th St. WaKeeney, KS, and in the June edition of the *Kansas Country Living* magazine.

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BRING THIS CARD WITH YOU TO

Western Cooperative Electric Assn.

ANNUAL MEETING

May 8, 2019

635 S. 13TH ST. IN WAKEENEY

Registration at 11 a.m.

Lunch at Noon

Meeting at 1 p.m.

PLEASE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON REVERSE

Learn About the Board of Trustee Candidates



Susan Rohleder

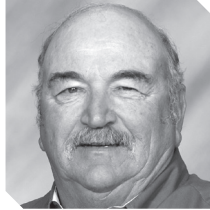
DISTRICT 1

SUSAN ROHLEDER and her husband, Dave, have a farming and livestock operation near Morland. Rohleder currently is the

Bryant Township Treasurer and serves on the Graham County FSA Advisory Committee. Rohleder represents Western Cooperative Electric as an Alternate Director on the Sunflower Electric Board.

During her first term as a Board member for Western Cooperative Electric, Rohleder earned a Credential Cooperative Director Certificate and a Board Leadership Certificate from NRECA's director training and certification program.

"I consider it a privilege to serve the members of District 1 of Western Cooperative Electric and would appreciate the opportunity to continue working to help Western Cooperative Electric be in a position to address future challenges."



Frank Joy

DISTRICT 2

FRANK JOY and his wife, Carol, live on the family farm north of Hays. They have two daughters and two grandsons. Joy is actively engaged

in the farming operation. They also have a trucking business hauling fuel from McPherson to the Hays area.

Joy has been on multiple boards through the years, and currently represents Western on the Sunflower Electric Power Corporation Board. A lot of good things have taken place at Western as he looks forward to having the privilege addressing the many challenges Western faces in the future.



Charles Luettters

DISTRICT 3

CHARLES LUETTTERS lives on the family farm northwest of Ransom with his wife, Janis, where they raised two children. They are

the third generation on this farm in its 132 years of existence.

Luettters has served in leadership roles for a local co-op, extension, Kansas State University Farm Management, church, Western, etc., as well as a couple private corporations.

As a current director of Western, he finds his role very interesting, challenging and fulfilling.

He is semi-retired, which enables him to spend more time with family and, of course, fishing.

REGISTRATION CARD

Print your information below and bring to the Annual Meeting to enter into a drawing for great prizes. **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

NAME

WESTERN ACCOUNT NUMBER

EMAIL

HOME / CELL PHONE

2019 Ballot: Return by April 26, 2019

Vote for one person from each district.
See reverse side for instructions on returning your ballot.

District 1

SUSAN ROHLEDER, Morland

District 2

FRANK JOY, Hays

District 3

CHARLES LUETTTERS, Ransom

To be counted, place ballot in the envelope marked "For Ballot Only" and place in the envelope marked "Business Reply Mail." Ballots must be received at the cooperative office by **APRIL 26, 2019**.

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