



# Live Wire



Roosevelt County Electric

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative   
The power of human connections®

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**Board of Trustees**

**President**

Wesley Brown-Position 2

**Vice President**

Janet Collins-Position 1

**Secretary-Treasurer**

Chris Duncan-Position 6, At-Large

Gene Creighton-Position 3

Charles Bennett Jr. -Position 4

Brandon Dewbre-Position 5

Darrell Caviness-Position 7, At-Large

*Operating in portions of Chaves,  
Curry, De Baca and all of  
Roosevelt Counties*

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

**February  
Job Anniversaries**

Bryan Gonzales.....1yr  
Shaun Miller.....1yr



## 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. In the event of an Emergency, Pandemic or other Force Majeure, the meeting may be held in accordance with Section 3.08 herein. Failure to hold 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.**

**2022 Annual Meeting**  
Saturday, April 9, 2022  
ENMU Football Stadium Parking  
Lot. Registration begins at 10 A.M.  
Business Meeting at 11 A.M.

*Early Voting begins March 28th  
through April 8th in our  
Office at 121 N. Main, Portales*

## By-Laws Summary....Continued from front page

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 2022 Annual Meeting are as follows:

<u>Position/Member</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
1 Rod Savage	Steve Harris
2 Paul Benoit John Kropp	John King
3 Betty Price	Jeff Essary
4 Kerry Osburn	Alfonso Gomez
5 Quentin Ray Caleb Howl	Patrick Kircher
6 James S. Southard	Floyd Jones
7 Carol Fine Billie Dixon	Beverly Creighton

Positions 6 & 7 At-Large

### Notice:

**The 2022 Nominating Committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 1 p.m. at the cooperative office at 121 N. Main, Portales, NM 88130**

## Products & Services

- Free 40 gallon Conventional Water Heaters on Conversion from Gas
- Water Purification systems
- New Construction Rebates
- 3% Interest Energy Efficiency 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

Ground Hog Day.....	2nd
Valentine's Day.....	14th
Presidents' Day-Office closed.....	21st
Regular Board Mtg.....	22nd
Nominating Comm. Mtg.....	22nd

Our office will be closed February 21, 2022 in observation of Presidents' Day. In case of an emergency or outage, call our after hours number at 575-356-4492

## Did you know, Drones are Federally Protected?

RCEC began a drone program in 2018 and currently has two licensed drone operators. A drone can be used to reach areas not traversable, whether due to storm activity (flooding, tornadoes, other acts of God) and provide visual details to assist the cooperative in service restoration. It will allow inspections of cooperative-owned structures that would typically require a lineman to climb or access from a bucket. A drone pilot is required to obtain a license in order to operate a commercial drone, therefore they are trained and certified to operate the drone through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Members should be aware that the cooperative flies it's drone within the cooperative's right-of-way to inspect powerlines and equipment. Drones are Unmanned Aircraft and are federally protected under Title 18 of the US Code 32 while being legally operated. Interfering with a drone operation or attacking a drone or drone operator could result in legal action and/or felony charges. If you see the drone flying in your area and have questions or would like to verify it is RCEC operating the drone, please contact the office.

