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ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

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If your electricity is off for more than a few minutes, call 800-407-2217. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. After-hours calls will be answered by the dispatch and standby personnel.

24-hour Electrician Service

If you are without electricity or have an electrical emergency on your side of the meter, we have a master electrician on staff available 24 hours a day.

FROM THE MANGER

2014 Year in Review

July—it's the heart of summer, the time we reflect on the democratic principles on which our nation was founded. At Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, we think it's also the perfect time to hold our 64th annual meeting and put into action the third of the seven cooperative principles: democratic member control.

Purchasing power from Lane-Scott Electric gives you membership, and as a member-owner, you have voting rights. We encourage you to exercise your voting privilege at Lane-Scott's annual meeting to be held at the Lane County Fairgrounds on July 22.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., a barbecue dinner will be served free of charge to all members of Lane-Scott, followed by the business meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the grandstand.

Of course, it wouldn't be a Lane-Scott annual meeting without drawings for great door prizes throughout the meeting, along with an opportunity for kids of all ages to enjoy the carnival rides.

Use Your Member Voice

At a time when increasing government regulations are impacting our lives, the rights that come with being a locally-owned and controlled cooperative are even more important.

Lane-Scott's annual meeting is your chance to elect those who will direct your electric cooperative with your best interests in mind. Although all seven cooperative principles are important, democratic member control is paramount and, in my opinion, is the core of the cooperative business model.

Nine locally elected Lane-Scott members sit on the Lane-Scott Board of Trustees, with three seats up for election each year. In accordance with Lane-Scott's bylaws, the nominating committee has submitted the names of three candidates; however, other nomina-



Ed Wiltse

Join us at
the Annual
Meeting
July 22 at
6:30 p.m.

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Holiday Office Closing

In observance of Independence Day, the Lane-Scott office will be closed on Friday, July 4.

Have a Safe Holiday!

Annual Meeting Notice

Lane County Fairgrounds Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc., will be held at the Lane County Fairgrounds, Tuesday, July 22, 2014, in Dighton at 6:30 p.m. A meal will be catered by Stan Hoss, with the business meeting to follow. The election of three trustees, approval of the minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting, the Treasurer's report and Manager's report are all on the agenda.

The committee on nominations, appointed by the Board of Trustees, has nominated three members as candidates for the offices of trustees: **ED GOUGH**,

representing Lane and Gove counties; **RICHARD (DICK) SOREM**, representing Finney and Hodgeman counties and **PAUL SEIB, JR.**, representing Ness and Rush counties. Other nominations may be made by petition or from the floor at the meeting. Of the persons nominated, and any other nominations made by petition, or from the floor, it will be necessary to elect three trustees to succeed the persons whose terms expire at the meeting.

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tions can be made by petition or from the floor at the annual meeting.

I can't stress enough the importance of your participation in Lane-Scott's annual meeting on July 22. As a member-focused, not-for-profit utility, our mission is to serve your energy needs, and your input is a critical element of this mission.

At the annual meeting, we will report on the results of Lane-Scott's self-regulation vote, conducted from June 2 to July 1. A vote for self-regulation of Lane-Scott means you trust your fellow cooperative members to set fair and affordable rates for electric service without compromising the reliability and safety of the system.

By allowing electric cooperatives the opportunity to vote for self-regulation, the Kansas Legislature confirmed what we already know: the democratic nature of electric cooperatives puts responsible authority in the hands of the members where it belongs.

Operations and Finances

While the annual meeting gives members the opportunity to position Lane-Scott for the future, it's also a time to reflect on where we've been. The past year has brought many opportunities and challenges—some new and some recurring—but the common element is that we continue to approach each undertaking with your best interest in mind.

Of course, our main objective is operating Lane-Scott effectively and efficiently so that we can continue to provide you with quality

service and the lowest possible energy cost. Successfully meeting this goal not only requires actively maintaining current assets but also strategically planning for the future.

In the past year, kilowatt-hour sales increased by 2 percent, not a large increase but steady. This trend is expected to continue in the near future as the oil industry expands its drilling operations. The Beeler Substation was completed and is enhancing capacity and reliability in the area.

To further strengthen our distribution system, we rebuilt lines to increase capacity, tested 2,000 poles and replaced those that were rejected, and hired a contractor to trim trees.

To better position Lane-Scott financially, short-term debt was refinanced to low interest, long-term debt.

In addition, I would be remiss if I didn't mention that your Lane-Scott staff once again earned the No-Lost-Time Award for safety, an accomplishment dating back to 1999.

Lane-Scott was able to close 2013 with positive operating margins and meet all loan requirements with margins from the sale of electricity of more than \$518,000.

Concern for Community

Another priority for Lane-Scott is our concern for community. Employees take pride in our service area and participate in activities such as hanging Christmas lights, serving on the city council and school board, coaching youth sports, and assisting in community clean up.

Lane-Scott sponsors students on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., and the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp to Steamboat Springs, CO.

Additionally, our cooperative gives local youth the opportunity to serve on the Junior Board of Trustees.

Working with our G&Ts

Lane-Scott continues to work closely with Sunflower and Mid-Kansas, our wholesale generation and transmission (G&T) providers, on your behalf.

Developments also occurred in relation to the Holcomb Expansion Project (HL2), an 895 MW coal-based resource that Sunflower and its partner are still considering to meet long-term power needs.

Last fall, the Kansas Supreme Court issued its opinion in the Sierra Club versus Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) case and remanded the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) construction air permit back to KDHE.

In its decision, the Supreme Court addressed sections of the permit issued by KDHE, specifically instructing the agency to apply new air quality standards for nitrogen dioxide and sulfur dioxide. From the time Sunflower updated the permit application in late 2009 to the time the permit was issued by KDHE in December 2010, these new standards were made final by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The Court's remand also specifically instructed KDHE to include the updated Mercury and Air Toxics (MATS) Standards for new power plants in the permit. On May 30, KDHE issued an addendum to the PSD Air Permit consistent with the remand directive from the Kansas Supreme Court.

Lane-Scott, along with our G&Ts, weighed in on discussions about environmental regulations. For example, in March, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service listed the lesser prairie chicken as

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2014 Nominating Committee Report

A meeting of the Nominating Committee was held on Monday, June 2, 2014, commencing at 6:30 p.m. in the offices of the cooperative at 410 South High Street in Dighton.

Members of the Nominating Committee present were Joe Cramer and Robert Scheib representing Lane and Gove counties; Randy Scheurman and John Beaton representing Scott and Logan counties; Kenneth Schlegel and Lane Copeland representing Rush and Ness counties; and Marvin Bohling and Grover Whipple representing

Finney and Hodgeman counties. Also attending were Joseph Gasper, Attorney; and Ed Wiltse, General Manager.

By vote, the committee nominated the following individuals:

- ▶ **ED GOUGH** for the position of Trustee representing Lane and Gove counties;
- ▶ **PAUL SEIB, JR.** for the position of Trustee representing Ness and Rush counties.
- ▶ **RICHARD (DICK) SOREM** for the position of Trustee representing Finney and Hogeman counties.

About Our Board of Trustee Nominees

ED GOUGH

Lane & Gove counties

Gough has been a member of the Lane-Scott Electric Board of Trustees for 18 years. He moved to Lane County in 1973 from Mound City. He and his wife, Paula, live in rural Lane County.

Gough retired as the Assistant Manager of Lane County Feeders in Dighton. His hobbies include golfing, hunting, and fishing, and helping on the family farm. Gough is also an accomplished vocalist and musician and has performed in local events.



Ed Gough

Church of Ness City.

Seib is the Lane-Scott Electric representative to our power supplier, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, where he is past Chairman of the Board. He is also the past director for Farm Credit Services in Ness City, Western Fuels, and Western Power Producers.

DICK SOREM

Finney & Hodgeman counties

Sorem grew up on a dry land farm in north-west Hodgeman County, on which he currently

farms with his wife, Linda, and two daughters, Riley, 19 and Ramey, 17.

Sorem went through the Jetmore school system and graduated from the University of Kansas with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. In 1982, he returned to farm with his father and took over the farm when his father retired in 1992.

He is a past member of The Farmers State Bank Board of Directors. In his spare time, he enjoys bicycling, hunting, and any activities that involve his children.



Bruce Wilkens

PAUL SEIB, JR

Ness & Rush counties

Seib is the current Secretary of Lane-Scott Electric's Board of Trustees. He has served on the Board since 1975.

He and his wife, Shelby, farm in rural Ness County where they raised six children. Shelby also operates a jewelry store in Ness City. The Seibs attend Sacred Heart Catholic



Paul Seib, Jr

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threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The listing has elicited concern from electric cooperatives since a “threatened” status will restrict land use and have a negative economic impact, ultimately increasing the electric rates of Kansas consumers.

We also weighed in on the EPA’s push to restrict carbon dioxide emissions from both new and existing fossil-fuel units, requirements that will likely come at a high cost with little gain. We will continue to monitor these regulations and will actively

engage in appropriate measures to ensure that we can continue to deliver reliable electricity at the lowest possible cost.

It’s Who We Are, It’s What We Do

It’s true that the electric industry continues to face enormous challenges, but we know that Lane-Scott is up to the test. The hard work, vision, and concern for community of those who formed this cooperative continue to be a driving force in our daily endeavors. You can be sure that we are member focused and make each decision with you in mind.

2013-2014 Junior Board of Trustees



Kayla Borell



Rebecca Doll



Taylor Gabel



Taylor George



Cecily Rebarchek



Ramey Sorem



Leslie Speer



Mariah York

The Junior Board of Trustees is an educational program to encourage youth in our community to learn about cooperatives. This will include field trips and boardroom discussions on the operation and organization of cooperatives in general with emphasis on electric cooperatives. Visit www.lane-scott.com to learn more.

Representing Finney & Hodgeman counties

- ▶ **REBECCA DOLL** daughter of Jesse & Mary Doll.
- ▶ **RAMEY SOREM** daughter of Richard & Melinda Sorem.

Representing Lane & Gove counties

- ▶ **KAYLA BORELL** daughter of Kent & Carrie Borell.
- ▶ **CECILY REBARCHEK** daughter of Cecil & Becky Rebarchek.
- ▶ **LESLIE SPEER** daughter of Dean & Amy Speer.

Representing Logan & Scott counties

- ▶ **TAYLOR GEORGE** daughter of Neil & Judy George.
- ▶ **MARIAH YORK** daughter of Ken & Janet York.

Representing Ness & Rush counties

- ▶ **TAYLOR GABEL** daughter of Kevin & Shelly Gabel.