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**LANE-SCOTT
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

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In Case of an Outage

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.

2011 Year in Review

You are cordially invited by the Trustees and employees to attend the 62nd annual meeting of Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative on Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at the Lane County Fairgrounds. A meal will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Community Involvement

Lane-Scott strives to be an asset to the communities we serve. Whether it be hanging Christmas lights, helping set up for summer festivals, providing cash donations or assisting in many other activities, we try to be there to help when requested.

We continue to have an active Junior Board of Trustees who were able to go on several field trips in 2011. We have five Junior Trustees leaving the board who served in 2011. They are Catherine Huck of Scott City, Mathew McMillen of Ness City, Sarah Mulville of Dighton, Austin Vieux of Jetmore and Darrick York of Healy.

We would like to thank them and the rest of the Junior Board for their service in 2011.

We also continue to send two high school students to the Co-operative Youth Leadership Camp

in Steamboat Springs, CO, and the "Government in Action" Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.

Construction & Repairs

2011 was the first year since 2006 that Lane-Scott did not work on a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) project. While this freed up the line crews, new oil load has kept construction moving at a very fast pace. The upgrade to the Manning Substation was almost completed and Lane-Scott also hired a tree trimming contractor to do maintenance for several months.

We had suspended our pole testing program for several years due to the 2006 ice storm and related recovery. After re-instituting the program we changed out over 300 poles. Lane-Scott will continue to upgrade and maintain the system in order to provide you, our members, with reliable power at the lowest possible cost.

Energy Cost Adjustment

Sunflower Electric Power Corporation is our wholesale power provider. They serves as our chief engineering

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Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative

Annual Meeting Notice

Lane County Fairgrounds

Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at 6:30 p.m.

Please plan to attend.

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Annual Meeting 2012

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc., will be held at the Lane County Fairgrounds, Tuesday, July 10, 2012, in Dighton.

The events will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a meal catered by Stan Hoss, with the business meeting to follow.

The election of three trustees, approval of the minutes of the 2010 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 the following members as candidates for the offices of trustees.

- ▶ **DICK JENNISON**, representing Lane and Gove counties
- ▶ **HAROLD HOSS**, representing Ness and Rush counties
- ▶ **CRAIG RAMSEY**, representing Scott and Logan 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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consultant and provide assistance to Lane-Scott in many other areas.

As many of you are aware, Lane-Scott added an energy cost adjustment to your power bills last June to cover the increasing costs of wholesale power. We want to take this opportunity to point out that the largest portion of the increases are due to increasingly stringent government rules and regulations related to climate concerns. We feel as though many of those concerns are unjustified, so when you see the average cost of the kilowatt-hours you purchase continue to rise you can thank groups such as the Sierra Club.

Financial

The unaudited financial statements show a net operating margin from the sale of electricity of approximately \$100,000. We expect overall margins to show a loss of approximately \$600,000.

High Line Services

High Line Services, Lane-Scott's wholly-owned subsidiary continues to construct and perform system maintenance for utilities across the Midwest and South. Crews have been and are working in Colorado, Missouri and Arkansas, as well as at Lane-Scott. They also repaired storm damage in the Northeast and the South in 2011.

Safety

Lane-Scott is proud to announce

that we completed another year of No-Lost-Time accidents. Through the end of 2011 the employees have now surpassed 622,000 hours worked with No-Lost-Time accidents dating back to January 1999.

System Growth

2011 was another year of growth for the Lane-Scott system. We installed approximately 110 new services during the year. We also started receiving inquiries from horizontal drilling companies about our ability to serve their anticipated potential load on our system.

We continue to work with the city of Dighton as their wholesale energy provider. We also continue to do the operation and maintenance work on the city system.

It has been more than five years since Lane-Scott purchased our share of the Aquila territory. We believe that we are closer to spin-down with MKEC.

We attempt to visit with each city council in our service territory on an annual basis to keep the lines of communication open and address any issues or concerns that may arise.

As we look forward to 2012, the Lane-Scott Trustees, employees and affiliated organizations are eager to work with our members and the communities we serve. Please visit our website at www.lanescott.coop as it has valuable information about your Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative.

FOR SALE Grasshopper Mower

Lane-Scott Electric is offering for sale by sealed bid is a like new (25.1 hrs.) grasshopper mower. Model 729BT with power fold deck, wide stance single fork tail wheels, and 61 in. deck. Purchased new in April 2011.

Lane-Scott reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. Only serious offers will be considered. Bids will be accepted until July 31, 2012. The mower can be viewed at Lane-Scott's office, M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 410 South High in Dighton.



Trustee Nominating Committee Report

A meeting of the Nominating Committee was held on Monday, June 4, 2012, 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 Kramer and Robert Scheib representing Lane and Gove counties; Randy Scheuerman 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 Dow Morris, Interim Manager.

By vote the Committee nominated the following individuals: Richard (Dick) Jennison representing Lane and Gove counties; Harold Hoss representing Ness and Rush counties; and Craig Ramsey representing Scott and Logan counties.

2012 Board of Trustees Nominee Profiles

HAROLD HOSS is the incumbent Trustee serving Ness and Rush counties. He is a lifelong resident of Ness County.



Harold Hoss

Hoss graduated from Hess City High School and Emporia State University. He and his wife, Joyce, have two grown children.

He has been a member of the Lane-Scott Electric Board of Trustees for 27 years. He is a past Trustee on the Ness City High School Board and United Credit Union of Ness City. He is a member of the Ness City American Legion, Knights of Columbus and Ransom VFW.

RICHARD (DICK) JENNISON is the incumbent Trustee Serving Lane and Gove counties. Jennison is a lifelong resi-



Dick Jennison

dent of rural Healy in Lane County. He graduated from Healy High School and Kansas State University. Jennison and his wife, Diana, have three grown children.

Jennison has been a member of the Lane-Scott Electric Board of Trustees for 30 years currently serving as President. He is an active member in the United Methodist Church of Healy.

CRAIG RAMSEY is the incumbent Trustee serving Scott and Logan counties. He is a lifelong resident of Scott County. He graduated from Scott Community High School, Colby Community College and Kansas State University.



Craig Ramsey

Ramsey and his wife, Gina, have two grown children. He has served on the Lane-Scott Electric Board for six years and is currently serving on the Scott Cooperative Board.

Thank You Notes to Lane-Scott

Lane Scott,

Thank you for supporting Ness City High School 2012 After Prom



Lane Scott,

Thank you for the memorial donation for my mother. I am proud to be associated with such a quality group of people.

The family of Doris Gough

Lane Scott,

Thank you for supporting SWK basketball! *Hunter Stephens, Dalton Hoffman, Blair Hoffman, Zach Williams, Marcus Rowe, David Cramer, Kaden Bradstreet and Burke Shapland*

Lane Scott,

Thank you for your donation for our open house event.

Nora Jennings, Leisure Years President

Lane Scott,

We greatly appreciate all that you have done for us. Your support has been a staple to our team. We have placed well at several races. We're looking forward to another great year. Our team this year consists of Nathan Penka, Ben Speer, Alex Sanchez, Dirk Torson, Guy Fullmer, Pruitt Loomis, Ryan Kuhlman, Ryan Horn, Hunter Stanley, Graham Applegate, Dylan Larsen, Bailey Wellsand Isaac Alinor.

The Dighton Electrathon Team

Lane Scott,

We would like to thank you for your sponsorship to the Cowboy Classic Beef Show.

Lane Scott,

Healy Students want to thank you. The generous support that you have given for our post prom activities is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Lane Scott,

The 2012 Post Prom Committee, WPHS students, and guests would like to thank everyone who helped make our night a success.

Efficiency Tip of the Month

Water heating ranks as one of the top three energy-related expenses in your home. Save energy and money by installing a water heater blanket, using low-flow showerheads and faucets, and lowering the thermostat on your water heater to 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Learn more at EnergySavers.gov.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

THESE POLES HAVE ROOTS.

These poles stand for something. They bring us reliable, affordable electricity.

They also carry a vision that began back before World War II. These poles rose above the dust of the Great Depression, through blood, sweat, and tears. Cooperatives brought light to darkness and electrified this country.

Power was no longer confined to the big city limits. Lines stretched out to farms, ranches and schoolhouses. Appliances came to life. Factories sprouted up.

America spread her wings.

But these poles didn't just appear out of thin air.

These poles are pillars that were founded on principle by people with principles. Neighbors banded together, and communities came together to share ownership of the electricity that would advance everyone.

Today, these poles are yours. They come to you with a history, and they come to you with a responsibility.

It's up to all of us to take care of what we have and use only what we need. It's the cooperative way. It also happens to be the right thing to do.

By using electricity wisely, we can continue to build on a dream that started decades ago. And we can ensure that the spirit on which it was built continues for generations to come. Reliable, affordable electricity for all.



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