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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.

Vote “Yes” for Self-Regulation

Mark your ballot and mail by July 1!



Ed Wiltse

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Thank you to all Lane-Scott members who attended our town hall meetings in April and May to discuss the upcoming self-regulation vote. If you could not attend a town hall meeting, there is still time to learn more about the benefits of self-regulation for all members of Lane-Scott.

As a member of Lane-Scott, you have received a brochure about self-regulation in the mail. Information is also available on our website at www.lanescott.coop. Of course, you can always contact our office, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Every member will receive a ballot in the mail this month. This is your opportunity to give

Lane-Scott’s member-elected Board of Trustees the authority to self-regulate. Ballots must be returned and postmarked on or before July 1. Without a majority of votes to approve self-regulation, decision-making authority over Lane-Scott will continue to be held by the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) in Topeka.

Lane-Scott members voted to self-regulate in 1994 after the Kansas Legislature gave electric cooperatives the right to self-regulate if the majority of the members elected to do so. You may be wondering why Lane-Scott is conducting a second vote regarding self-regulation. In 2005, Lane-Scott and five other Sunflower member cooperatives formed Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC, to acquire Aquila’s Kansas Electric Network; the recent transfer of Mid-Kansas members to Lane-Scott now necessitates another vote by all members on self-regulation.

Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative

Annual Meeting Notice

Lane County Fairgrounds

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

Check the July issue of *Kansas Country Living* magazine for complete details.

We hope to see you there!

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How will self-regulation help Lane-Scott's members?

A "yes" vote to self-regulate will save money for Lane-Scott and, ultimately, for you and your neighbors. When oversight of your electric rates occurs in Topeka, the costs to process the rate case are passed on to Lane-Scott's members. For example, the last rate case, which was effective in 2013, cost Lane-Scott more than \$300,000. Those costs are reflected on your monthly electric bill.

Another benefit of self-regulation will be efficiency within Lane-Scott. Currently, we manage two sets of rate schedules, accounting records and financial reports. One set is for the self-regulated members (members not acquired during the Aquila acquisition), and the other set is for the KCC-regulated (Mid-Kansas/former Aquila) members.

A "yes" vote to self-regulate would mean one set of these reports, simplifying accounting processes within our office, which will save you money.

Who protects Lane-Scott's members under self-regulation?

A "yes" vote will keep control of your electric rates at home with your democratically elected board of trustees. Each member of the Board is also a member of Lane-Scott, so any change in rates impacts each Board member's rates just as it impacts yours and mine.

Those whom you have elected to serve on the Lane-Scott Board take their responsibility to serve the membership very seriously, working on your behalf to keep electric rates as low as possible.

The voice of each and every member protects the cooperative. This voice—in essence, the democratic business model on which electric cooperatives are based—is the very reason the Kansas Legislature decided that members of electric cooperatives can choose to self-regulate.

In addition, Lane-Scott's Board of Trustees have established a policy that governs the process to change rates, adding more opportunities for member information and feedback.

Two of the steps included in the policy are also required by Kansas law: members must be given at least a 10-day notice of any Board meeting, which must be open to members, when rates will be discussed and voted on; and any rate change must include a notice to members of their right to request the KCC to review rate changes.

Your vote counts!

Being a member of an electric cooperative has many advantages, but none are more important than the right to have a voice about who sets your electric rates.

Voting is quick and easy: just mark your ballot and mail it by July 1 in the self-addressed, stamped envelope. Lansdon & Company, LLC, an independent accounting firm located in Garden City, will tabulate results of the election by July 11. The results will then be reported to the KCC.

Again, if you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks, Ed Wiltse

Doll & Sorem Join Lane-Scott Junior Board of Trustees



From Left: Station Manager Ed Eversole, conducted the tour for Junior Board members Ramey Sorem, Taylor Gabel, Mariah York and Rebecca Doll.



Rebecca Doll



Ramey Sorem

Lane-Scott Electric recently acquired two new members on the Jr. Board of Trustees. **REBECCA DOLL** and **RAMEY SOREM**.

Doll is the daughter of Jesse and Mary Doll and attends Garden City High School. Sorem is the daughter of Richard and Melinda Sorem and attends Jetmore High School.

Both Doll and Sorem were able to join the Junior Board of Trustees for a tour of the Fort Dodge Station in Dodge City. The gas-fired, 115 megawatt generating station was an impressive site for the Junior Board.