

Lane Scott *Electric Cooperative*

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

ANNUAL
MEETING
OFFICIAL
NOTICE

JOIN US JULY 16, 2024

LANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



2023
**ANNUAL
REPORT**
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Official Notice of Annual Meeting

AGENDA

6-7:30 p.m.
Free Fair Rides

6:30 p.m.
Dinner
JOHN ROSS & CO.
SIGNATURE CATERING

7:30 p.m.
Call to Order

Introduction of Guests

Report of Quorum

Approval of Minutes of
2023 Annual Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Recognition of
Employees and Trustees

Announcement of 2024
Continuing Education
Scholarship Recipients

Manager's Report

Guest Speaker
DOUG SANDRIDGE

Unfinished Business

New Business

Announcement of
Board of Trustee
Election Results

**RAFFLE PRIZES WILL BE
DRAWN THROUGHOUT
THE MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held at the Lane County Fairgrounds, Tuesday, July 16, 2024, in Dighton. The events will begin with free fair rides at 6 p.m., a catered meal by John Ross & Co. Signature Catering at 6:30 p.m., and the business meeting to follow.

Approval of the minutes of the 2023 annual meeting, the treasurer's report, manager's report, and special guest speaker Doug Sandridge, of Fulcrum Energy Capital Funds, and announcement of the trustee election results 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.

Representing Lane and Gove Counties, **RICHARD JENNISON** (incumbent); representing Ness and Rush Counties, **GEROME COPELAND** and **KENNETH FLAX**; representing Scott and Logan Counties, **CRAIG RAMSEY** (incumbent).

Other nominations may be made by petition to the nominating committee at least 45 days prior to the meeting. Of the persons nominated, and any other nominations made by petition, it will be necessary to elect three trustees to succeed the persons whose terms expire at the meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER

DOUG SANDRIDGE has more than 46 years of experience in the energy industry, mostly in oil and gas exploration. He is currently Senior Vice President of Fulcrum Energy Capital Funds and the Executive Director of Oil and Gas Executives for Nuclear Energy, a pro-nuclear advocacy group. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Oklahoma. Sandridge has recently gained national notoriety for his "7 Hurdles to Net-Zero Carbon Emissions."

Sandridge has been happily married for 37 years and has three wonderful children. Outside of family, work and energy education, his hobbies include golf, genealogy and travel — he has travelled internationally to 82 countries!



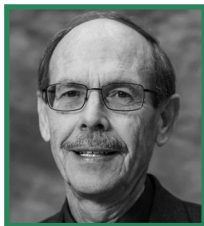
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Cooperative Trustees



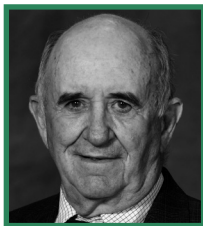
RICHARD JENNISON

Board President
Lane & Gove counties



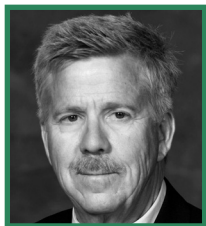
CRAIG RAMSEY

Vice President
Scott & Logan counties



HAROLD HOSS

Secretary
Ness & Rush counties



ERIC DOLL

Treasurer
Finney & Hodgeman counties



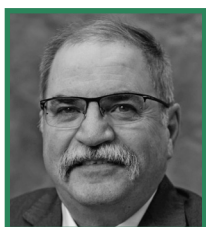
RANDY EVANS

Trustee
Lane & Gove counties



CHAD GRIFFITH

Trustee
Scott & Logan counties



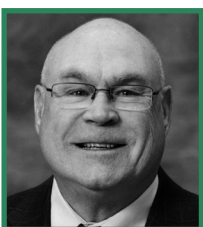
JAMES JORDAN

Trustee
Ness & Rush counties



SUSAN NUSS

Trustee
Finney & Hodgeman counties



RAD ROEHL

Trustee
Lane & Gove counties

EMPLOYEES

LEIGHTON AYERS
Journeyman Lineman

CARRIE BORELL
Network Administrator

KEVIN BRADSTREET
Journeyman Lineman

SCOTT BRIAND
Warehouse Supervisor

NATE BURNS
Engineering Coordinator

TAYLOR CABLE
Apprentice Lineman

REBECCA CAMPBELL
Lead Billing Representative

STACEY FOOS
Part-Time Custodian

DAL HAWKINSON
Operations Manager

KASEY JENKINSON
Line Superintendent

ANN MARIE JENNINGS
Communications Director

DIANA KUHLMAN
Human Resources Specialist

KATHY LEWIS
Manager of Financial Services

BEN MANN
Crew Chief

KALO MANN
Master Electrician

MARK MCCULLOCH
HVAC Technician

RICHARD MCLEON
General Manager/CEO

BLAKE MCVICKER
Journeyman Lineman

MICHAEL POLLOCK
Master Electrician

CHAD RUPP
Crew Chief

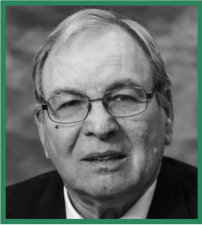
MYRON SEIB
Senior Journeyman Lineman

DELLON SHELTON
Journeyman Lineman

CHRIS TERHUNE
Journeyman Lineman

JOCELYN WALKER
Senior Accountant

Executive Report



RICHARD JENNISON
Board President

The year 2023 was a great year for your cooperative.

- ▶ Inflation leveled out at 3.09% after rising 19.55% in the previous three years;
- ▶ The Federal Reserve raised interest rates by 1.0% from 4.5% to 5.5%, after raising it 4.25% in the previous three years; and
- ▶ Gasoline prices dropped to an average of \$3.52 per gallon, after rising from \$2.17 to \$3.95 in the previous three years.

Perhaps that first statement should be revised to: After three years of challenges, 2023 was a great year.

We evaluated every process, eliminated what didn't work and streamlined what did. We updated costs and fees, hardened our system, managed inventories, leveraged purchasing power, and we found new efficiencies.

One of the many benefits of an electric cooperative is, we exist to serve you with reliable, affordable electric energy and related cooperative services. Our focus remains on three things: rates, reliability and safety.

Amid these challenging times, the Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative achieved the fifth lowest residential rate among Kansas cooperatives and about 15.4% below the local municipal rates. Your cooperative also achieved the second lowest non-primary metered industrial rate in Kansas: all while keeping your energy dollars local and remaining financially strong.

Cheap power doesn't mean much if the lights aren't on. Lane-Scott tracks several utility industry standard reliability metrics. Our average service availability index for 2023 was 99.94% while the average number of interruptions per meter decreased to 1.02 per year. Last year, 46% of our system outages resulted from major storms and power supplier disruptions.

Linemen and community safety is always first in our thoughts. Your cooperative continued offering high voltage safety education to first responders and our communities at no charge.

The bottom-line is that your cooperative stayed focused on our core business of providing reliable, cost-effective power and



RICHARD MCLEON
General Manager/
CEO

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finished 2023 with almost \$63 million in utility plant with a total of \$35 million in long-term debt. The cooperative had \$17.8 million in energy sales with 58% of all revenues collected purchasing wholesale power.

Non-operating margins had its best year in a while with the good folks in financial services managing our investments, adding over \$400,000 in interest earnings to the bottom line. Cooperative services including Generac generator sales and servicing, master electrician services, electrical parts and equipment sales, added almost \$79,000 to the bottom line.

The Merriam Webster dictionary defines the word cooperative as:

- ▶ Mutual assistance in working toward a common goal.
- ▶ A farm, business or other organization which is owned and run jointly by its members, who share the profits or benefits.

Cooperatives are non-profit. That's the way we were founded and that's the way we continue to operate. If we make more than we need, we pay it back to you, our owners. We are happy to report the cooperative returned \$451,588 of equity to members in 2023 bringing our total general retirement to \$1,342,338.12 over the past three years.

We never know what the future holds, but we know that as a cooperative we are stronger together. Every day we work toward our common goal of keeping the lights on and your costs reasonable. We continue in our commitment to our communities and to keeping local dollars local while we investigate new technologies and efficiencies in workflow management, electric vehicle charging, solar and wind energy support, and demand side management options.

The past three years have been challenging, difficult and frustrating, but things began looking up in 2023 and we are optimistic about the future of your cooperative. We took a few hits, like everyone else, but as a team we maintained low rates, high reliability and safety. We expanded services and we supported our communities. We are 25 employees strong, one cooperative in two convenient locations, and we are honored to be a part of the Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative family and to work alongside these great and dedicated individuals, serving you, every day.

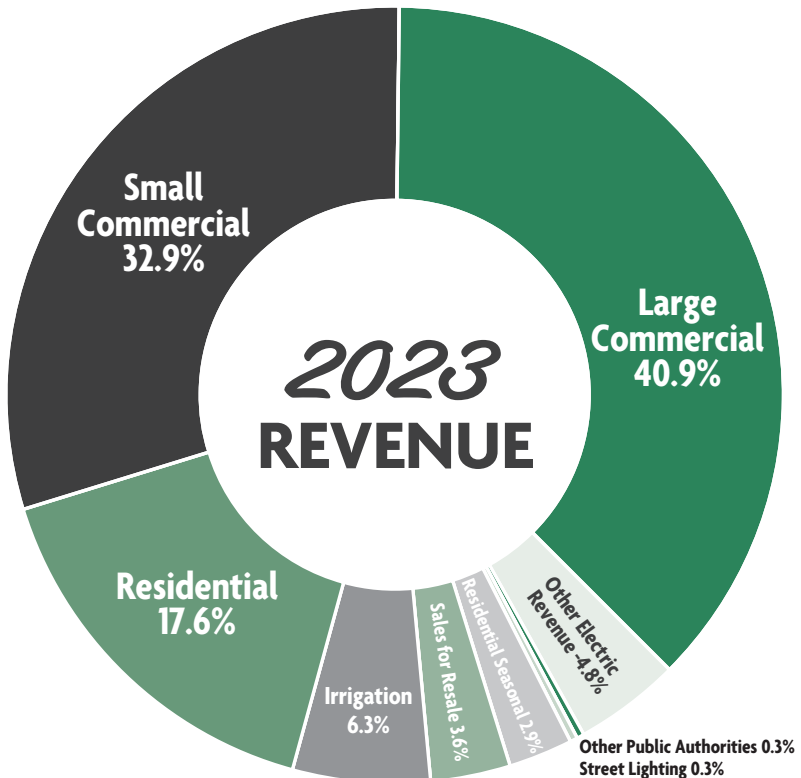
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Financial Report

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 2023

	2023	2022	2021
INCOME			
Operating Revenue	\$17,842,791	\$20,914,246	\$18,976,716
EXPENSES			
Cost of Power	\$10,346,476	\$12,903,008	\$11,294,294
Operations	\$4,498,609	\$4,260,949	\$4,083,651
Depreciation & Amortization	\$1,955,181	\$1,888,036	\$1,844,094
Interest	\$1,222,359	\$1,282,921	\$1,338,351
Miscellaneous	\$24,588	\$16,024	\$23,031
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$18,047,213	\$20,350,938	\$16,264,865
OPERATING MARGINS	-\$204,422	\$563,308	\$2,711,851
NON-OPERATING MARGINS	\$1,013,194	\$1,007,723	\$615,870
PATRONAGE CAPITAL OR MARGINS	\$808,772	\$1,571,031	\$3,327,721



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BALANCE SHEET AS OF DEC. 31, 2023

ASSETS	2023	2021	2020
Total Utility Plant	\$64,093,019	\$61,917,505	\$59,930,131
Less Depreciation	<u>(21,947,366)</u>	<u>(20,781,478)</u>	<u>(19,410,940)</u>
Net Value of Our System	\$42,145,653	\$41,136,027	\$40,519,191
Other Property & Investments	\$13,712,351	\$13,636,718	\$13,253,022
Cash & Temporary Investments	\$6,753,550	\$5,197,116	\$5,735,208
Receivables	\$1,411,374	\$1,957,432	\$1,610,859
Pre-Payments	\$157,913	(\$1,289)	\$42,428
Materials & Supplies	\$703,772	\$508,040	\$473,727
Other Current Assets	\$136,417	\$336,125	\$178,091
Deferred Debits	\$845,141	\$1,931,548	\$2,878,839
Total Assets	<u>\$65,866,171</u>	<u>\$64,701,717</u>	<u>\$64,691,365</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Long Term Debt	\$36,771,901	\$37,171,353	\$37,593,001
Capital Leases	\$0	\$0	\$0
Accounts Payable	\$1,059,884	\$887,369	\$1,209,779
Consumer Deposits	\$106,856	\$113,757	\$112,956
Other Current & Accrued Liabilities	\$1,634,710	\$879,750	\$1,239,767
Deferred Credits	<u>\$356,320</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Liabilities	\$39,929,671	\$39,052,229	\$40,155,503
EQUITIES & MARGINS	<u>\$25,936,500</u>	<u>\$25,649,488</u>	<u>\$22,401,537</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>\$65,866,171</u>	<u>\$64,701,717</u>	<u>\$62,557,040</u>

PROPERTY TAXES PAID BY COUNTY

COUNTY	2023	2022	2021	2020
Finney	\$51,612	\$58,826	\$64,667	\$63,666
Gove	\$11,732	\$11,999	\$13,823	\$12,744
Hodgeman	\$33,612	\$37,438	\$42,363	\$40,731
Lane	\$278,060	\$293,290	\$310,413	\$333,702
Logan	\$1,006	\$1,017	\$1,171	\$1,127
Ness	\$226,894	\$245,206	\$283,852	\$331,063
Scott	\$74,363	\$82,220	\$90,818	\$87,294
Rush	\$30,678	\$33,332	\$35,677	\$21,134
TOTALS	\$707,957	\$763,328	\$842,784	\$891,461

2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

The year 2023 Annual Meeting of the Members of Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at the Lane County Fairgrounds in Dighton, Kansas. The meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m., pursuant to notice mailed to all members in accordance with the bylaws of the cooperative.

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Jennison. President Jennison welcomed those in attendance and introduced guests including: Jim Minnix, Kansas Representative; Hunter Carson, Senator Moran's district representative; Lee Tafanelli, Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (KEC); and Jerri Whitley, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation. Lane-Scott recognized retired employees Alan Scott and Stan Bray, and retired Trustee Ed Gough.

President Jennison introduced the members of the board of trustees, general manager and legal counsel.

Joseph Gasper, legal counsel, certified notice of the annual meeting was mailed to members at each members address as it appears on the records of the cooperative and reported 117 members were in attendance constituting a quorum.

President Jennison referred the members to the printed minutes of the 2022 annual meeting appearing in the notice of the annual meeting. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the reading of the minutes of the 2022 annual meeting was waived and the minutes were approved as printed.

President Jennison referred the members to the printed treasurer's report. On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the reading of the treasurer's report was waived, and the treasurer's report was approved as printed.

President Jennison recognized the Lane-Scott employees and thanked them for their hard work.

Leighton Ayers and Rebecca Campbell were recognized for 15 years of services with Lane-Scott Electric.

Retiring board members Richard Sorem and Paul Seib, Jr. were recognized. Sorem served on the board for 21 years and Seib served for 48 years.

Manager McLeon recognized the winners of the 2023 Continuing Education Scholarships as follows: Sawyer Bowman, Gui Griffith, Kaylee Hendrickson, Logan Mauch, Mackayla Miller, Caitlin Smeed, Dawson Stoecklein and Alencio Zarate.

President Jennison introduced the guest speaker, Lee Tafanelli, CEO of KEC, highlights of his presentation are as follows:

- ▶ Tafanelli was the Adjutant General of the Kansas National Guard as well as serving in the Kansas Legislature prior to his current employment at KEC.
- ▶ The military veterans were asked to stand and be recognized for their service.
- ▶ KEC was formed in 1941 when the group came together to form a co-op to provide electricity. World War II put the project on hold until 1946 at which time KEC came into full force and has existed since.

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- ▶ KEC lobbies the legislature on behalf of the member cooperatives and their members. Renewable energy policies have been discussed in the legislature and KEC provides legislators information regarding these policies.
- ▶ Cooperatives have been at the forefront of adoption of renewables with the recognition that reliability of the grid remains an important consideration with changes to types of generation.
- ▶ Inflation remains an issue for cooperatives as well as availability of supplies due to supply chain issues.
- ▶ Emerging technologies will affect the industry with both sustainability and reliability.
- ▶ KEC publishes the *Kansas Country Living* magazine that is sent to the cooperative members. The magazine is a cost-effective means of communication to the membership.
- ▶ The electric industry is entering an era of change, but the industry has seen change since its inception.
- ▶ Tafanelli thanked the Lane-Scott members for the opportunity to speak with them about the KEC activities.

Manager McLeon presented his manager's report with highlights as follows:

- ▶ The Lane-Scott retirees were recognized.
- ▶ The Lane-Scott employees were recognized for their hard work for the cooperative.
- ▶ There can be change without progress but there cannot be progress without change. Lane-Scott is weathering changes and moving forward.
- ▶ Digital technology is replacing paperwork and other technology is being adopted.
- ▶ Sixty-three cents of every dollar spent by Lane-Scott is for the purchase of wholesale power from Sunflower Electric. Gas and coal prices have increased which resulted in an increase of wholesale power cost of 8.5% for the previous year.
- ▶ The remaining 37 cents of each dollar funds the co-op. The cost of materials has increased with construction costs up 59%. The CPI has increased 23% since 2019. Lane-Scott is working hard to control costs.
- ▶ Reliability remains a focus of the co-op. Maintenance on the system continues to protect the \$63 million plant system. Lane-Scott provided electricity 99.96% of the time over the past year. Lane-Scott continues to work with Sunflower to identify grants to improve the system.
- ▶ Lane-Scott's greatest asset is its employees. Training has been expanded to help prepare for the future.
- ▶ The cooperative is financially sound.

President Jennison then called for additional registrations. There were no additional

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The meeting of the Lane-Scott Electric Nominating Committee was held on April 22, 2024, at 6 p.m. in the office of the cooperative at 410 S. High Street in Dighton.

Committee members present were Lex Bush representing Lane and Gove counties; Randy Scheuerman and John Beaton, Scott and Logan counties; Kenneth Schlegel and Lane Copeland, Ness and Rush counties; Doug Vieux and Dan Wehkamp, Finney and Hodgeman counties.

By vote, the committee nominated the following individuals to be elected by the membership at the annual meeting for the position of trustees, to be held on July 16, 2024.

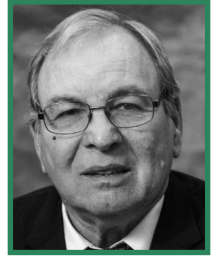
- ▶ **RICHARD JENNISON** representing Lane and Gove counties.
- ▶ **KENNETH FLAX** and Gerome Copeland representing Ness and Rush counties.
- ▶ **CRAIG RAMSEY** representing Scott and Logan counties.

The committee meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

LANE AND GOVE COUNTY DISTRICT

RICHARD (DICK) JENNISON *incumbent*

Jennison is a lifelong resident 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 42 years currently serving as president and as the Sunflower Electric board delegate. He is an active member in the Methodist Church of Healy.

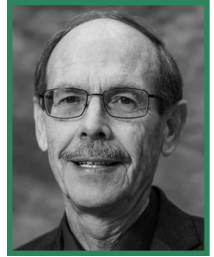


**Richard (Dick)
Jennison**

SCOTT AND LOGAN COUNTY DISTRICT

CRAIG RAMSEY *incumbent*

Ramsey is a lifelong resident of Scott County. He graduated from Scott Community High School, Colby Community College, and Kansas State University. Ramsey and his wife, Gina, have two grown children and nine grandchildren. He has served on the Lane-Scott Electric Board for 18 years, currently serving as the vice president and is the delegate for the Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. Board of Trustees. He has obtained the Credentialed Cooperative Director certification and Director Gold credential through training by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.



Craig Ramsey

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NESS AND RUSH COUNTY DISTRICT

KENNETH FLAX

I wish to be considered for nomination to the Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees. I am a current Lane-Scott customer in good standing, and I believe in keeping local business local. Our small-town businesses greatly contribute to the well-being of our communities by providing needed services, providing job and vocational training, and supporting other local businesses and organizations. The board of trustees protects Lane-Scott through their long-term vision and their ability to solve problems together. I want to be involved in the life of my community. One of the ways I can do that is to be a member of the Lane-Scott Electric Board of Trustees.

I have many years of experience within my community of Ransom that I bring to the table: board member, Grisell Memorial Hospital — 8 years; head of maintenance, Grisell Memorial Hospital — 2 years; farm manager, Klitzke Farm — 17 years; parts manager, Ransom Farmers Co-op — 8 years; Nevada Township volunteer firefighter (retired) — 44 years; fire chief (retired) — 21 years; and Knights of Columbus member (holding every office) — 44 years. This experience has given me the knowledge and appreciation for managing a business or organization to the benefit of all concerned. I appreciate your consideration for the Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees.



Kenneth Flax

GEROME COPELAND

I am a farmer and rancher in Ness County. I graduated from Ness City High School in 1991, then attended NCK in Beloit, Kansas, graduating from the heavy equipment department in 1992. I took a job with L&M Contractors, a bridge building company, out of Great Bent, Kansas, as an equipment operator, operating cranes. In 2000, my wife and I decided it was time for me to be home more and start a family. I took a job at Ness County Road and Bridge as the assistant supervisor and became involved in the family farm with my parents. In 2009, I was promoted to supervisor of the road and bridge. Now, I am a full-time farmer rancher, and our family has grown with two daughters Gwendolyn, 19, and Gretchen, 17.

I served on the Ness County Amusement Company board from 2008 to 2018 and served 4 years on the board of trustees at my church. I have always enjoyed being involved in my local community, and as of now I am not. I believe serving on the Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees would be an excellent way to become involved in the community again, and the experience would be educational and interesting.



Gerome Copeland

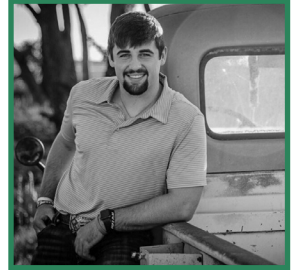
2023 Scholarship Recipients



Cally Cramer



Carlee Flax



Lakin Getz

CALLY CRAMER is the daughter of Mark and Cindy Cramer of Healy and is a graduate of Scott Community High School. She will be attending Colby Community College to pursue a career in teaching.

CARLEE FLAX is the daughter of Kevin Flax. Carlee graduated Western Plains High School in 2021 and has since been attending Fort Hays State University pursuing a degree in health and human performance. Her education plan following graduation from Fort Hays State University, is to pursue a graduate degree as a physician's associate. Ultimately, she plans to return to rural Kansas to give back to the community she grew up in as a healthcare professional.

LAKIN GETZ is the son of Levi and Kelli Getz of Quinter. Lakin will be attending the University of Nebraska Kearney pursuing a bachelor's degree in finance and business with an emphasis in financial planning and organization. Upon graduation, he hopes to return to a smaller community to start his own financial planning business.

SHARING SUCCESS IN THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

Through a partnership with CoBank, one of our national partner banks, Lane-Scott began the CoBank Sharing Success Grant Program in 2020. The program is designed to provide grants to charitable organizations and causes in our local communities.

CoBank is a national nonprofit cooperative bank owned by the rural American cooperatives it serves. Since the Sharing Success Program was established in 2012, CoBank and its customers have contributed more than \$50 million to groups such as volunteer fire departments, local schools, and hunger relief programs to name a few. In 2023, Co-Bank matched Lane-Scott Electric's \$2,000 donation, awarding four deserving recipients each with a \$1,000 grant.

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Kalo Hineman



Lillian Payne



Ayden Whipple

KALO HINEMAN is the son of Andy and Elizabeth Hineman of Scott City. After graduation, Kalo plans to attend the University of Kansas to earn an undergraduate degree in either political science or psychology before pursuing a Juris Doctorate degree at the University of Kansas Law School. Upon completion of his legal studies, he strives to someday become a practicing attorney.

LILLIAN PAYNE is the daughter of John and Christina Payne from Ransom. Lilly plans to attend Fort Hays State University in the fall majoring in marketing and communication. She plans to join the Global Learning Community and someday be involved in international work and global marketing.

AYDEN WHIPPLE is the daughter of Layton and Jennifer Whipple of Beeler, graduating from Dighton High School. While in high school Ayden became a Certified Nurse's Assistant at Lane County Hospital, which inspired her to attend Fort Hays State University in the fall to pursue a nursing degree. Eventually, she would like to work as a critical care nurse in an emergency room.

The May 2023 recipients were the **AMERICAN LEGION 8TH DISTRICT HONOR GUARD**, headquartered in Bazine, to help with the costs of providing military funeral services for their fallen comrades; **FAMILY CRISIS SERVICES, INC.** to help increase outreach efforts in Scott and Lane counties; **USD 303 NESS CITY SCHOOLS** utilized their grant to purchase two rolling first aid station trauma bags; and **UTICA RURAL FIRE DISTRICT/NESS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3** to outfit safety gear and equipment for new volunteer firefighters.

Applications are accepted at the beginning of each calendar year from 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, and other non 501(c)(3)'s such as schools, government organizations like counties, municipalities and their agencies or departments. Use of the grants must serve a public purpose and benefit a community or communities who receive electric service from Lane-Scott or who's purpose benefits members of Lane-Scott.

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registrations. Attorney Gasper reported the results of the election of the board of trustees to serve a three-year term.

- ▶ The Finney and Hodgeman County results were: Susan Nuss with 105 votes, Lynn Goebel with 79 votes and Randy J. Evans with 32 votes.
- ▶ The Lane and Gove County results were: Randy Evans with 210 votes.
- ▶ The Ness and Rush County results were: James Jordan with 113 votes, Randal Norton with 72 votes, Kenneth Flax with 55 votes, Gerome Copeland with 47 votes and Steven Kyle Antenen with 17 votes.

President Jennison called for unfinished business. There was no unfinished business. President Jennison called for new business. There was no new business.

President Jennison thanked John Ross Catering and Howard Richards for the meal and public address system respectively.

There being no new business, President Jennison called for a motion to adjourn. By motion duly made, seconded, and carried the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. on July 18, 2023.

At various times during the meeting, attendance prizes were given away to members by drawing. The winners were: Stan Bray, Rex Borthwick, Dean Ummel, Doll Partnership, Larry Horacek, Gerome Copeland, Calvin Myers, Ilene Norton, Max Blakely, Amy Piedra, Robert Mishler, Laverne Carlson, Root Spraying Service, Al Berndt, Bruce Huber, Jean Berndt, Beverly Kerkhoff, James Johnston and Howard Richards.

HOW TO CAST YOUR BALLOT

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ON OPPOSITE PAGE**

**DO NOT
SEND UTILITY
PAYMENTS
WITH BALLOT**

- ▶ Your ballot is located on the back cover of this report.
- ▶ Vote by **MARKING AN “X”** in the square to the left of the person who you desire to vote for.
- ▶ **SIGN YOUR BALLOT.** Ballots **MUST** be signed for the ballot to be counted. A spouse of the member is not authorized to sign the ballot.
- ▶ Tear ballot on perforated lines and insert the ballot in the postage paid envelope enclosed marked **“BUSINESS REPLY MAIL”** and seal.
- ▶ Ballots must be received **BY JULY 16, 2024.** Return only one ballot per **“BUSINESS REPLY MAIL”** envelope. Only ballots returned in the **“BUSINESS REPLY MAIL”** will be counted.



FOUR WAYS TO VOTE FOR TRUSTEES

1 MAIL-IN
BALLOT
BELOW

2 ONLINE
ON
SMARTHUB

3 VOTE
ONLINE

4 VOTE AT
THE ANNUAL
MEETING

↓ TEAR ON PERFORATION TO REMOVE MAIL-IN BALLOT ↓

BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 16, 2024

To cast your vote, please see detailed instructions on Page 14.

To vote, mark an X in the square to the left of the person you are voting for.

DO NOT VOTE FOR MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN EACH DISTRICT.

LANE & GOVE
VOTE FOR ONE PERSON

RICHARD
(DICK) JENNISON

SCOTT & LOGAN
VOTE FOR ONE PERSON

CRAIG RAMSEY

NESS/RUSH
VOTE FOR ONE PERSON

KENNETH FLAX
 GEROME COPELAND

DATA
MATRIX 2D
BARCODE OF
MEMBER #

MEMBER SIGNATURE _____

MEMBER VOTER ID:

PASSCODE: Enter your 5-digit zip code

Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc.
P.O. Box 758
Dighton, KS 67839-0758

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Name
Address
City, State Zip

QR Code
Member #

**THIS IS YOUR REGISTRATION CARD AND PRIZE DRAWING TICKET
PLEASE BRING IT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING.
THE CARD WILL BE SCANNED TO CONFIRM YOUR MEMBERSHIP.**

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WAYS TO VOTE

1 ONLINE: Scan the QR Code or go to www.onlinevoting.dmsolutions.com/coopballot/login.aspx?domain=LANESCOTT

Enter your specific Member ID code and password printed on the mail-in ballot located on the Page 15. The deadline to vote online is July 16 at 6:30 p.m. before the annual meeting.



2 ONLINE ON SMARTHUB:

Login to SmartHub at <https://lanescott.smarthub.coop>, click **VOTE NOW**, enter your specific Member ID code and password printed on the mail-in ballot.

3 MAIL-IN THE BALLOT located on the last page of this report in the self-addressed envelope. The ballot must be received by our third-party election management company by July 16.

4 VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. Voting will be available electronically prior to the business meeting. Bring your registration card or mail-in ballot.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON JULY 16!