

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



JOIN US JULY 15, 2025
LANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

ELECTION AND BALLOT INFO ON BACK

AGENDA

6-7:30 p.m.

Free Fair Rides

6:30 p.m.

Dinner by John Ross &
Co. Signature Catering

Onsite Voting

ENDS PROMPTLY AT 7 P.M.

7:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Introduction of Guests

Report of Quorum

Approval of Minutes of
2024 Annual Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Recognition of
Employees and Trustees

Announcement of 2024
Continuing Education
Scholarship Recipients

Youth Tour and
Leadership Camp
Presentations

Manager's Report

Guest Speaker
MIKEY GODDARD

Overhead Line Safety
Demonstration

Unfinished Business

New Business

Announcement of
Board of Trustee
Election Results

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

Official Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held at the Lane County Fairgrounds, Tuesday, July 15, 2025, 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 2024 annual meeting, the treasurer's report, manager's report, and special guest speaker Mikey Goddard with Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., 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, **GARY SHAPLAND**; representing Finney and Hodgeman counties, **MICHAEL WEHKAMP** and **RANDY J. EVANS**; representing Scott and Logan counties **ZACH CONINE** and **SHELLY TURNER**.

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

MIKEY GODDARD has been a dedicated professional in the electrical industry since 1999, bringing over two decades of experience and leadership to his work. He entered the electric cooperative world in 2004 and spent a significant portion of his career at Victory Electric Cooperative, where he developed a deep understanding of cooperative operations and safety. Mikey later joined Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. as a loss control instructor, where he focused on training and promoting safety across the cooperative network. His commitment to safety and excellence led to his recent promotion to director of loss control, safety and compliance where he now oversees and advances the organization's statewide loss control and safety initiatives.

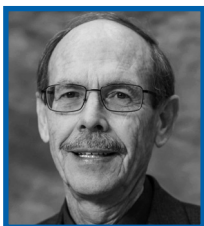


Cooperative Trustees



RICHARD JENNISON

Board President
Lane & Gove counties



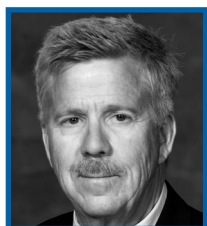
CRAIG RAMSEY

Vice President
Scott & Logan counties



RAD ROEHL

Secretary
Lane & Gove counties



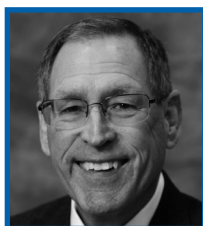
ERIC DOLL

Treasurer
Finney & Hodgeman counties



GEROME COPELAND

Trustee
Ness & Rush 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

EMPLOYEES

LEIGHTON AYERS

Journeyman Lineman

CARRIE BORELL

Network Director/CIO

KEVIN BRADSTREET

Journeyman Lineman

SCOTT BRIAND

Purchase Manager

NATE BURNS

Engineering Coordinator

TAYLOR CABLE

Apprentice Lineman

STACEY FOOS

Part-time Custodian

CINDY FUENTES-UMMEL

Billing Specialist

DAL HAWKINSON

Operations Manager

KASEY JENKINSON

Line Superintendent

ANN MARIE JENNINGS

Communications Director

LILLIE KOEHN

Cashier/Receptionist

DIANA KUHLMAN

Human Resources Administrator

BEN MANN

Crew Chief

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/Safety Coordinator

JOCELYN WALKER

Finance Manager/CFO

BAILEY WELLS

Apprentice Lineman

Executive Report



**RICHARD
JENNISON**

Board President



RICHARD MCLEON
General Manager/
CEO

The year 2024 ended with a welcome return to near-normal operations following challenges of the post-COVID economy and uncertain economic policies that threatened to affect grid reliability.

Our strategy has been to evaluate in-house processes, eliminating what doesn't work and finding alternatives that do. We continue to harden our system and implement new technologies to improve reliability and manage inventories to run efficiently. We are focusing on employee training and team building, with an eye on the future.

As a non-profit electric cooperative, the sole reason we exist is to serve you with reliable, affordable electric energy and related cooperative services. To accomplish that mission, our focus remains on three things: rates, reliability and safety.

RATES

We purchased 177,120 megawatt-hours of wholesale electricity from Sunflower Electric Power Corporation in Hays and delivered it to you at cost. Wholesale power costs per kilowatt-hour increased by 8.7% and wholesale power cost accounted for 53.7% of your total power bill.

We reviewed our utility rate structure in April 2024 allowing us to leverage Lane-Scott system load profiles and revise our rates to deliver a total net cost per kilowatt-hour reduction of 2.92%. That may not sound like much, but in the challenging 2024 U.S. economy

and inflationary times, we were able to produce an average savings of \$94.67 per member per year.

RELIABILITY

Cheap power doesn't mean much if the lights aren't on. Lane-Scott tracks several utility industry standard reliability metrics. Our system average service availability index (SAI) for 2024 was 99.92% while the average number of interruptions per meter (SAIFI) was 1.1 per meter.

Power interruptions can be separated into two general categories: those we cannot control (major storms and wholesale supplier outages) and those we can control or at least minimize with system hardening. Last year 91.6% of our system outages resulted from major storms and power supplier disruptions that we have no control over. The rest, 8.4% or 33.7 minutes per meter, were the result of minor storms, animals and other common disruptions.

SAFETY

Employee and community safety is always first in our thoughts. We continue to expand and improve our internal safety processes, training, equipment, and documentation. We partner with Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. to offer employees timely and interesting safety content at required monthly safety meetings. All linemen are trained in pole top rescue, first

aid, CPR, and in safety inspections and observations. Crews are required to conduct “tailgate” safety briefings before every job.

Our commitment to safety extends beyond our employees. The Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative offers high-voltage safety education in our communities at no charge. This year, we were able to complete our own high-voltage safety demonstration trailer. Having this valuable tool helps us better serve community members of all ages and occupations with electrical safety education. We offer these services because protecting our most valuable resources, our employees and our community, is simply the right thing to do.

The bottom line is that your cooperative stayed focused on our core business of providing reliable, cost-effective power safely and finished 2024 with over \$64 million in utility plant with a total of \$35 million in long-term debt. The cooperative has 23 employees serving all or part of eight central, western Kansas counties with over 2,000 miles of energized power line.

Non-operating margins had its best year in a while with the good folks in financial services managing our investments and 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 that 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 very happy to report that last year the cooperative returned a record high \$591,000 to members bringing our total retirement to \$1,933,338 over the past four years. That represents 40.9% of the total \$4,728,911 that your cooperative has returned in the lifetime of The Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative.

One of our most valued of the seven cooperative principles is Cooperation Among Cooperatives. Cooperatives nationwide serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.

In the event of disasters, cooperatives rally their available crews to assist those who request mutual aid. This past year, Lane-Scott both received assistance following summer windstorms, and answered the call in South Carolina following Hurricane Helene and in Bentonville, Arkansas, after deadly tornadoes and straight-line winds.

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, distributed energy support, microgrids and demand side management options.

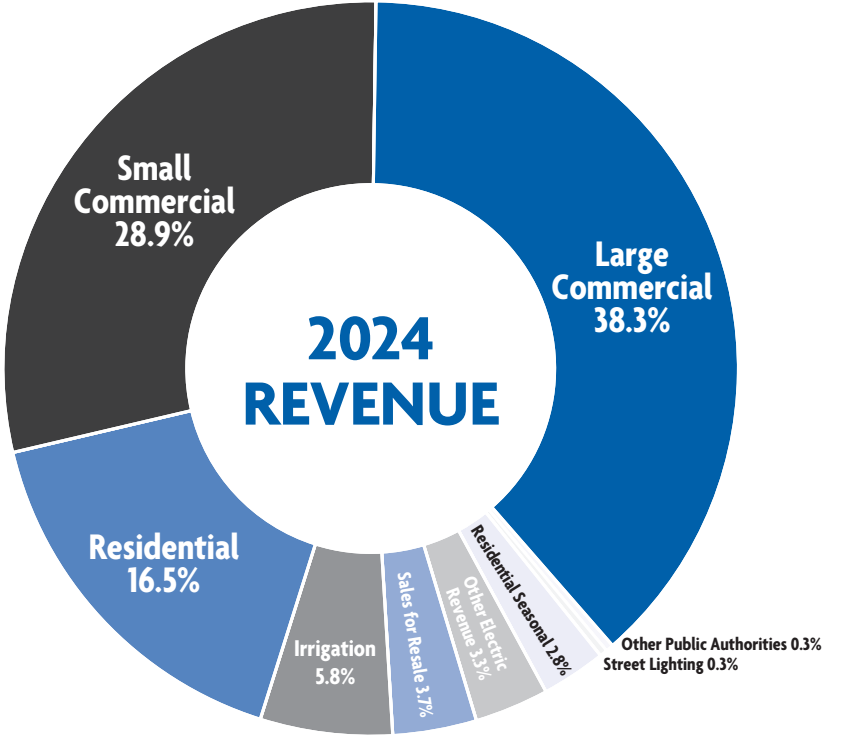
We are 23 employees strong; one cooperative in two convenient locations, and we are honored to be a part of The Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative family and to work alongside these great and dedicated individuals, serving you, every day.

Financial Report

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 2024

	2024	2023	2022
INCOME			
Operating Revenue	\$18,535,047	\$17,842,791	\$20,914,246
EXPENSES			
Cost of Power	\$9,954,804	\$10,346,476	\$12,903,008
Operations	\$4,763,153	\$4,498,609	\$4,260,949
Depreciation & Amortization	\$2,033,608	\$1,955,181	\$1,888,036
Interest	\$1,163,845	\$1,222,359	\$1,282,921
Miscellaneous	\$18,113	\$24,588	\$16,024
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$17,933,523	\$18,047,213	\$20,350,938
OPERATING MARGINS	\$601,524	(\$204,422)	\$563,308
NON-OPERATING MARGINS	\$1,002,265	\$1,013,194	\$1,007,723
PATRONAGE CAPITAL OR MARGINS	\$1,603,789	\$808,772	\$1,571,031



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BALANCE SHEET

AS OF DEC. 31, 2024

ASSETS	2024	2023	2022
Total Utility Plant	\$65,117,528	\$64,093,019	\$61,917,505
Less Depreciation	(23,140,338)	(21,947,366)	(20,781,478)
Net Value of our System	\$41,977,190	\$42,145,653	\$41,136,027
Other Property & Investments	\$13,804,587	\$13,712,351	\$13,636,718
Cash & Temporary Investments	\$6,163,330	\$6,753,550	\$5,197,116
Receivables	\$1,394,924	\$1,411,374	\$1,957,432
Pre-Payments	\$139,642	\$157,913	(\$1,289)
Materials & Supplies	\$725,821	\$703,772	\$508,040
Other Current Assets	\$76,666	\$136,417	\$336,125
Deferred Debits	\$159,935	\$845,141	\$1,931,548
Total Assets	\$64,442,095	\$65,866,171	\$64,701,717
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Long Term Debt	\$33,997,817	\$36,771,901	\$37,171,353
Capital Leases	\$0	\$0	\$0
Accounts Payable	\$887,494	\$1,059,884	\$887,369
Consumer Deposits	\$162,800	\$106,856	\$113,757
Other Current & Accrued Liabilities	\$2,218,706	\$1,634,710	\$879,750
Deferred Credits	\$170,938	\$356,320	\$0
Total Liabilities	\$37,437,755	\$39,929,671	\$39,052,229
EQUITIES & MARGINS	\$27,004,340	\$25,936,500	\$25,649,488
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$64,442,095	\$65,866,171	\$64,701,717

PROPERTY TAXES PAID BY COUNTY

COUNTY	2024	2023	2022	2021
Finney	\$50,170	\$51,612	\$58,826	\$64,667
Gove	\$10,739	\$11,732	\$11,999	\$13,823
Hodgeman	\$33,066	\$33,612	\$37,438	\$42,363
Lane	\$262,691	\$278,060	\$293,290	\$310,413
Logan	\$997	\$1,006	\$1,017	\$1,171
Ness	\$223,530	\$226,894	\$245,206	\$283,852
Scott	\$70,114	\$74,363	\$82,220	\$90,818
Rush	\$29,733	\$30,678	\$33,332	\$35,677
TOTALS	\$681,040	\$707,957	\$763,328	\$842,784

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The meeting of the Lane-Scott Electric Nominating Committee was held on April 28, 2025, at 6 p.m. in the office of the cooperative at 410 S. High Street in Dighton.

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

By vote, the committee nominated the following individuals to be elected by the membership at the annual meeting, to be held July 15, 2025.

2025 Board Candidates

LANE AND GOVE COUNTIES



Gary Shapland

GARY SHAPLAND is a dedicated third-generation farmer from Lane County, where he has continued his family's rich agricultural legacy. Growing up with a strong work ethic rooted in farming, Gary's passion for agriculture led him to pursue higher education, attending Seward County Community College and later Fort Hays State University. He was a member of the livestock judging team for four years, gaining invaluable experience and building lasting connections within the agricultural community.

Gary is married to Janet Shapland, and together they have raised three children — Payden, Gentry and Burke — who have all been influenced by their father's dedication to both family and farming. In addition to farming,

Gary enjoys cheering on the Kansas State Wildcats and attending concerts. Gary's commitment to his land, his community, and his family continues to define his life, as he works to ensure the success of the Shapland family farm for generations to come.

LANE-SCOTT AND COBANK SHARING SUCCESS GRANTS

As part of our Commitment to Community, Lane-Scott Electric partners with CoBank to provide Sharing Success Grants to local organizations and causes in our community. CoBank is a national nonprofit cooperative bank owned by the rural American cooperatives it serves. The CoBank program has been in existence since 2012 and Lane-Scott has been participating since 2020, funding many deserving organizations thus far!

CoBank will match Lane-Scott's charitable contributions to four organizations annually. In 2024, four \$1,000 grants were awarded to USD #303, who were in need of emergency lighting in all eight of their severe storm

NESS AND RUSH COUNTIES



Randy J. Evans

RANDY J. EVANS is a lifelong resident of Finney County, graduating from Garden City High School. Following graduation, he served in the U.S. Army for four years as an Airborne Combat Engineer working as a heavy equipment operator. After receiving an honorable discharge, he returned to Finney County to raise his family and began a 29-year career in law enforcement with the Finney County Sheriff's Department. He completed the Law Enforcement Officer certification at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center through Kansas University. While serving as a deputy sheriff he served in various capacities including road patrol deputy, tactical operations team leader, task force officer with the Drug Enforcement Administration, road patrol supervisor,

firearms instructor/range master, and warrants deputy, retiring in 2017. Since retiring he has begun a career as an independent crop adjuster.

He and his wife have resided in rural Finney County since 2002 and have two grown children and two grandchildren. Currently he serves as a volunteer firefighter for the Garfield Township Rural Fire Department. He believes his background in public service has provided the skills necessary to be an effective trustee for the members of Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative.

He would appreciate the opportunity to broaden his knowledge of how electrical cooperatives operate, learn more about the future of electricity in our area and work with a group of dedicated trustees to make sound decisions that will benefit all members.



Michael Wehkamp

MICHAEL WEHKAMP was born and raised in Finney County. He earned a bachelor's degree in agribusiness from Kansas State University before returning home to manage the family farm. Michael, along with his wife Catharine and their two children, operate both irrigated and dryland acres, and they market beef directly to consumers under the MC Farms brand.

The Wehkamp's are active members of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Ingalls, where Michael serves on the finance council. He also volunteers as a firefighter for Garfield Township.

Michael would be honored to serve Lane-Scott and is committed to preserving its integrity and functionality as a true cooperative.

shelters; Lane County Emergency Management to replace older batteries in their 800 hand-held radios used by first responders; Jetmore Fire Department to upgrade equipment to better serve their community; and Western Plains USD 106 to help provide basic need items for high poverty and high needs children in their school.

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

SCOTT AND LOGAN COUNTIES



Zach Conine

ZACH CONINE, a Scott City native with deep agricultural roots, is excited about the opportunity to serve on the Board of Trustees at Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative. He's dedicated to advocating for members, building a strong future for rural areas, and keeping the cooperative focused on what matters most — its members.

Zach lives south of Scott City where he operates Conine Companies, LLC, as well as Conine Livestock and Feeds, a partnership with Zach's parents that focuses on raising high quality show cattle utilizing the most current embryo transfer, artificial insemination, and genetic selection from some of the nation's leading livestock. Conine Livestock and Feeds is also a distributor for Sunglo Feeds working to provide and sell show and specialty feeds through a growing dealer network in the Western Kansas and Eastern Colorado territories.

Zach graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Animal Sciences & Industry and has always been passionate about supporting rural communities and the livestock industry. Over the years, Zach has served on several boards, including two three-year terms on the Beef Empire Days board, where he took on leadership roles as both president and vice president. He also served on the Executive Board for K-State Research and Extension and continues to play a role in the SC Showdown Spring Livestock Show.

Zach spent the first 15 years working in the livestock pharmaceutical industry, spending nearly 10 years with Zoetis (formerly Pfizer) as a strategic account manager. He was responsible for business development and account management at some of the largest volume, most complex and most influential feed yards in the nation. Zach left Zoetis when he had the opportunity to purchase a swine feedlot facility in 2019 and started Conine Companies, LLC. Zach currently oversees every aspect of the farm operations. Conine Companies currently consists of a 50,000 head finish swine operation where we custom feed pigs.

Zach and his wife, Alli, have four children. Harper is 10 years old and is finishing her fourth-grade year at Scott City Middle School; Callaway is 8 years old and wrapping up first grade at Scott City Elementary; Sutton is 5 and will start kindergarten in the fall; and Conway is 3 months old. The family enjoys showing livestock on the weekends, and spending time outside together.



Shelly Turner

I am **SHELLY TURNER** from Scott City, Kansas. I am a lifelong resident of Scott City. I am currently a senior vice-president at Security State Bank. I have various roles in our bank. I am the chief compliance officer, a commercial/ag loan officer, and chief trust officer. I have been with the bank going on 10 years. I am also a part of our Asset Liability Committee, Loan Committee, Compliance Management System Committee, and the Bank Executive Team. Prior to Security State Bank, I earned a doctorate in education and was a 19-year educator in which I taught and was a high school principal, eight of the 19 years.

I am currently on, and have been involved in for several years, a few state boards and community boards. I am on the board of directors for the Kansas Bankers Association Ag Bankers that meets several times a year and plans the Annual Ag Bankers Conference. I am on the State FFA Board of Trustees and am the chair of our finance committee. I am part of the board of directors for our Scott Community Foundation in which I am a part of the scholarship committee which awards local scholarships to high school seniors and continuing education students. I was recently asked to be on the Robbins Banking Institute Advisory Council at Fort Hays State University, which meets three times per year.

Outside of my “day job” and the committees I serve on, I enjoy being involved in the family farm/ranch with my husband, Brent. We have a cow/calf operation, farm about 10,000 acres, and have a swathing and baling business. In addition to assisting with tagging baby calves during calving season or driving the grain cart during harvest, I also take care of the financial aspect of our farm which is a vital piece in being a successful business.

My husband, Brent, and I are high school sweethearts and are both originally from Scott City where we met being involved in athletics while in school. I have lived on a farm most of my life, as my father and grandfather had a few quarters of ground and a cow/calf operation when I was young. After high school and college, Brent worked in the cattle industry at a feed yard, and I was teaching. After about five years of doing this, we had the opportunity to start our own cow/calf operation and become partners with a local farmer/rancher. After several years of being partners, this led us to be able to purchase additional cows, farmland, grassland and step out on our own. Our farm has grown over the last 10 years to where we are today.

Farming and ranching are a critical piece in today's world. I am proud to be a farmer/rancher's wife and to have had the opportunities we have had over our lifetime to be involved in agriculture. In addition, working for Security State Bank offers me the opportunity to have an in-depth financial backing to weigh all our options to become the best possible farmers/ranchers we can.

Our adopted son, Manuel Carrillo Turner, currently is a journeyman for Sunflower Electric Cooperative based in the Garden City area. Watching him learn, grow, develop and work in the field of electrical power has always interested and intrigued me. Electricity is such an important part of our everyday world. I would be honored to be elected to the Lane-Scott Board of Trustees and serve our local community.

Mutual Aid in

Lane-Scott crews volunteered for mutual aid efforts following major disasters in 2024.

Cooperation Among Cooperatives is one of the most treasured values all cooperatives have. It's because cooperatives know, at some time or another, they may need assistance from others. Be it ice storms, wind, hurricanes, tornadoes or floods, the priority



Crew Chief Chad Rupp (left) and Blake McVicker answered the mutual aid call to South Carolina.



The Arkansas mutual-aid crew (from left) included Taylor Cable, Dellon Shelton, Ben Mann and Blake McVicker.

2024

is to restore power to members as quickly as possible. Electric cooperatives understand this and are happy to help others when the time arises.

In May 2024, deadly tornadoes and straight-line winds left a path of destruction in Arkansas leaving around 68,000 people without power. Crew Leader Ben Mann, along with journeymen linemen Blake McVicker and Dellon Shelton, and apprentice lineman Taylor Cable answered the call to help.

Following Hurricane Helene, journeyman linemen Chad Rupp and Blake McVicker traveled to South Carolina to assist Aiken Cooperative rebuild their system. Fifteen cooperatives throughout Kansas sent over 80 linemen and equipment. Aiken Cooperative reported 92% of their system was without power during the peak of their outages.

Lane-Scott Electric 2024 Capital Credits Retirement

Lane-Scott Electric retired almost \$591,000 in capital credits to members in 2024.

As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, we believe in giving credit where credit is due — to the members who shape our co-op. One of the ways we do this is through capital credits. Because Lane-Scott operates at cost, we give cash back to our members rather than outside investors or shareholders.

HERE'S HOW CAPITAL CREDITS WORK:

Lane-Scott tracks how much electricity each member purchases from the co-op over time. Lane-Scott pays all operating expenses throughout the year, and if any operating revenue is leftover, we allocate it as capital credits. When financial conditions permit, the co-op's board of trustees vote to pay capital credits back to the members. Lane-Scott sends you a check or applies a credit to your energy bill.

This year we returned \$591,000 to members who had electric service with us in 1999 and 2000, totaling over \$1.9 million returned the past four years!

Capital credits are just one of the many benefits of co-op membership. Giving back to our local members instead of outside parties is one of the many aspects that set cooperatives apart from other business entities.

2024-2025

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Peityn Beckman



Cheyenne Cramer



Lakin Getz



Kaylee Hendrickson



Jace Miller



Ayden Whipple

YOUTH TOUR AND CAMP REPRESENTATIVES

Each year, Lane-Scott sends two outstanding students to the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., and two to the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp.

MARGARET HINEMAN, from Scott City, and **EMMA PETERSILIE**, from Ness City, attended the Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., in June 2025.

EVE RIDER, from Ness City, and **MAKAYLA MUDD**, from Dighton, attended camp in July 2024. The 2025 camp winners are **LYSSA BEESLEY**, from Dighton, and **ALLIAH GARZA**, from Bazine, who will be attending in July 2025.

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PEITYN BECKMAN is the daughter of Brent and Jean Kerr of Ness City. She is a 2024 graduate of Ness City High School and attended her first year at Fort Hays State last year. Peityn's educational goals are to receive a Bachelor of Science in nursing. Following the completion of her degree, she plans to return to Ness County Hospital to work while completing an online program through Fort Hays State University to obtain her master's and become an advance practice registered nurse.

CHEYENNE CRAMER is the daughter of Ben and Kara Cramer of Healy. Cheyenne graduated from Scott Community High School in 2024 and attended Labette Community College in Parsons last year. Her educational goal is to complete an elementary education degree and return back to the western part of Kansas to become an elementary school teacher.

LAKIN GETZ is the son of Levi and Kelli Getz of Quinter. Lakin will be returning to the University of Nebraska Kearney, pursuing a Bachelor of Science 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.

KAYLEE HENDRICKSON is the daughter of Jessica and Michael Hendrickson. Kaylee was a 2023 graduate of Hodgeman County High School and has been attending Fort Hays State University and is beginning the radiologic technology program.

JACE MILLER is the son of Joel and Calista Miller of Scott City. Jace is a recent graduate of Scott Community High School, planning to attend the University of Wyoming to pursue a degree in ranch management and agricultural leadership. Ultimately, his goal is to integrate traditional ranching skills with modern science and leadership to create a community-focused operation to benefit both people and the land.

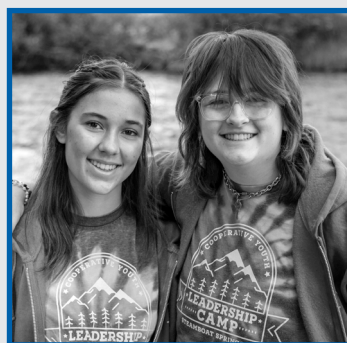
AYDEN WHIPPLE is the daughter of Layton and Jennifer Whipple of Beeler, graduating from Dighton High School in May 2024. Last year she attended Fort Hays State University and has applied to the nursing program in the fall 2025. She plans to receive her BSN, then a master's in administration. Her goal is to become a trauma/ER nurse.



Margaret Hineman



Emma Petersilie



Eve Rider and Makayla Mudd

2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 2024 Annual Meeting of the Members of Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at the Lane County Fairgrounds in Dighton, Lane County, Kansas. The meeting commenced at 7:32 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; Mindy Pfannenstiel of Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (KEC); Sunflower Electric Power Corporation was represented by Steve Epperson, Davis Rooney, Jeremy Anderson, Diane Stiles, Nikki Pfannenstiel, Melissa Hubbard and Annie Erbert; Wanda Gable, Ness City Clerk; Alan Westfall of Stanion Electric; Dr. Bill Clifford, Kansas Representative and Janet Shapland, Dighton City Council Member. Lane-Scott retirees recognized were Alan Scott and Stan Bray.

President Jennison introduced the members of the Lane-Scott Board of Trustees, general manager and legal counsel.

Dr. Bill Clifford introduced himself and announced he is running for the 39th district seat.

Joseph Gasper, legal counsel, certified notice of the annual meeting was mailed to members at each member's address as it appears on the records of the cooperative and reported 130 members were in attendance constituting a quorum.

President Jennison referred the members to the printed minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting appearing in the notice of the annual meeting. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the reading of the minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting was waived and 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.

Nate Burns and Kalo Mann were recognized for their service of 30 years with Lane-Scott Electric. Kalo Mann was further recognized for his retirement from Lane-Scott Electric.

Retiring board member Harold Hoss was recognized for his retirement and service on the board for 39 years. Rad Roehl was recognized for his 15 years of service on the board of trustees.

Manager McLeon recognized the winners of the 2024 Continuing Education Scholarship Recipients as follows: Cally Cramer, Carlee Flax, Lakin Getz, Kalo Hineman, Lillian Payne and Ayden Whipple.

Manager McLeon introduced the 2024 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour attendees, Brooke Henning and Breanna Berndt and asked them to speak about their experience in Washington, D.C.

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Manager McLeon presented his Manager's Report with highlights as follows:

- ▶ Lane-Scott employees were recognized for their hard work for the cooperative.
- ▶ An executive report containing cooperative updates and financial metrics was contained in the annual report booklet sent to members.
- ▶ The last three years have been challenging with rising costs of supplies. Regulations are constantly changing as well, which are often at odds of the cooperatives goal of safe, reliable and affordable electricity for its members.
- ▶ The comprehensive safety program remains a priority with the support of the board of trustees and assistance from KEC. Lane-Scott had no loss time days in the prior year for the third time in ten years.
- ▶ Reliability of the system remains a priority. Iron poles are being used in some areas for increased strength. Pole inspections, mapping upgrades and communication improvements have all helped to improve system reliability. Last year, outage hours were the lowest they've been in the past 15 years.
- ▶ Lane-Scott residential rates are 15.4% below the state average and the fifth lowest in the state for all cooperatives.
- ▶ The Seven Cooperative Principles which are Open and Voluntary Membership, Democratic Member Control, Member's Economic Participation, Autonomy and Independence, Education, Training and Information, Cooperation Among Cooperatives and Concern for Community were reviewed as well as how Lane-Scott follows each of these core principles.

President Jennison introduced the guest speaker, Doug Sandridge, vice president of Fulcrum Energy Capital Funds and asked him to speak. Highlights of his presentation are as follows:

- ▶ Doug has been an oil and gas executive for 42 years with his first experience after college in the Hays region.
- ▶ He has been involved in the energy field for his entire career most of in the oil and gas side. He has recently become more interested in electrical energy and has been writing and speaking as an advocate for all energy.
- ▶ Many energy policies are promulgated by people who know very little about energy and he is trying to provide information on energy to those decision makers.
- ▶ Examples of prominent politician statements regarding energy policy were given and discussed and compared with factual analysis.
- ▶ The world is in an energy transition at this time and there is much uncertainty regarding how the energy sector will look in the future.
- ▶ There has been a push for more renewable energy, but the reality is that non-renewable energy has grown as well, as demand for energy continues to increase.

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- ▶ The recent Supreme Court decision overruling the Chevron defense will help the energy sector challenge detrimental regulations.

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

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

- ▶ The Scott County and Logan County representative will be Craig Ramsey.
- ▶ The Lane County and Gove County representative will be Richard Jennison.
- ▶ The Ness County and Rush County representative will be Gerome Copeland.

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, Lane County Amusement Association and Howard Richards for the meal, rides 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 8:45 p.m. on July 16, 2024.

At various times during the meeting, attendance prizes were given away to members by drawing. The winners were: Roselma Farmer, Dan Wehkamp, Darwin Whipple, Susan Zordel, John Payne, H. Wagner, Howard Richards, Marie Speer, Robert Price, James Johnston, Larry Horacek, Amy Piedra, Rex Whipple, Tracey Hagans, Chet Quance, Todd Jennison, Jerry Rieman, Sylvia Martin, Danny Leger and Bev Kerkoff.

- ▶ 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 14, 2025**. Return only one ballot per **“BUSINESS REPLY MAIL”** envelope. Only ballots returned in the **“BUSINESS REPLY MAIL”** will be counted.

HOW TO CAST YOUR BALLOT

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ON OPPOSITE PAGE**

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WITH BALLOT**

BRING THIS CARD TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

OFFICIAL Registration Card & Prize Drawing TICKET

FOUR WAYS TO VOTE FOR TRUSTEES

1 MAIL-IN
BALLOT
BELOW

2 ONLINE
ON
SMARTHUB

3 VOTE
ONLINE

4 VOTE AT
THE ANNUAL
MEETING

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To cast your vote, please see detailed instructions on Page 18.

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.

FINNEY & HODGEMAN
VOTE FOR ONE PERSON

- ☐ RANDY J. EVANS
☐ MICHAEL WEHKAMP
☐ WRITE IN

LANE & GOVE
VOTE FOR ONE PERSON

- ☐ GARY SHAPLAND
☐ WRITE IN

SCOTT & LOGAN
VOTE FOR ONE PERSON

- ☐ ZACH CONINE
☐ SHELLY TURNER
☐ WRITE IN

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Ballots must be mailed to the address on the pre-addressed envelope and received by our third-party election provider by July 14 to be counted.

VOTE ONLINE:

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SCAN to LOGIN

NON-SMARTHUB USERS:

To log in, use your member-specific ID and password printed on the mail-in ballot (opposite side).



SCAN to VOTE

VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Voting will be available at the Annual Meeting on July 15 at the Lane County Fairgrounds.

Voting ends promptly at 7 p.m.

THIS IS YOUR REGISTRATION CARD AND PRIZE DRAWING TICKET
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