



# Special meeting for SECO members set

## Voting bylaws to be re-examined

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

District #9 – Albert Paul  
District #3 – Mike Hansen  
District #6 – Karen Kreitel  
District #5 – Clayton Jardee  
District #8 – Dave Hayden  
District #2 – Doug Gardner

### OFFICE

Jack Hamblin, GM  
Tye Williams, Asst. GM  
Robin Kuntz, Office Mgr.  
Rita Williams, Office Asst.  
Vicki Fix, Member Services  
Terri Buck, Custodian

### LINE CREW

Mike Dalzell, Line Foreman  
Dave Johnstone,  
Groundman

### LINEMEN

Jake Hammel  
Adam Kuntz  
William Kalstrom  
Sam Erfman

### APPRENTICE LINEMEN

Tanner Fix  
Anton Schell



A special meeting of the Southeast Electric Cooperative members will be held on September 18th, 2020. This is to replace the 2020 Annual Meeting, which was canceled due to the inability to follow guidelines recommended by the governor during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct business that was scheduled for the Annual Meeting. Trustee elections will be held for districts 5 and 9. District 5 is currently being held by Clayton Jardee, who was appointed after Leroy Jardee resigned in November. Albert Paul is the incumbent District 9 trustee. Also, a bylaw change regarding the ability to hold mail-in ballot voting will be proposed.

All members are invited to attend this special meeting, just as with the Annual Meeting. Registration will begin at 4 p.m. in the Southeast Electric Garage. Slop-py Joes and chips will be served at 5 p.m. The business meeting will be held in the Southeast Electric Truck Shop. Members attending will vote on one trustee each for districts 5 and 9. As with all trustee elections, the SECO bylaws allow three methods for trustee nominations: A nominating committee which has been appointed, nominations by petition, and nominations from the floor at the annual or special meeting.

The proposed bylaws change will be the addition of wording in Article III, Section 5 of the bylaws and is designed to allow legal voting if ever another Annual Meeting is canceled. The new wording will be:

### Section 5. VOTING.

Each member shall be entitled to only one vote upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members voting thereon in person, or by mail-in ballot, except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation or these bylaws. *Mail-in ballots must be returned to the Secretary of the Cooperative via return mail or in person, sealed in the secret ballot envelope furnished by the Cooperative, not later than the close of business the business day prior to the date of the meeting at which the vote is scheduled to occur. Counting of mail-in ballots shall be conducted by a board-appointed committee of not fewer than three members in attendance at the meeting at which the vote is scheduled to occur. All mail-in ballots shall remain sealed until counted. Memberships not voting by mail-in ballot shall be entitled to vote in person at the meeting at which the vote is scheduled to occur. The Board of Trustees shall adopt procedures calculated to ensure that only memberships not voting by mail-in ballot vote in person at the meeting.*

At least 50 members in attendance are required as a quorum to conduct business at the annual meeting or this special meeting. Remember, each member of the cooperative is invited and encouraged to attend. We hope to see a good crowd at this very important membership meeting. RAM

# FENCES VS. OUTAGES

**I**t is the middle of the night, the rain is coming down in sheets and lightning is lighting up the skies.

The power has been out for approximately 30 minutes. What could be taking so long? Is it too muddy? Do linemen crews not go out in the rain? Both are contributors, but another issue is access to power lines. Recently, our linemen asked that we remind our members to please consider line access when building fences.

Putting gates within 50 feet of where the power line enters and leaves the property make it easier to



locate the problem.

In turn, the rest of your evening can be spent watching your favorite movie or getting your computer work done, knowing you helped make the power restoration a little bit easier. RM

## ANNUAL ACCOUNT REMINDER

**D**UE to reporting requirements for revenues and usage, the board of directors decided that all annual accounts will be switched to monthly billing by the end of 2020.

Robin Kuntz has already started the process, and some of our members may already be receiving a monthly bill.

Remember that the payment made at the beginning of the year has been applied to the annual account, so anything the member receives a bill for is for the usage on the annual meter.

If you have any questions, please call us at 406-775-8762 or toll free at 1-888-485-8762.

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*Cooperative*



**SEPTEMBER 18, 2020**

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TRUCK SHOP

# SPECIAL MEETING

**4:00 PM - REGISTRATION**

**5:00 PM - SUPPER**

**6:00 PM - SPECIAL MEETING**