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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.

FROM THE MANAGER

Year in Review

In 2009, Lane-Scott saw some very good things happen at our cooperative.

Construction

I am sure you have all noticed the amount of new line that has been constructed. We made great strides in 2009 in completing construction from our December 2006 ice storm. We have now completed approximately 350 miles of the 376 miles that needed to be repaired or replaced.

Lane-Scott has had three construction crews and our own crews working full- or part-time to get this accomplished. It is our goal to have all the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) work completed by September 2010, if we don't have any large storms come through our territory. This has been a tremendous undertaking for our cooperative, but once completed will give Lane-Scott a much improved system. Our 2009-2012 construction work plan includes all the FEMA activity, as well as our normal maintenance and construction to keep

our system reliable for our members. One area of the construction work plan is improved projects, which consists of major tie lines that will help us back feed from one substation to another in case of major outages. These are now in progress and should be completed by September.

Safety

Safety is never taken for granted at Lane-Scott. Our employees have a regular scheduled monthly safety meeting with instruction from the Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., (KEC).

This year our employees received a certificate for "No-Lost-Time Accidents" with 511,699 hours worked without a lost time accident. The safety of our employees and our members is always on our minds as we do the work necessary to keep the lights on for your home and business, as well as bringing our employees home safely each night to their families.

System Growth

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Earl Steffens

We are excited about 2010 & look forward to working with you in the future.

Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative

Annual Meeting Notice

Lane County Fair Grounds

Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at 6:30 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

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Annual Meeting 2010

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc., will be held at the Lane County Fairgrounds, Tuesday, July 13, 2010, 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 2009 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 office of Trustee:

- ▶ **ERIC DOLL**, representing Finney and Hodgeman counties
- ▶ **RAD ROEHL**, representing Lane and Gove counties
- ▶ **BRUCE WILKENS**, 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.

Nominating Committee Report

A meeting of the Nominating Committee was held on Monday, June 14, 2010, 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 Alan James, Joe Cramer, 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,

2010 Trustee Nominees

- ▶ **Eric Doll**
Finney and Hodgeman counties
- ▶ **Rad Roehl**
Lane and Gove counties
- ▶ **Bruce Wilkens**
Scott and Logan counties

Assistant Manager.

By vote the committee nominated the following individuals:

- ▶ **ERIC DOLL**, representing Finney and Hodgeman counties
- ▶ **RAD ROEHL**, representing Lane and Gove counties
- ▶ **BRUCE WILKENS**, representing Scott and Logan counties

Know What's Below: Call Before You Dig

Whether it's a dreamed up deck addition or a landscaping masterpiece, summer is a great time to take advantage of the weather and execute outdoor improvement plans.

If your planned projects include digging, like planting a tree or bringing in a backhoe for trench work, you'll have to wait a few more days so the job can be done safely. Underground utilities, such as buried gas, water, and electric lines, can be a shovel thrust away from turning a summer project into a disaster.

To find out where utility lines run on your property, dial 811 from anywhere in the country a few days prior to digging. Your call will be routed to a local "one call" center. Tell the operator where you're planning to dig and what type of work you will be doing, and affected utilities will be notified.

In a few days, a locator will arrive to designate the approximate location of any underground lines, pipes, and cables with flags or marking paint so you'll know what's below. Then the safe digging can begin.

Although many homeowners tackling do-it-yourself digging projects are aware of "Call Before You Dig" services, the majority don't take advantage of the service. A national survey showed that only 33 percent of homeowners called to have their lines marked before starting digging projects, according to the Common Ground Alliance, a federally mandated group of underground utility and damage prevention industry professionals.

Light gardening typically doesn't call for deep digging, however other seemingly simple tasks, like planting shrubs or installing a new mailbox post, can damage utility lines. A severed line can disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, harm diggers and potentially result in fines and repair costs.

Never assume the location or depth of underground utility lines. There's no need: the 811 service is free, prevents the inconvenience of having utilities interrupted, and can help you avoid serious injury. For more information about local services, visit www.call811.com.

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The Aquila acquisition took place on April 1, 2007, and we've now had a little over three years of getting to know each other. I feel both the Lane-Scott native system and the new MKEC territory are coming together nicely.

The next phase to take place is for MKEC to take the necessary steps to have all the members officially spun down to Lane-Scott from MKEC and Lane-Scott to proceed with a deregulation vote of the MKEC members.

It is our goal to have the deregulation process completed by September 2011 and after that, to bring the rates of all Lane-Scott members together. Lane-Scott appreciates the opportunity to visit with each of the city councils in our area during the year. This has proved to be a good method of communication as we

discuss any issues there might be.

Growth in 2009 was very good at Lane-Scott. We installed 129 new services with the majority of these being oil wells or irrigation, both new and converted from other energy sources to electric. Our linemen and office staff have been extremely busy getting these new services in place, as well as keeping up with the FEMA activity.

Lane-Scott and the City of Dighton continue to work together on both the operations and maintenance agreements for the city's electrical system and the purchase of wholesale power. This relationship has had many positive benefits for both sides, and we continue to see this as a good thing as we move forward.

Financial

Financially, Lane-Scott showed a bottom line margin of \$577,950 which produced a Times Interest Earned Ratio (TIER) of 2.16. We need a minimum TIER of 1.25 to meet the financial covenants of our lenders.

The margins for the cooperative came from our resale department, city contracts, interest earned, High Line Services, LLC, and other patronage capital credits. Our electric side showed a loss of \$327,227. This was due mainly to the cost of power from Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, our generation and transmission cooperative, and lower than normal kilowatt sales.

This emphasizes the need for the Holcomb Power Plant in western Kansas, and with the energy bill allowing the air permit for Holcomb, we are on our way to getting this accomplished. Without the base load generation resources of coal, all the solar, wind or other renewables will not help us maintain the low cost of energy in the future.

Sunflower Electric continues to be a valuable partner for us. Not only do we purchase power from Sunflower, but they also provide expertise in many areas that benefit Lane-Scott and its members, such as economic

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2010 Trustee Nominee Profiles



Eric Doll

ERIC DOLL is the incumbent director serving Finney and Hodgeman counties.

Doll is a life long resident

of Finney County. He is a graduate of Garden City High School and Fort Hays State University. He and his wife, Shelly, have three children.

He has been a member of the Lane-Scott Board of Trustees since 1995. He is the owner/operator of Doll Land & Cattle, Inc.

Doll is a former director for the Kansas Cattlemen's Association, and he has previously served as a member of the Finney County Farm Bureau board.



Rad Roehl

RAD ROEHL

was appointed to the Lane-Scott board of Trustees in October of 2009 to fill the position of the late Larry Jasper.

He represents Lane and Gove counties.

Roehl is a graduate of Dighton High School and Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in agriculture. He and his wife, Kathryn, are lifelong residents of Lane County and have three grown sons. They farm in the surrounding area.



Bruce Wilkens

BRUCE WILKENS

is the incumbent director serving Scott and Logan Counties.

He is a life-long resident

of Scott County. He and his wife, Jonny Bill, have three grown children, Carrie, Tamara, and Courtney. The Wilkens raise wheat, milo, and corn on their farm.

Wilkens has been a member of the Lane-Scott Board since 1982. He is currently a member of Scott County Pheasants Forever and attends the Scott City United Methodist Church. He has also served as a board member for both Scott Co-op Association and Kansas Wheat Commission.

Thank You!
Thank You!
Thank You!

Thank You Notes to Lane-Scott

Lane-Scott Electric,
The Healy Students want to thank you for the monetary donation. The generous support that you have given for our post prom activities is greatly appreciated.

*Thank You,
Healy Students*

Lane-Scott Electric,
Thank you for the gift certificate in the welcome wagon and the welcoming to the community.

*Sincerely,
Brian and Tiffany King*

Lane-Scott Electric,
Thank you for the donation to help the seniors with our Post Prom. We are grateful for your support and help with the blow up course for our Post Prom entertainment.

*Sincerely,
Dighton High Seniors*



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development, the Aquila acquisition, and youth activities.

Sunflower has also been working tirelessly to get the Holcomb Power Plant to become a reality. Lane-Scott and our members appreciate their efforts.

High Line Services

High Line Services, LLC, had a good year financially. High Line Services has three crews working for Victory Electric in Dodge City and two crews working at Lane-Scott Electric. These are FEMA contracts that will be completed later this year and with that, High Line Services is looking and bidding work in various areas of the region.

The margins for High Line Services were \$804,222. High Line Services has "No-Lost-Time Accidents" for 87,000 hours worked without any lost time. High Line Services also added a full time safety coordinator and full time mechanics to help with our fleet of trucks.

Community

Lane-Scott is committed to the improvement of all the communities we serve. This is done either with volunteer work, monetary donations or just being there to help when we are needed. Community and youth activities are vital to the success of our communities, and we work hard to help out in both of these areas.

In 2002, Lane-Scott started a

Junior Board of Trustees. The activities this year included a visit to the Cimarron River Station, which is a gas fired generation facility with a large helium plant next to it. We have two Junior Trustees leaving us this year, **ADRIA DOLL** representing Hodgeman and Finney counties and **HEATHER APPLGARTH** of Healy representing Lane and Gove counties.

Lane-Scott takes an active role in supporting our young people, as we realize that our youth is our future. Lane-Scott is sponsoring two youth to Washington, D.C. and two youth to Steamboat Springs, CO. These trips help our youth learn about how our federal government works in Washington, D.C., along with all the history behind it. In Steamboat Springs, they learn how the cooperative system operates and its many advantages for its members.

Lane-Scott's website www.lanescott.coop is a good way to keep up-to-date on your cooperative's activities. We encourage you to visit it and use the site for your energy efficiency needs.

In closing, 2009 was an eventful, interesting and challenging year. Our Trustees, quality Lane-Scott employees, Sunflower Electric, KEC, Rural Utilities Service and National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, Peak Power, our members, and the local communities working together, have ensured that we've passed the tests in the past and stand ready to meet all future challenges.

Lane-Scott is excited about 2010 and looks forward to working with all of you in the future.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Heat from sunlight coming through windows and hitting the roof can increase air conditioner use significantly. Use shade trees and shrubs in landscaping design to reduce cooling costs. Block heat in the summer—but let it through in the winter—with deciduous trees, which will lose their leaves in the winter.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy