

Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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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

2016 Year in Review



Ed Wiltse

The 67th Annual Meeting of the members of Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative will be held at the Lane County Fairgrounds on July 18, 2017. On behalf of the

Lane-Scott Electric Board of Trustees and employees, you are invited to a complimentary barbecue dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. The annual business meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

In keeping with tradition, carnival rides will be available before the meeting, and door prizes will be given away during the meeting. We encourage you to attend to exercise your democratic rights as a member of your electric cooperative.

We are pleased to report that Lane-Scott Electric completed a successful year in 2016 with operating margins of more than \$699,000. A modest 3.7 percent overall rate increase was implemented in August 2016. Rates for the native territory and the MKEC territory were consolidated into one identical set of rates. This provides efficiencies in operating practices and reduces the costs associated with maintaining separate billing practices.

Lane-Scott has remained committed to making improvements to our electrical distribution system and has focused on areas needing improved service reliability and additional capac-

ity. With the assistance of Sunflower Electric's engineering staff, Lane-Scott's operations personnel has studied and evaluated the electrical system requirements for the next four to five years. This study will provide information to be used for the Construction Work Plan. This plan will provide guidelines for system improvements and future construction projects.

Members continue to use the online SmartHub technology that is available. This is an innovative electronic tool that allows you to manage all aspects of your Lane-Scott account on your computer, smart phone or tablet. With SmartHub you can pay your bill online, view your billing history, look at daily usage, and set recurring check payments. We continue to work with the after-hours dispatch service to meet our members' needs during after-hours outages.

Electric reliability remains a priority, and in 2016 Lane-Scott tested more than 1,550 poles and spent almost \$75,000 on tree-trimming efforts. These endeavors protect our members and facilities, while reducing the potential for line damage and outages.

Lane-Scott's commitment to workplace safety extends beyond our employees and includes our members. We conduct monthly safety meetings to ensure proper training and work procedures are adopted and followed. This commitment by our employees to remain accident free has resulted

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in working more than 220,000 hours without a lost-time accident.

Our linemen and member services department conducted numerous safety demonstrations and safety awareness trainings at local schools, county road departments, emergency management responders, rural fire departments and sheriff departments.

Lane-Scott continues to offer electrical and heating and air conditioning services to our members. We strive to be reasonably priced and responsive to our members' needs. We have two master electricians and a heating and air conditioning specialist on staff.

We are committed to being an excellent energy provider, and we are just as committed to building a better community. Lane-Scott employees display their dedication to communities in which we live by assuming leadership roles in school and church boards. Our volunteerism can also be found in church activities, community clean-up, participation in community events, helping hang city Christmas decorations, coaching and assisting in youth sports and activities, and serving on volunteer fire departments.

Lane-Scott takes an active role in supporting our young people as we realize that the youth are our future. Lane-Scott provides sponsorships for 4-H and county fairs, the ElectroRally

electric car program, rodeos, Pheasants Forever, and Wild West Cat Backers.

We sponsor two Youth Tour programs that take place in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and Washington, D.C. The trip to Washington, D.C., helps our youth learn how our federal government works, along with the rich history behind our nation's capital. In Steamboat Springs, students learn how the cooperative system operates and the many benefits it offers our members.

Sunflower Electric is our wholesale power provider and we continue to benefit from our relationship with them. They serve as our chief engineering consultant and assist Lane-Scott in areas such as Spill Compliance Plans and transmission services for added capacity requirements. Having access to wholesale generation and transmission services not only helps Lane-Scott keep costs as low as possible, it also means having energy advocates who let elected officials know how state and federal regulations and policies will impact you—our member.

This past year was an interesting and challenging year, but by working cooperatively, it was a successful year. Be assured that Lane-Scott trustees and employees remain member focused and committed to the cooperative principles that have served you for 67 years.

2017 Nominating Committee Report

A meeting of the Lane-Scott Electric Nominating Committee was held on Monday, June 5, 2017, commencing 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 **LEX BUSH** representing Lane and Gove counties; **RANDY SCHEUERMAN** and **JOHN BEATON** representing Scott and Logan counties; **KENNETH SCHLEGEL** representing Rush and Ness counties; and **MARVIN BOHLING** and **DAN WEHKAMP** representing Finney and Hodgeman counties. Also attending were **JOSEPH GASPER**, attorney, and **ED WILTSE**, general manager.

By vote the committee nominated the following individuals:

- ▶ **ED GOUGH** for the position of Trustee representing Lane and Gove counties
- ▶ **RICHARD SOREM** for the position of Trustee representing Finney and Hodgeman counties
- ▶ **PAUL SEIB JR.** for the position of Trustee representing Ness and Rush counties

Lane-Scott Electric Annual Meeting Notice—July 18, 2017

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held at the Lane County Fairgrounds, Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 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 2016 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 offices of trustees: **RICHARD SOREM**, representing Finney and Hodgeman counties; **ED GOUGH**, representing Lane and Gove counties; and **PAUL SEIB**, representing Ness and Rush 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.

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