

July 17, 2024
La Grange, Texas

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Annual Membership Meeting of Fayette Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on July 17, 2024 at the KC Community Center in La Grange, Texas, County of Fayette, with registration beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the business meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m.

All the members of the Board of Directors were present, namely: David Lehmann, Joseph D. Kruppa, Bill Briscoe, David A. Stancik, Leo C. Henke, Gale Lincke, and James A. Anderle. Also present was Karen Mahoney-Woods, the Cooperative's attorney.

Members of the Fayette County 4-H clubs provided assorted cookies, lemonade, and coffee to the members attending the meeting. Several guests were also present with an approximate total attendance of 565.

President Lehmann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and he stated the purpose of the meeting was to provide the board and management the opportunity to present an update on the activities of the Cooperative and to elect two directors to represent members in Districts 3 and 4. For safety purposes, he also indicated the locations of the exit signs in the event of an emergency.

After the invocation was presented by Director Joseph D. Kruppa, the members and their guests sang the National Anthem. Director James A. Anderle then led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

President Lehmann then introduced the new General Manager Doug Lambert, who briefly introduced himself to the crowd. He then recognized the Fayette County 4-H Club members, leaders, and volunteers for their years of support and for providing and serving refreshments.

The Manager also recognized several guests: including State Representative Stan Kitzman; Tom Hancock with Garland Power & Light; John Spiess with San Bernard Electric Cooperative; Sherry Murphy with Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative; and Alyssa Meinke also with Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, and he thanked them for attending. He also recognized Ewald Kubota of La Grange and Kleiber Tractor & Equipment for the use of their utility vehicles to transport members and their guests to the front steps of the KC Community Center.

Finally, the Manager recognized the Cooperative's employees who could be identified by those wearing gray shirts. He stated that they and Cooperative directors would be available after the meeting should they have a question or concern.

The President then introduced the directors and the Cooperative's attorney. Next, he requested Board Secretary Bill Briscoe report the number of members registered. Secretary Briscoe reported that 396 members had registered at the meeting at the time the meeting was called to order, all of whom are listed as follows:

Adamcik, Larry E.	Brown, J. Wallace	Dowell, Michael R.
Adams, Norma C.	Burton, Donna P.	Drisdale, Horace Isaac
Adams, Raymond R.	Caflisch, Carlton R.	Dudensing, Edgar Jr.
Adams, Vincent L. and Kathleen M. Adams	Carter, Jimmy	Dusek, Douglas
Agamdzhanova, Yelena	Castello, Cindy	Dybala, Joseph J. and Addie M. Dybala
Altwein, Glenn	Castillo, Rachel S.	Dybala, Mary L.
Anderle, James A.	Cernik, Clinton L.	E & H Fietsam Farm by Harold Fietsam, Partner
Anders, Linda M.	Cernik, Glen R. by wife	Ebner, Valgene K.
Anders, Wayne A. by wife Linda	Cernosek, David	Eckermann, Chad B. and Alicia L. Eckermann
Antosh, Gary	Cernosek, Donald	Eichler, Barbara A.
Aulick, Carolyn J.	Cernosek, Wilbert J.	Elstner, Alfred
Aungier, Marlene G.	Cerny, Benjamin F.	Euton, Norma Ann by Donna Burton, Admin.
Baker, Bonnie	Cerny, Daniel A.	Faldyn, Allen E. Jr.
Bamsch, Raymond R.	Cerny, Georgia	Faldyn, Clarence by wife Helen
Barton, Johnny A.	Cervantez, Sherri L.	Falke, Thomas W.
Beck, Randy	Chadwick, Alton J. and Cheryl L. Chadwick	Fietsam, Harold A. by wife Earline
Behrens, Richard	Chamrad, Marian	Fietsam, Harold A. Jr.
Behrens, Shirley	Cherniss, Sandra K. and Kenneth D. Cherniss	Fietsam, Joe Jr.
Bellamy, Mariette A.	Christ, Clara A.	Fillip, Betty Jean
Belota, Robert L.	Colorado Valley Celltel by Kathy Norwood, CFO	Friemel, Ginger
Berger, Bradley A. by wife Krystal	Colorado Valley Communications by Kathy Norwood, CFO	Fritsch, Mary Lou
Berwick, Virginia	Collins, Margie L.	Friske, Patsy M.
Billings, Arleen A.	Cook, John R.	Fucik, Jimmie by wife Gracie
Bippert, Larry W.	Coufal, Joe J. Jr. by wife Sherri	Fulkerson, Doyle W.
Bockhorn, Bruce and Carobeth Fuchs Bockhorn	Crain, L. Paul	Gabler, Dorothy A.
Boehnke, Wiley W.	Crim, Stephen	Gaddes, Leroy R. by wife Linda
Branch, Bryan by wife Amanda	Crowley, John S. Jr.	Galipp, Henry Paul Jr. by wife Helen
Brandt, Martin by wife Barbara	Cull, Harry J.	Garlin, Theresa
Brandt, Roger by wife Janice	Cummins, Connie	Garrett, Robert L.
Brautigam, Edward F.	Demel, Barry	Gassmann, Cynthia
Brezina, Robert J.	Demel, Elroy A.	Gatlin, John Michael
Briggs, Ronald E.	Denton, Tracy	Gebhard, Chester by wife Doris
Briscoe, Bill	Derrick, David C.	Gerecke, Daniel S.
Bronikowski, Robert	Dibala, Thomas C.	Gibson, James J. by wife Kay
Brothers, Steven D.	Divin, Matthew by wife Carly	Goerig, Cathy
Brown, Donald C.	Dockery, Charity F. and Tyler A. Dockery	Goerig, David by wife Mary

Goerig, Ronald J.	Hranicky, George	Klesel, Elton
Gosch, Jerry	Hrbacek, Amos by wife Rosie	Klesel, Melvin J.
Guenther, Peggy	Ivy, James D.	Kloesel, Betty Raab
Haas, Barbara J.	Ivy, Shirley J.	Kobza, Gerald
Haas, John F.	Jakobeit, Connie L.	Kocich, Gayle A.
Hackebeil, Wilburn F. and Annie H. Hackebeil	Janca, Jay C. by wife Dana	Koehl, Donnie by wife Elaine
Hajek, Alvin and Carolyn Hajek	Janda, Alois A.	Koehn, E. Dale
Hamilton, Karin Agness	Janda, Craig B. and Shelly R. Janda	Koenig, J. Weldon
Harper, John M. and Theresa E. Harper	Janda, Helen M.	Konvicka, Jo Ann
Hartmann, Kyle A.	Janda, Irene	Koopmann, Karen A.
Hasse, Lorene	Janda, John B. Jr.	Kothmann, Marilyn
Haueisen, James P.	Janda, Patricia J.	Kovar, Erwin W. by wife Betty
Heintschel, Joan C.	Janecka, Brett M. and Kristy M. Janak	Krampota Account by Jerry Krampota, Owner
Heintschel, Milton L.	Janecka, Leroy E. Sr. by wife Irene	Krause, Leslie R.
Henke, Leo C. Jr. by wife Dorothy	Jasek, Marcus J.	Krenek, Lad A. by wife Janet
Hermes, Mark A. and Ashley N. Hermes	Jenkins, C. D.	Kristof, Tom F. by wife Gladys
Hermis, Walter J. by wife Josie	Julian, Ian M. and Connie M.	Krueger, Wayman R.
Hoeinghaus, Donald W.	Jurk, Daniel	Krupala, Eugene J.
Hoeinghaus, Dorchen L. by wife Dolly	Kahanek, Elrose	Krupala, Rudy Jr.
Hoelscher, Leo H.	Kahlden, James H.	Kruppa, Edward C.
Hoffmann, Richard by wife Margaret	Kahlden, Lanette	Kruppa, Joseph D.
Hollas, Harvey	Kaiser, Candace B.	Kubenka, Stanley T.
Hollas, Robert	Kalinec, Daniel J. by wife Norma Sue	Kubesch, Darrell
Hollas, Rodney	Kallus, Benedict	Kulhanek, Roy L.
Holman Catholic Church by Barbara Brandt, Secretary	Kana, George Jr.	Kunkel, Gary B. and Jennifer C. Kunkel
Holman Catholic Parish Hall by Barbara Brandt, Secretary	Kaspar, Kayla M. and Kory Kaspar	Lafferty, Benjamin J. and Jerry N. Lafferty
Holub, David G.	Keilers, Kirby	Latham, Ann
Holub, James D.	Kelley, Dan A. and Dawn I. Kelley	Learned, Charles E.
Holub, James D.	Kelly, Mary Cole	Lednický, Jesse J.
Holub, Michael E.	Khater, Ferdinand N.	Leer, Dan L. by wife Lori
Holub, Patsy	Kilian, Beatrice Santos	Lehmann, Charles L. II and Penny R. Lehmann
Holub, Robert Lane	Kilty, William F. Jr.	Lehmann, David
Holub, Thomas W.	Kleihege Ranch by Marcel Kleihege, Owner	Lehmann, Douglas N. by wife Lori
Holub, Virginia S.		

Lidiak, Doris A.	Mikes, Eugene L.	Oppermann, Elton S. by wife Annie
Liebscher, Roy Limmer. Lana	Miksch, Henry G. Jr. Milder, Carolyn A. and Louis H. Milder	Ortiz, Juan C. Osina, Carolyn M.
Lincke, Gary and Gale Lincke Lincke, John N. and Christa A. Lincke	Miller, Michael S. Minzenmeyer, Glen by wife Gina	Pargac, Gerald H. Patalik, Elizabeth C.
Lindsey, David A. and Evlyn M. Lindsey Lorring, L. P. Mache, Eugene J.	Minzenmeyer, Johnelle Moore, Dawn Moreau, Jamie C. by husband Craig	Pavlik, Leroy H. and Nancy J. Pavlik Pennington, Sherry L. Perkins, Cheryl L.
Mache, Kenneth R.	Muenster, Earlene	Pesak, Douglas Q. by wife Sandy
Mache, Milton A. Machicek, Donnie by wife Shirley	Muesse, Russel W. Munsch, Rebecca S.	Petras, Michael L. Petrasek, Donald J.
Machicek, Sharon C. and Dustin D. Machicek	Muras, Denis	Petrich, Marilyn C.
Macik, Nicholas J. and Shirley K. Macik	Muras, Gladys A.	Petty, Warren L.
Malota, Bradley P. Malota, Leonard Jr. Marburger, Gilbert T.	Muras, Ivan A. Muras, Mary Jane Naumann, Stuart by wife Sharon	Pietsch, Anita L. Pietsch, Betty Lou Pietsch, David A. and Gus M. Pietsch
Marek, Thomas V.	Neiser, Daniel Jr. by wife Donna	Pilat, Patrick J.
Marx, Ira Richard Mazoch, Bruce Michael Mazoch, Caroline	Neiser, Janie A. Neiser, Justin R. New Bielau Community Center by Mariette A. Bellamy, Sec./Treas.	Pieper, Brandon L. Pieper, Roy C. Platt, Daniel L.
Mazoch, Mark A. McCullough, Joseph R. by wife Melissa	Noak, David R. Noak, Greg	Polasek, Gladys Polasek, Jerry J.
McDonald, Carol L. McKinley, Harold L. by wife Jean	Norwood, Kathy L. Novak, James J.	Polasek, Johnnie Joe Porter, Betty J.
Meinke, Colton D. by wife Alyssa	Oeding, Harvey	Poppe, Shirley
Meischen, Warren	Oeser, Alwin A.	Raab, David C. and Delores A. Raab
Mercer, H. Nicholas Mican, Dennis J.	Ohnheiser, Joyce W. Ohnheiser, Stephen by wife Courtney	Raabe, Molly A. Rabel, Kenneth
Mican, Gilbert P. Michalke, William R. Migura, Madeline G.	Olsovsky, Dennis S. Oncken, Carole J. Oncken, Denise	Rabel, Steve Jr. Radcliff, Judy Reeves, Ty by wife Tanya

Reiss Family Trust by Michael C. Reiss, Trustee	Stancik, David A.	Trinity Evan. Luth. Ch., by Dale Koehn, Officer
Rials, Sandra L.	Srubar, Ronald E. and Rhonda K. Srubar	Treybig, Bruce
Ripper, Francis H.	Stephenson, Karen S.	Trump, Nancy J. by husband Jesse
Roan-Willirich, Kari A.	Sternadel, Leonard A. and Dana A. Sternadel	Turlington, Jeremy R. and Amanda R. Turlington
Rocky III Farm by Marian Chamrad, Owner	Stevens, Dorothy E.	Turner, Tommy by wife Susie
Roensch, Christopher A. and Katie L. Roensch	Stock, Monica R.	Ulrich, Elmer A.
Roensch, Donald	Stone, Bob D.	United Evangelical Lutheran Church by J. Wallace Brown, Treasurer
Rosenauer, Joyce M.	Stork, Randy D.	Urban, James E.
Ross, George H.	Strmiska, Marilyn	Vacula, Dennis
Rucker, Mary Ann	Sulak, Larry J.	Vacula, Louis Jr.
Rudloff, Danny D.	Sumbera, Jimmy L.	Vavra, John A. by wife Rebecca
Schilhab, William E. by wife Brenda	Sumbera, Leonard J. by wife Grace	Vavra, John C. by wife Brenda
Schmitt, Edwin	Surface, Omer L. Jr. and Carolyn A. Surface	Veselka, Barbara
Schmitt, Sylvester Jr.	Surman, Jared R.	Vinklarek, Charles W.
Schoenst, Jeanette	Svatek, Martin R.	Vinklarek, Eugene
Schramek, Eugene E.	Svec-Locke, Bobbye Jean	Votaw, Elizabeth A.
Schroeder, Harlan J. by wife Barbara	Svetlik, Robert L.	Votaw, Leslie T.
Schultz, Dale D. and Martha L. Schultz	Svetlik, Willie Joe	Vyvial, Georgia Ann
Schulz, David A. by wife Carol	Svrcek, James L.	Wagner, Michael by wife Linda
Schwenke, Derek J. by wife Dorothy	Swearingen, Tommy L.	Walla, David F.
Scott, Macy D.	Szwarc, Irene A.	Walla, Gary W.
Seidel, August G.	Templin, Donald E.	Walter, Diana A. and Devron A. Walter
Shimek, David by wife Connie	Thiele, Kermit L. Sr. and Mildred J. Thiele	Wanjura, Sarah F.
Shoppa, Michael L. and Suzanne H. Shoppa	Thomas, Robert J. and Deanna C. Thomas	Weikel, Agnes L.
Simek, Jerry Jr.	Thompson, Ernest and Dottie Thompson	Weishuhn, Ryan K. and Sarah M. Weishuhn
Sladek, Erwin A. Jr.	Thompson, John	White, Don L. by wife Beverly
Sladek, Jim DVM	Thayer, Mary C.	White, John W. by wife Mary
Smajstrla, Janice G.	Thumann, Casey A.	Wick, Diana C.
Sommer, James P. by wife Melissa	Tompkins, Ray L.	Wick, Frank Jr.

Wick, Leo	Woelfel, Gwened	Wyble, Paul J.
Wick, Leo John	Wolfington, Ronald E.	Zbranek, Brian T. and Gina E. Zbranek
Wick, Marvin J. and Shirley A. Wick	Wood, Brian A. by wife Amanda	Zbranek, Dennis W.
Wick, Ronald W.	Wood, Daniel A. by wife Joyce	Zbranek, Steven L.
Winkler, Gilbert A.	Wood, Donald R. and Delores A. Wood	
Winkler, Michael	Woods, Glen M. by wife Karen	

The Secretary then read the Official Notice of the Meeting followed by the Proof of Mailing, all being made a part of these minutes as Exhibits A & B.

The President then stated that the Secretary normally read the minutes of last year's annual meeting; however, in the interest of time, the President entertained a motion from the floor to dispense with the reading thereof. Upon motion by Linda M. Anders, seconded by Jimmy Carter, it was:

RESOLVED, That the membership waive the reading of the minutes of the July 19, 2023 annual meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Before the initial prize drawing was held, President Lehmann announced that each member who registered for the annual meeting would receive a \$20 energy bill credit as an attendance prize. This is a \$10 increase over what was given last year. This amount, he said, would be automatically deducted from their next utility bill.

Next, the President announced that there would be a drawing for attendance door prizes. Director David A. Stancik drew the names of 20 door prize winners.

The President then asked FEC Attorney Karen Mahoney-Woods to report the names of those officially nominated at the District 3 and 4 meetings which were held in May and to conduct the election of the two directors.

Attorney Woods then proceeded with the election of directors. She stated that the District 3 meeting was held on May 6, 2024, and that Gale Lincke was the only candidate nominated, and upon a voice vote, she received a unanimous vote of those present and voting and was thereupon declared to be the sole nominee for director of District 3. She then asked for a motion that Gale Lincke be elected director of District 3 by acclamation. Upon motion by Linda M. Anders, seconded by Norman F. Schultz, it was:

RESOLVED, That Gale Lincke be elected as director of District 3.

Attorney Woods stated that the District 4 meeting was held on May 7, 2024, and that Leo C. Henke was the only candidate nominated, and upon a voice vote, he received a unanimous vote of those present and voting and was thereupon declared to be the sole nominee for director of District 4. She then asked for a motion that Leo C. Henke be elected director of District 4 by acclamation. Upon motion by Craig Moreau, seconded by Harry J. Cull, it was:

RESOLVED, That Leo C. Henke be elected as director of District 4.

Attorney Woods then asked the newly elected directors to present a few brief remarks. Director Lincke and Director Henke each took turns thanking the membership for electing them.

President Lehmann returned to the podium and asked Tracy Denton to introduce the Scholarship and Youth Tour winners.

The 2024 Academic Scholarship winners, who will each receive a \$1,500 scholarship, and their parents were introduced to the audience as follows:

Andrea Eckermann, daughter of Alicia and Chad Eckermann,
Alivia Eindorf, daughter of Candace Kaiser and Kenny Eindorf,
Kelly McAfee, daughter of Carolanne and Russ McAfee,
Brooke Wanjura, daughter of Sarah and Greg Wanjura.

The 2024 Trade & Technical School Scholarship winners, who will each receive a \$1,500 scholarship, and their parents were then introduced as follows:

Brigham Kelley, son of Dawn and Dan Kelley,
Nathan Olsovsky, son of Kimberly and Mark Olsovsky.

Next, Mrs. Denton went on to announce that a special drawing would be held that evening to award one \$1,500 scholarship to a graduate who did not receive a scholarship from the Cooperative's regular scholarship contest. This contest is called the "Luck of the Draw" Scholarship contest and was awarded to Teagan Branch.

Next, Mrs. Denton introduced the 2024 Government-in-Action Youth Tour participants who presented short speeches about their trip to Washington, D.C.

Rylynn Thumann, daughter of Casey Thumann and Jeremy Price; and Reagan Moreau, daughter of Jamie and Craig Moreau, spoke about their experiences on the trip and likely inspired other local youths to apply.

The President then returned to the podium and asked for a round of applause for both the scholarship and Youth Tour winners. He then stated that the Report of the Board and Management for the year 2023 would be presented in a videotaped message by the Cooperative's past General Manager, Gary Don Nietzsche.

In the video update, Mr. Nietzsche reviewed the history of the Cooperative's office spaces and buildings along with an overview of the new headquarters facility. Additionally, he discussed FEC's financials, system growth and improvements, and finally, the legacy of the Cooperative's leaders.

To round out his report, Mr. Nietzsche recognized seven employees and the Cooperative's legal counsel who reached milestones in their careers: Lineman Joey Jasek, Apprentice Lineman Aaron Tonn and Staking Technician Brian Zbranek for 5 years of service; Legal Counsel Karen Mahoney Woods and Lineman Justin Whited for 10 years of service; Marketing & Training Coordinator Tracy Denton for 20 years of service; Line Foreman Greg Noak for 25 years of service; and Line Superintendent Robert Thomas for 35 years of service.

The President then returned to the podium and asked for a motion to accept the Report of the Board and Management for the year 2023. Upon motion by Linda M. Anders, seconded by Norman F. Schultz, it was:

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Board and Management for the year 2023 be accepted.

Next, the President announced that there would be another drawing for attendance door prizes. Directors Leo C. Henke and Gale Lincke drew the names of 20 door prize winners.

President Lehmann then announced that Director David A. Stancik would draw the names of the Children's Prize Drawing. Five winners' names were then announced by Director Stancik.

The President then called on General Manager Doug Lambert to announce the winners of the Sharing Success Grant Program. The Manager, with the assistance of President David Lehmann, presented grants to the following non-profit organizations:

Veterans Memorial Park of Weimar for \$5,000

Combined Community Action for \$5,000

Flatonia Area Food Pantry for \$5,000

CASA of Bastrop, Fayette and Lee Counties for \$5,000

President Lehmann then returned to the podium and opened the floor for other business. There being no other business, President Lehmann thanked the members for attending their annual membership meeting. He then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion by L. Paul Crain, seconded by Gina Minzenmeyer, it was:

RESOLVED, That the annual membership meeting of Fayette Electric Cooperative be adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

The President then asked Director Gale Lincke to draw the remaining 24 attendance door prizes.

David Lehmann, President

Bill Briscoe, Secretary



Official Annual Meeting Notice

When: Wednesday, July 17, 2024

What: Registration at 5:30 p.m. — Business meeting at 7 p.m.

Where: KC Community Center, La Grange

Fayette Electric will conduct its annual meeting on Wednesday, July 17, 2024. Directors for Districts 3 and 4 will be elected; reports and updates regarding the co-op's business will be presented to members; and any other business as may come before the meeting will be conducted.

VOTE

The following candidates have been nominated for these positions in accordance with Section 4.02 of Fayette Electric's bylaws:

District 3

Gale Lincke

District 4

Leo C. Henke

Please read the candidates' profiles on page 20 and then cast your vote during the annual meeting. All registered Fayette Electric members can vote at the annual meeting. Directors are nominated from the district in which they reside, but they serve members in all districts. This means you don't have to live in Districts 3 or 4 to vote.

ATTEND

Fayette Electric will conduct its annual meeting on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at the KC Community Center in La Grange.

SNACK

4-H members will be serving cookies, lemonade and coffee.

LISTEN

The business meeting starts at 7 p.m. with reports from Fayette Electric's general manager and staff, the board of directors' election and additional matters that may come before the meeting.

ASK

You'll also have the opportunity before, during and after the meeting to speak with Fayette Electric's staff and board members, get energy-related tips from our member services team and ask any questions you might have.

WIN!!

► New this year! **\$20 energy credits** will be awarded to all registered members who attend the annual meeting (one per membership).

► Energy credits from \$50 to \$250 will be awarded throughout the meeting, along with other great door prizes donated by Fayette Electric's generous vendors.

WHAT TO BRING

► The registration card on the back cover of this magazine will be collected at registration and used to draw door prize winners, who must be present to win.


► The door prize ticket, also on the back cover of this magazine, is what you will present to collect your prize if your number and name are called.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's annual meeting.

Bill Briscoe
Secretary/Treasurer

Affidavit of Publication

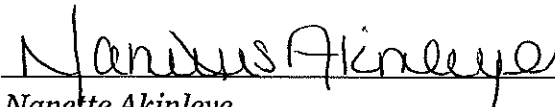
I do hereby attest that the Official Notice of Annual Meeting of Fayette Electric Cooperative was published in the July 2024 issue of *Texas Co-Op Power* and mailed to the 10,428 members of record of the cooperative on June 28, 2024.

Signed: 
Karen Nejteck, Production Manager, *Texas Co-Op Power*

State of Texas
County of Travis

Before me, Nanette Akinleye, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Karen Nejteck, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 5th day of July 2024.


Nanette Akinleye

