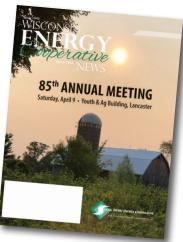


# Notice of April 9th Annual Meeting

ursuant to our bylaws, we are required to hold our **Annual Meeting** during the first six months of each calendar year.

This year, we will provide members with two options in which to attend the 85th Annual Meeting.



Members may attend in person. The in-person site will be at the Youth and Ag Building, located at the Grant County Fairgrounds. Registration on site will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. Students applying for a scholarship must attend the meeting in person to ensure uniformity and consistency in the awarding of these scholarships. Masks are required to attend the meeting in person.

Members may attend virtually. Using the same technology as last year's virtual meeting, members will need to pre-register at www.sre.coop/ annualmeeting 2022. Be sure to have your billing account number handy when you register. Upon registering, you will receive an email with a link to the April 9th meeting. Save your email with the link! On the morning of April 9th, log in to attend the meeting using the link provided. Documents, visual presentations, and all meeting information will be available to the members attending our meeting virtually.

Please note that voting for directors and the Bylaw Amendments will only be by absentee

**Prize Drawing** 

## Annual Meeting Program April 9, 2022

#### 9:00 a.m.

Registration Begins

#### 9:30 a.m.

- Meeting called to order
- Invocation
- Introduction of Directors and Guests
- Determination of Quorum
- Minutes of the last Annual Meeting
- Election of Directors
- Audit Committee Report
- Treasurer's Report
- DPC Report
- CEO Report
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Prize Drawings
- Scholarship Winners
- Election Results
- Adjournment
- Lunch as a to go box

#### **Scholarship Drawing**

Winners must be present to win.

This is for members that mailed in their ballots. They do not need to be present either on site or virtually to win. The winners will have their certificate applied directly to their electric bill.

Six (6) \$50.00 certificates

#### **Prize Drawing**

To enter, members <u>must</u> be present to win either on site or virtually. The winners will have their certificate applied directly to their electric bill.

- One (1) \$100.00 certificate
- Three (3) \$50.00 certificates
- Ten (10) \$25.00 certificates

All members who attend either in person or virtually will receive a \$5.00 bill credit on their next monthly statement.

## **RULES OF ORDER FOR OFFICAL BUSINESS MEETING**

- The meeting will be conducted in accordance with the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised and under the following special Rules of Order.
- Members wishing to speak are to give their names and the districts or towns in which they are members and will be recognized by raising their hands.
- Only members will be allowed to speak for two minutes on each issue and for one time only, except that an additional two minutes may be granted with the approval of the membership present.
- 4. Voting for directors and bylaw amendments shall only be by absentee signed ballots or ballots cast in person at the meeting. Voting to approve other motions or resolutions and on any parliamentary procedural matters shall only be in person at the meeting and shall be by unanimous consent or by majority vote, (unless otherwise required by law or Robert's Rules of Order), with a show of voting cards. An online voting option will not be provided.
- In the interest of time, the Board-appointed, disinterested persons may begin counting the absentee signed ballots prior to when balloting is closed.

- 6. Any member wishing to reserve the right to present an advisory resolution at the Annual Meeting on matters relating to the business of the Cooperative shall deliver a copy of the proposed resolution to the Cooperative at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting, that is, not later than close of business on **April 1**, **2022**, so as to allow consideration of the proposed advisory resolution and determination of what information should be presented to the membership for an informed decision on the issue.
- 7. No signs or handouts will be permitted within the place of the meeting, except such handouts as required for the official conduct of the Annual Meeting. No handouts or advertisements made available outside of the meeting location will use the name of the Cooperative, its letterhead or logo to imply that the Cooperative supports or opposes any candidate for director or any resolution or any position on any issue.
- 8. No demonstrations shall be held within the place of the meeting.
- The Cooperative reserves the right to limit in person attendance if and to the extent it is necessary to comply with any state or local regulations or orders governing large meetings.

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signed (mail) ballots or ballots cast in person at the meeting. Voting on other matters will only be in person at the meeting; and no online voting option will be provided. Please also note that scholarship applicants cannot attend the meeting virtually, but must attend in person.

Our Annual Meeting will include elections of Board Members; the Audit Committee and Treasurer's report; addresses from our CEO and Chairman; the awarding of scholarships; and drawing of door prizes. Students who have applied for our annual scholarships will need to attend the Annual Meeting in person. Upon registering in person at the meeting site, students will be entered into the scholarship drawing.

We hope that you will join us for our 85th Annual Meeting. Give us a call at 800-236-2141 x554 to speak with Judy Mims regarding the Annual Meeting. If you have questions about Scholarships, please contact Carrie Olmstead at x556.



Everyone who attends the annual meeting in person will be required to wear masks.

# **Voting Instructions**

#### (For Districts 2, 6, and 7:)

As a member of Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative, you have the opportunity to elect a director for your district to represent your interests on the Board of Directors and vote on the proposed Bylaw amendments. Ballots are sent to your billing address with the names of all candidates in your district. For the ballot to be counted, please follow the step-by-step instructions. If you mail in your ballots, you will automatically be entered in a drawing to win a \$50.00 credit on your energy bill! The drawing will take place during our annual meeting and you do not have to be present to win.

### <u>Or</u>

### (For Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9:)

The director seats in these districts are not up for election this year, so director ballots are not being provided to members in these districts. However, as a member of Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative, you have the opportunity to vote on the proposed Bylaw amendments. The ballot is sent to your billing address. For the ballot to be counted, please follow the step-by-step instructions. If you mail in your ballot, you will automatically be entered in a drawing to win a \$50.00 credit on your energy bill! The drawing will take place during our annual meeting and you do not have to be present to win.

### **And**

#### Mail-in Ballot Instructions:

- Mark how you wish to vote on the proposed Bylaws, and, if you are in Districts 2, 6, or 7, please also mark which candidate you want to represent your district.
- Place the ballot inside the "Mail Ballot Envelope".
  (Please do not include your electric bill payment in this envelope since it will not be opened immediately.)
- 3) Seal the envelope.
- 4) Then insert that small envelope inside the return envelope with the co-op's address.
- 5) Seal the return envelope.
- 6) On the outside of the envelope, SIGN your name on the line stating "Member Signature" located at the upper left-hand corner of the envelope.

# Ballots are only counted if you <u>SIGN</u> your outer envelope!

 All ballots must be mailed or delivered so that the Cooperative office in Lancaster has received them by 4:00 P.M. on Friday, April 8, 2022.

Advance authorization must be given for non-individual members of the Cooperative, such as churches, schools, cooperatives, governmental bodies or corporations, to vote at the Annual Meeting. Please contact our office if you did not receive/return an authorization notice.

Thank you for taking interest in the activities of your Cooperative.



## 2022 Member Photo Contest

### "Bright and Shiny Faces"

With the new year now begun, Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative is kicking off our annual photo contest. We are searching for photos that show off the faces of our members, both young and old. Faces can also include those of our pets, farm animals, and the wildlife you might encounter. The



winning members' photos will be featured in our 2023 calendar. Winning photos may also be used in future newsletters, on our social media pages or in other cooperative publications.

#### Photos must be submitted by August 15, 2022.

For a complete list of rules and criteria as well as downloadable forms, visit our website, www.sre.coop. Entry forms can also be picked up at our office, or we will email a copy to you.

## **Energy Efficiency** Tip of the Month

When was your cooling system last serviced? Most manufactures recommend an annual tune up for your home's cooling system. March is a great time to schedule this service so you can beat the summer rush when the pros are busiest.

A qualified professional can check the amout of refrigerant, accuracy of the thermostat, condition of belts and motors and other factors that can greatly impact the efficiency of your system.



Source: Dept. of Energy



DAYLIGHT SAVING FORWARD

March 13, 2022

# Vegetation Management

Zielie's Tree Service will be trimming on the Gratiot east circuit in Lafayette County during the month of March.

It is important for SREC to maintain its rights-of-way for the following reasons:

- Accessibility for field crews, vehicles and equipment
- Fire prevention
- Reliable electric service
- Quality service with the reduction of outages and blinks
- Safety for workers and the public
- Meeting state and federal code requirements

On a daily basis, SREC employees and contractors are working throughout the area, at times on your property, to operate and maintain the electric system and our rights-of-ways. During this time, we especially appreciate your cooperation as we maintain social distancing between our essential staff and our members. If you have questions, please contact Jay at jgardner@srec.net or call 800-236-2141 ext. 566.



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