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FROM THE MANAGER

65th Annual Meeting a Success

Every year we look forward to hosting our Annual Meeting for our members, and this year was no exception. This meeting is our time to get to know you, the member, and your concerns, and also to educate you on the activities of your cooperative.

The Victory Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc., Annual Meeting was held on April 6, 2010, at the Dodge City Civic Center. We were pleased that approximately 600 people were served dinner and 336 members were present.

In addition to the business meeting, we heard a presentation from Board President, Richard Lightner, the Youth Tour winners from 2009 and 2010 were introduced, and we gave away dozens of great door prizes.

At the meeting, a couple of amendments were made to the bylaws of the cooperative. These changes provide for mail-in or electronic voting ballots as the exclusive method to elect trustees. We currently do not have electronic ballots in place, but wanted the flexibility of having them in the future. These amendments will also provide additional time for the posting of nominees for the office of trustee and modify the time required to nominate trustees by member petitions. These bylaws are intended to improve the procedure for election of trustees and to create efficiencies in the printing of annual meeting notices and in the conduct of the annual meeting. The bylaw amendments have been included in this newsletter for your review.

So remember, when you are voting for trustee's next year, your ballot will have to be mailed.

The results of the election for four districts on the Board of

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Terry Janson

“I thank all
of you who
attended
the Annual
Meeting.”



Max Jantz
Montezuma-Dist. 5



Loren Ochs
Jetmore-Dist. 7



Richard Lightner
Garden City-Dist. 9



Patrick Morse
Dodge City-Dist. 10

From the Manager

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Trustees were announced. Max Jantz, Montezuma, District 5; Loren Ochs, Jetmore, District 7; Richard Lightner, Garden City, District 9; and Patrick Morse, Dodge City, District 10; were all re-elected in their respective districts. I congratulate them all and look forward to continuing to work with them on cooperative issues.

The Board and I thank all of you who attended the Annual Meeting and we look forward to seeing you next year.

'Til Next Time, TJ

Victory Electric Office Closing for Memorial Day

Victory Electric will be closed Monday, May 31, 2010, for Memorial Day. We will reopen the office Tuesday, June 1.

Happy Mother's Day!

Don't forget your mother this Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9, 2010.



Bylaws Changed at Annual Meeting

Note: Bylaw Amendments- Text in red strike-through was deleted. Text in blue was added.

IV—Sec. 2—Districts

The territory served or to be served by the cooperative shall, by the board of trustees, be divided into no less than 9 nor more than 12 districts. The municipal limits of Dodge City shall comprise one district and shall be represented by three trustees. The board of trustees shall divide the remaining territory of the cooperative into districts considering geographic continuity, population, and the interests of rural, suburban, municipal commercial and industrial members. Each individual district outside the district of the City of Dodge City shall be represented by one trustee.

Within ~~sixty~~ *ninety* days before a meeting of the members at which trustees shall be elected, the board of trustees shall review the composition of several districts and may reconstitute the districts such that all members shall be represented based upon the considerations mentioned in this section.

IV—Sec. 3—Election & Tenure of Office

At each annual meeting of the members, three (3) trustees shall be elected from the districts outside the district of the City of Dodge City to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the incumbents' term of office within such districts. One (1) trustee shall be elected at each annual meeting to fill a vacancy caused by the expiration of the incumbent's terms of office within the district of the City of Dodge City.

Upon creation of any district, the board of trustees shall fill the position of trustees until the next annual meeting. In filling the vacancy of any district having more than one trustee, the board shall set the initial terms of the trustees such that one trustee shall be elected annually from such district.

The term of office shall be for three years or until their respective successors shall have been elected and have qualified. ~~Trustee shall be elected by secret ballot unless there is no competition for the seat or seats to be filled in which case voice voting will be permitted. All trustees shall be elected by secret mailed ballots or electronically transmitted ballots or such combination thereof as shall be prescribed by the secretary. The form and procedure for balloting shall be prescribed by the secretary. Ballots shall be received by the secretary by five o'clock p.m. on the date prior to the annual~~

~~meeting. Ballots shall be counted the day of the annual meeting and the results announced at the annual meeting.~~ Each trustee shall be elected by those members and only those members within the district represented by such trustee. ~~In the event of a contested election for trustees, the trustees may determine to permit members to vote on such election by mailed ballots, the form of which shall be prescribed by the Secretary, received by the Secretary at or before the meeting at which the election is taken.~~

~~If the election of trustees shall not be held on the day designated for the annual meeting, or any adjournment thereof, the board of trustees shall cause an election to be held at a special meeting of the members, as soon thereafter as conveniently may be.~~ Trustees ~~may~~ *shall* be elected by a plurality vote of the members from within each district.

IV – Sec. 5—Nominations

It shall be the duty of the board to appoint, not more than ~~ninety one hundred twenty (120)~~ days before the date of a meeting of the members at which trustees are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than two nor more than three members from each district for which trustees are to be elected. Such members shall reside within the district for which they shall nominate proposed trustees, and a member may nominate proposed trustees only from the district in which they reside.

No member of the board of trustees shall serve on such committee. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the cooperative at least ~~forty-five~~ *sixty* days before the meeting a list of nominations for trustees which may include a greater number of candidates than are to be elected. Any fifteen (15) or more members residing within a district acting together may make other nominations by petition for the trustee position within that district not less than ~~thirty-five~~ *forty-five* days prior to the meeting, and the secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. The secretary shall be responsible for mailing with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days before the meeting, a statement of the number of trustees to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates specifying separately the nominations made by the committee on nominations and also the nominations made by petition, if any.

Highlights from Victory Electric's 65th Annual Meeting



Members who attended won many great prizes including this cordless drill.



Victory employee Joel Daniels helped serve barbecue to members in attendance.



Victory Electric Board President, Richard Lightner, was the emcee for the evenings festivities.



The Dodge City High School Madrigals performed two songs and the National Anthem.



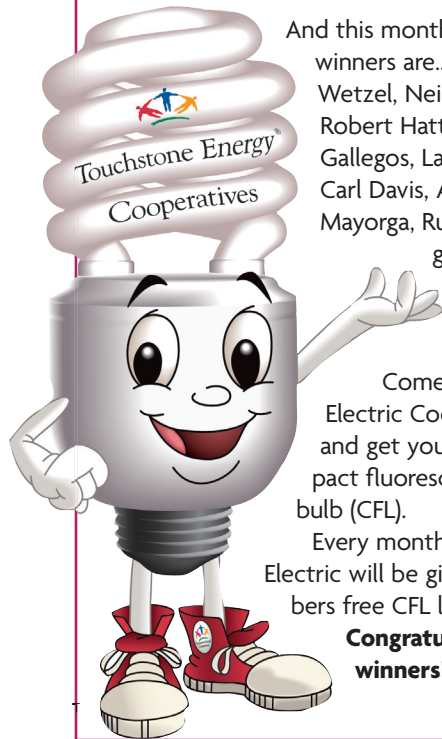
Victory Electric General Manager, Terry Janson, gave a presentation on fuel sources and future energy supply.



Approximately 600 people attended Victory Electric's 65th Annual Meeting at the Dodge City Civic Center on April 6, 2010.

CFL Charlie Says

"Come Get Your Free CFL Bulb!"



And this month's lucky winners are... Roger Wetzel, Neil Scheer, Robert Hattrup, Jose Gallegos, Lauren Fuqua, Carl Davis, Armando Mayorga, Ruben Rodriguez, Oscar Sebilla, and Randy Lix.

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