



UPDATE



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A Message From The CEO By Roger Andrade

As I write this message, we are experiencing one of the most extreme heat waves our state has seen in some time, and with it, a significant strain on the state's electric grid managed by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, or ERCOT. ERCOT issued an Emergency Energy Alert Level I, which calls for voluntary conservation, in order to ride through capacity issues during a short period of time. During the EEA, the market saw record high energy prices up to \$9,000/MWh at around 3:15 p.m. Just for comparison, the price per MWh was only \$19.00 that same morning at around 8:00 a.m. When it comes to emergency situations, we all play a role and RGEC rolled out conservation messages through SmartHub, email and social media to alert our members of the grid's condition. We are all in this together, and RGEC member/consumers came through with conservation efforts.

The high temperatures will not keep the crews and staff of the Cooperative from what is important, which is to deliver safe, reliable power to our members. Providing power doesn't start and stop at the poles and wires, it goes beyond those assets and to the core of our Cooperative Principles. In this case, I am referring to the 2nd Cooperative Principle, Democratic Member Control. In this month's issue, you will see the bios of the board of director candidates and incumbents. In the July issue of *Ranch & Rural Living Magazine*, we acknowledged the efforts put forth by the Director Nominating Committees, and in this issue, we provide you a glimpse at the number of viable candidates which were considered, thanks to the work and dedication of the committees. I would like to urge you to vote in this upcoming director election. We currently have two vacant director seats for Director Districts 1 and 4A. We also have up for election Director Districts 3 and 7, which are currently filled by director incumbents Mrs. Jamie Ballew and Mr. Tim Edwards, respectively. Remember, this is your cooperative and you have a voice to decide by whom and how you are represented as a member/consumer of the Cooperative.

The results of the director election, as is customary and in accordance with our bylaws, will be presented at the annual meeting of the membership. Reports of the previous fiscal year will be presented at the annual meeting, as well as any pending issues that may need to be voted on. This year's annual meeting will take place in Uvalde, Texas, at the SSGT Willie de Leon Civic Center. Annual meeting preparations are in full swing and we'd like to thank our partners, attorneys, vendors, and consultants for their generous donations, which contribute to making the door prizes a success during the annual meeting. You will see some great door prizes featured on the inside front cover of this magazine. Don't miss out, and mark your calendars for October 12th, 2019!

Finally, I wanted to ask our members and readers of this publication to keep the families, friends of the victims, and first responders of the recent shootings experienced in El Paso, TX and Dayton, OH in your prayers. The tragedy in El Paso hit close to home. As an El Paso native, I would have never imagined that this would occur in our city. I love the city and the community of El Paso, and I'm filled with sadness and despair for all the people who were affected by this tragedy. The El Paso community lifted itself and each other, and proved that love and peace are stronger than hate. God Bless you all and God Bless #ElPasoStrong!

Director Election Voting Sept. 9 - Oct. 8

See details, next page.