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Mark your calendars for Lewis County REC's 83rd Annual Meeting

Thursday, August 5, 2021

at Lewis County REC's office, Lewistown, MO.

Absentee Voting will take place July 28th - August 4th
at the Lewis County REC Office.

Drive-thru meeting will be held from 2 p.m.-6 p.m.
on August 5th.

In-Person Business Meeting 6 p.m.
in the Lewis County REC Warehouse.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

To the members of Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative Association:

This is your official notice of the Annual Membership Meeting, Thursday, August 5, 2021, at the Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative Association office, Lewistown, MO.

The Annual Meeting of the members of Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative Association will be held as a drive-thru meeting in the Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative Association office parking lot, Lewistown, MO on Thursday, August 5, 2021. Registration and voting will begin at 2:00 p.m. and continue through 6:00 p.m. An in-person Business Meeting will be held in the warehouse facility promptly at 6:00 p.m. Absentee registration and voting will be held in the office of the Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative Association July 28, 2021 thru August 4, 2021 from the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. The following business will come before the meeting:

1. Written reports of Officers and financials will be given out to each member that registers. In-person reports will be given at 6:00 p.m. on August 5, 2021.
2. The election of four directors.

In accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of the Cooperative, the following members will serve as candidates for directors to be voted upon absentee or at the Annual Membership Meeting to be held August 5, 2021, at the Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative Association headquarters.

District #1 - 3 Year Term Expiring in 2024

Donna Flood Canton, MO

District #2 - 2 Year Term Expiring in 2023

Emery "Buster" Geisendorfer Monticello, MO
James "Jim" Oliver Canton, MO

District #2- 3 Year Term Expiring in 2024

Ned Daggs Ewing, MO
Benjamin "Ben" Buening Canton, MO

District #3 - 3 Year Term Expiring in 2024

Larry Smoot Bethel, MO

By Direction of the Board of Directors.

Larry L. Clark, Secretary

**Please bring
registration card
with you to vote
absentee or at
the drive-thru.**



From the desk of Travis Mathes, Manager of Member Services

We are less than a month away from our Hybrid Annual Meeting of the Members to be held on August 5th at our headquarters east of Lewistown. Absentee registration will begin July 28th and run through August 4th. Registration hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. The drive-thru portion of the Annual Meeting registration will begin at 2 pm. and will run through 6 p.m. on August 5th. You can come at your leisure anytime between those hours and there is no advantage to trying to be here early. We ask that everyone enter through the east drive and exit through the west drive. There will be signs and markers to direct you through the maze. We ask that you remain in your vehicle at all times and there will be NO RESTROOMS available, so please plan accordingly. There will be two stations for you to drive through. The first will allow you to register from your car. If you can, please, tear the registration slip off the front of this magazine and bring it with you. If you bring the registration slip to vote absentee or at the drive-thru, you will be entered into an additional drawing for a \$50 bill credit. However, if don't bring the slip you will still be able to register as you always have.

Once you have registered you will drive to the second station where you will be able to vote from the comfort of your vehicle. Everyone will receive a \$20 bill credit upon registration at both the absentee and drive-thru venues. Everyone that registers will be entered into an additional drawing for a \$400 bill credit. At 6:00 p.m. on August 5th, we will hold the in-person portion of our Annual Meeting in the warehouse at our headquarters. This portion of the meeting will have reports from the General Manager, President of the Board, Secretary/Treasurer of the Board, election results and prize winners will be announced. There will be no additional prizes at the in-person portion and there will be no entertainment, or refreshments. This portion of the meeting will also be broadcast live on NEMONEWS.NET, so you can watch or listen at home. All Members will receive a written copy of the same reports that will be given during the in-person portion of the meeting when they register absentee or at the drive-thru.

You will find the Official Notice of the Annual Meeting listed on the front cover, which includes the elections that will take place. If there is only one name listed that means that the director is running unopposed. Remember, to be able to register and vote your name must be listed on the account that you are registering for. For example, a spouse will not be able to vote if their name is not listed on the account. We have sent out numerous mailings over the past 2 years to get this clarified and we hope you have all taken care of this. During the absentee registration, you will have to come into the lobby of our office to register and then will receive a ballot in a sealed envelope. Members will have to unseal the envelope, fill out the ballot, and insert it in the locked ballot box. NO ballots will be allowed to leave the lobby. The Board of Directors has put forth extra effort for Members to be able to take part in this year's Annual Meeting. It is up to you how you choose to participate.

I know many of you always look forward to our Annual Meetings and the fan-fare that they have always brought with them, but it is our hope that this year you will take advantage of one of the many options that allow you to participate. In the dark shadow of COVID-19, we have made the provisions necessary to still have the Annual Meeting this year. We will be making every effort to provide a safe and healthy environment for you to come take part in the success of your cooperative. One thing that I know many of you missed last year were the ball caps. Well, they are back this year! If you would like one of the staple, khaki and green, ball caps they will be available for you to grab one at all of the venues offered. If you have any questions or concerns, please, feel free to reach out to me at the office. We look forward to seeing you pass through our lobby, parking lot, or warehouse as you take an active role in your cooperative. Until next month, stay safe and healthy and have a Happy Independence Day!!!



Shawn Walling Named CEO/General Manager for Lewis County REC

The Board of Directors for Lewis County REC has hired Shawn Walling to be the next CEO/General Manager for the Cooperative. Shawn comes to Lewis County REC from Lee County Electric Cooperative in Florida, where he served as Manager of Substations, Communications, and Metering. Shawn received his Engineering Degrees from the University of Arkansas and his MBA from Oklahoma Wesleyan University. His 20-year work experience has included working in Generation, Transmission, and Distribution. Most of his career has been spent working for Electric Cooperatives in Arkansas, Florida, and Oklahoma. Shawn was raised in Salem, Arkansas, where his father and grandfather also worked in the Electric Cooperative system.

Shawn brings his wife, Shelly, and daughter Madison with him to Lewis County REC's service territory. They also have four adult children, one Marine, three Airmen, and a son-in-law who is also an Airman. Shelly is a Registered Nurse who has worked in the ER, ICU, Hospice, and Home Health.

When asked about the new position, "My family and I are very excited to be back in a rural area. We look forward to getting involved in the community Lewis County REC serves. I am very happy to be joining an organization that provides electricity to its Members. Together with the employees at Lewis County REC, we will continue to execute the mission to provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy to meet the needs of our member/owners."