



Nueces Electric Cooperative
Annual Report
2019/2020

NEC's 2020 Virtual Annual Membership Meeting will be available online on Thursday, October 8, 2020, by 7 p.m. on www.nueceselectric.org!



Nueces Electric Charities, Inc.

2019 Grant Recipients

- Driscoll Children's Hospital
- Youth Odyssey, Inc.
- United Way of the Coastal Bend
- Corpus Christi Education Foundation
- Corpus Christi Metro Ministries
- A Source of Hope, Kleberg County Pregnancy Resource Center
- Children's Advocacy Center of the Coastal Bend
- Mission of Mercy
- Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi Foundation Inc
- South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind
- Communities In Schools of the Coastal Bend
- HALO-Flight
- New Life Refuge Ministries
- Agape Ranch
- Corpus Christi Pregnancy Center, Inc. dba Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend
- Corpus Christi Hope House Inc.
- YMCA of the Coastal Bend
- Texas A&M University-Kingsville Foundation
- Presbyterian Pan American School
- Educational Service Center Region 2
- Calallen Education Foundation
- South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center
- The Mosaic Project of South Texas

In 2019, \$110,750 was awarded to 501 (c) 3 organizations thanks to members who rounded up their electric bill through the Operation Round Up program. Grant applications can be found at www.nuecescharities.org. **Grant deadlines are January 1 & July 1 of every year.**



2020 Virtual Annual Membership Meeting

Business Meeting

Introduction	Brian Menking, NEC Board President
Certification of Quorum	Brian Menking, NEC Board President/ David Rosse, Secretary/Treasurer
Invocation	Pastor Scott Herbert, Messiah Lutheran Church
National Anthem	Marisol Guzman, Robstown Highschool
Pledge of Allegiance	Brian Menking, NEC Board President
Recognition of Board Members	Brian Menking, NEC Board President
Recognition of Community Involvement Committee	Brian Menking, NEC Board President
Recognition of Youth Tour & Scholarship Winners	District #1 Director, Dr. Rumaldo Juarez
Recognition of Employees	Brian Menking, NEC Board President
Reading of Proof of Mailing of Meeting Notice	Brian Menking, NEC Board President
Minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting & Treasurer's Report	David Rosse, Secretary/Treasurer/ Brian Menking, NEC Board President
"Message to Members" Video	Brian Menking, NEC Board President
Election Results	David Rosse, Secretary/Treasurer
Adjournment	Brian Menking, NEC Board President

NEC Co-op Energy Member Referral Program Winners

\$500 Electric Bill Credit & \$250 Electric Bill Credit

Prize Drawings

Prizes include: Electric Bill Credits & more

President & CEO Message



Brian Menking, NEC President

For the past 81-years, NEC has energized South Texas for a brighter tomorrow. Each year brings new challenges and opportunities for growth. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, NEC is here to support our members, empower communities, and keep the energy flowing. Our employees, staff, and board of directors utilize their talent, time, and dedication to fulfill the cooperative mission of bringing reliable, cost-effective electric service to our 32,120 members.

This year we celebrate our 81st Annual Membership Meeting in ways that have never been done before. With safety at the top of our priority list, the Board of Directors discussed at length options for this year's Annual Membership Meeting. After careful consideration, the decision was made to host NEC's first virtual Annual Membership Meeting. A virtual meeting allows our members to join in from the comfort and safety of their own homes and allows us to potentially reach a wider audience than ever before. As NEC continues to implement innovative solutions to meet the unique challenges the cooperative faces, we take this time to reflect on the success of 2019.

Financial Strength

Financially, I assure you that NEC is stable and strong. For the 2019 year, our Cooperative received \$108.5 million in operating revenues, similar to the 2018 operating revenues of \$108.8. Seventy-two percent (72%) of 2019 revenues were used to purchase 1,353,459,115 kWh of power for NEC CE members. The cost of purchased power was up slightly more, at 2.28% over 2018's cost.

One of the great benefits of NEC, is the ability to return Cooperative margins back to the members we serve. Our members are owners of the cooperative, we work for you, and with each decision we make, our loyal NEC members are top of mind. Through the efficient management of your contributions to your Co-op, your Nueces Electric Board of Directors approved the return of more than \$700,000 in patronage capital back to its members in 2019, and another \$6 million in Power Perks to NEC Co-op Energy power supply members, a total of \$6.7 million returned to our members.

A note-worthy financial highlight for 2019 is the continued copper theft NEC and many other area utilities experienced. Last year, NEC experienced multiple cooper thefts resulting in 49,000 feet of copper stolen, valued at \$108,193. These criminals are skilled at eluding law enforcement. Members are encouraged to be vigilant and if you see any questionable activity along power lines, please call 911.

Focused on our Members

Each day, NEC employees and your Board of Directors work toward supporting this Mission. Across our service area in 2019, an average of 81 employees worked a total of 164,901 hours to maintain more than 3,600 miles of power line to deliver the most efficient and reliable service possible. The average outage time throughout the system for NEC delivery service members in 2019 was two hours and 49 minutes.

We are excited to announce that NEC has launched our outage texting program. This service is a great resource for NEC members in the event of evacuations and when keeping track of power in the home is impossible. Now members will receive a text message with the exact time the power went out, as well as when the power is restored. This allows members to be aware of how long electronics such as the refrigerator and other devices were left without power. Members will also receive an estimated time frame of when power is expected to be restored. NEC is working on ways to further utilize this technology to better serve our members throughout our service districts.

Every three years, your board of directors conducts a review of our service districts, as required by the cooperative's bylaws. Due to the retirement of District 5 Director, Maxine Stewart, and the tragic death of District 6 Director, Thomas Ermis in 2019, the decision was made to eliminate both director positions and remain with an eight-member board of directors. It was also decided by NEC's directors to re-draw NEC's district boundaries. The goal was to find the right balance. The board was careful to balance the need to make updates that meet a growing and ever-changing membership while making sure to protect our member's rights. NEC reviewed the size of its Board of Directors relative to other cooperatives. The review revealed that reducing the Board size would more closely align with the number of directors of similarly sized cooperatives. This change will allow the cooperative to save operating costs and improve director accessibility. As a utility owned by those we serve, NEC is focused on the best interests of all our members.

Last but certainly not least, the Board of Directors would like to welcome Varzavand "Avan" Irani as NEC's new Chief Executive Officer. Serving the members of NEC for 16-years, Avan has displayed the vision, and dedication needed to push the cooperative forward. As our new CEO, Avan supports the

initiatives necessary to fulfill the cooperative mission, including guiding employees, staff, and members with strong and professional leadership. We are elated to have Avan lead the cooperative through the many exciting projects that lie ahead for NEC.

NEC Co-op Energy

As a division of the Cooperative, NEC Co-op Energy is NEC's affiliate, not-for-profit electricity provider. NEC Co-op Energy celebrated many achievements last year. In 2019, NEC Co-op Energy relocated to South Corpus Christi after selling its old facility in Robstown, Texas in 2018. The new facility allows NEC Co-op Energy to be in the economic hub of the region and overall provides the means for better service to our members.

NEC Co-op Energy saw a 6.00% growth in accounts, the largest growth in new accounts seen in the past seven-years. This growth is largely due to digital advertising and word of mouth. As a local community partner, NEC Co-op Energy continues to provide a trusted brand with no gimmicks or contracts. NEC Co-op Energy's \$50/\$50 new member referral program had 2,495 member participants. Through the support of 541 NEC Co-op Energy members who donate to the Member-To-Member assistance program, NEC Co-op Energy was able to distribute more than \$6,696 to area agencies in 2019 to help members pay their electric bills.

Last year, NEC Co-op Energy scored a 94 out of 100 on the American Customer Satisfaction Index, demonstrating a high level of satisfaction among U.S. household consumers. Another study, published by Esculent, a top human behavior and analytics firm, found that NEC Co-op Energy is the highest scored retail brand in Texas. Due to strong and lasting connections with our members, NEC Co-op Energy leads the way in top-scoring net promoter scores among the competition. The recognition does not stop there. In 2019, NEC Co-op Energy

proudly received the Caller Times Best of the Best #1 Electricity Provider award for seven years running. We want to say thank you to our members. You are the heart of everything that we do, and your continued support is what truly makes NEC Co-op Energy the best of the best.

Safety

Our top priority at NEC is ensuring uninterrupted business continuity in the safest possible manner. Last year we held 53 weekly operations safety meetings and eight safety training days, which helped ensure that each employee thinks safety first. In 2019, NEC had three recordable and two lost time incidents. Each year, we work to increase the quality of our safety trainings and decrease safety incidents. Our priority is ensuring each and every employee to make it home safety to their families. NEC continues to provide hazard recognition training to encourage employees to always maintain safe practices and encourages reporting of all incidents, no matter how small so that preventative measures may be taken.

Communities

Following our cooperative principle #6, Concern for Community, Nueces Electric Charities Inc. awarded \$110,750 to 23 local non-profit organizations in 2019. This includes an annual \$24,000 donation to our signature project, HALO-Flight. Other 2019 recipients include Driscoll Children's Hospital, Youth Odyssey, Inc., United Way of the Coastal Bend, Corpus Christi Education Foundation, Corpus Christi Metro Ministries, A Source of Hope, and many more.

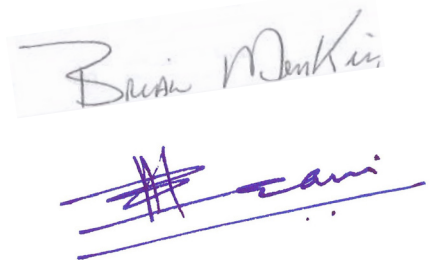
Since 1997, Nueces Electric Charities has distributed more than \$1.6 million in charitable giving to local community organizations in need. We want to say thank you to the members of NEC who participate in Operation Round-Up. Your generous donations help local non-profit organizations impact lives.



Varzavand "Avan" Irani, NEC CEO

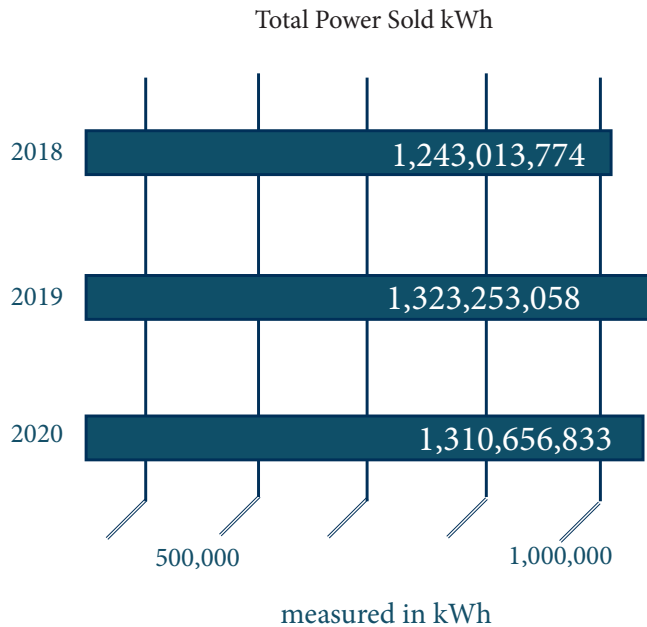
Looking Towards the Future

NEC is stronger than we have ever been. We are blessed with the community support, talented team, and strong leadership necessary to overcome any obstacle the cooperative may face. We will continue to successfully navigate constantly evolving technological advancements, political dynamics, and consumer demands. With every unique challenge that arises, we grow and adapt our strategies to better serve our members. We are here for you just as we have been for the past 81-years, and we are excited to build upon our current success, now, and in the future.



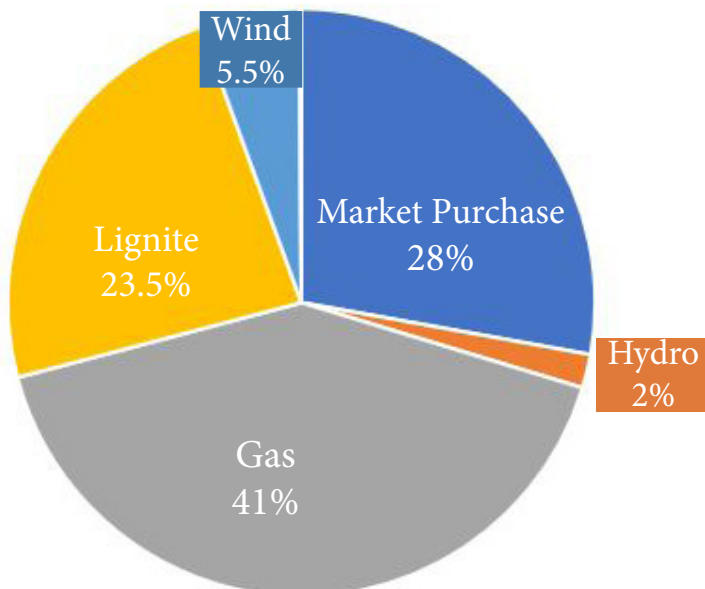
Treasurer's Report

Total Power Sold



NEC Co-op Energy 2019 Power Resources

Total Power Purchase = 1,310,656,833



Number of Members
32,120

Number of Accounts
47,238

Number of Facilities
6

Total Miles of Line
3,619

Number of Poles
85,341

Number of Transformers
24,697

Number of Employees
81

Executive: 6
Business Office: 20
Operations: 25
IT / Metering: 9
Engineering: 8
Compliance: 4
Retail: 4
Facilities: 6

Annual Miles Driven
741,745

Balance Sheet

Assets: What We Own

Net Utility Plant	\$117,261,609
Cash in Bank	\$5,750,877
Investments	\$72,630,173
Accounts Receivables	\$3,098,274
Materials and Supplies	\$1,932,816
Prepayments	\$447,762
Other Current & Accrued Assets	\$4,779,240
Deferred Charges and Other Assets	\$772,509
TOTAL ASSETS	\$206,673,260

Liabilities: What We Owe

Membership Fees & Consumer Deposits ..	\$2,520,956
Long-Term Debt	\$71,336,438
Current and Accrued Liabilities	\$12,962,960
Patronage Capital and Equities	\$111,009,153
Deferred Credits	\$8,843,753
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$206,673,260

Full audited report available at
www.nueceselectric.org

How Your Dollar Was Spent in 2019



Operating Statistics

Revenues: What We Took In

Operating Revenue	\$108,531,615
Nonoperating Revenue	\$1,033,087
Associated Cooperative Capital Credits	\$4,765,006
TOTAL REVENUES	\$114,329,708

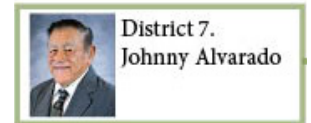
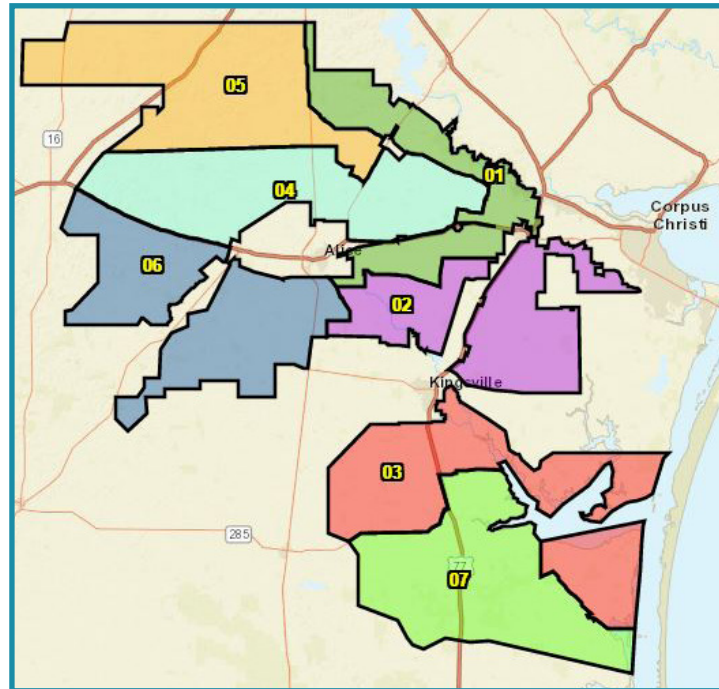
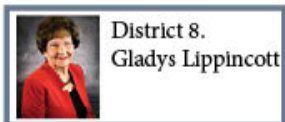
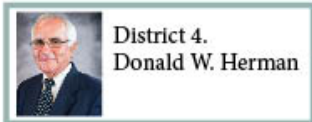
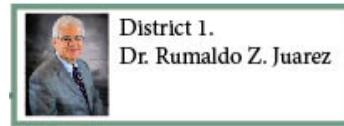
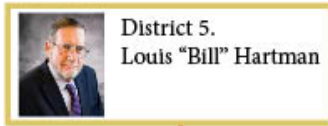
Expenses: What We Paid Out

Purchased Power	\$77,805,120
Operations and Maintenance	\$5,150,555
Consumers Account Expenses	\$4,863,060
Administrative and General Expenses	\$5,802,429
Depreciation	\$4,249,400
Interest	\$3,225,592
Tax Expense	\$1,291,270
Other Deductions	\$88,154
Nonoperating Expenses	\$73,773
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$102,549,353

Margins: What We Had Left

Operating Margins	\$6,056,035
Nonoperating Margins	\$5,724,320
TOTAL MARGINS	\$11,780,355

Director Election FAQ's



Director Election Process

NEC prides itself on its director elections. The election process reflects one of the Seven Cooperative Principles - democratic member control: one member, one vote. Nueces Electric Cooperative is member-owned and is governed by a eight (8) person, member-elected board of directors. These directors represent the ten member directorate districts of the cooperative. A portion of the co-op directorships stand for election each year - usually three districts. The board of directors determines the method for voting in the director election. For many years, the method of voting has been an in-person or proxy voting process which takes place in conjunction with the annual membership meeting. Relevant information about this meeting and the annual report appear in the Texas Co-op Power magazine. It is up to you, the members, to elect the directors best qualified to run your cooperative. There is no term limit for

an NEC director but he/she must complete the nomination process every three years and be re-elected by the members.

Nominating Process

NEC's director nomination process begins each June as members in the districts up for election are invited, through the Texas Co-op Power magazine, to request petition packets to become candidates on the annual meeting director election ballot in accordance with the bylaws. Any NEC member in a district up for election may seek to become a candidate. Those members interested in becoming candidates may request and sign for an official petition form and instruction sheet. At least fifteen (15) signatures of qualified members within the voting district, received at the co-op by the designated deadline, are required to nominate a member from a district for the Board. If more than two candidates are nominated for a directorship, a primary election will be held in the district to select two candidates who will appear on the election ballot. At the annual membership meeting all mem-

bers of NEC may vote to elect the new directors in the districts up for election. All members will receive a ballot by mail or attached to the Texas Co-op Power Magazine. If members cannot attend the meeting, they may cast their vote by mailing in the ballot.

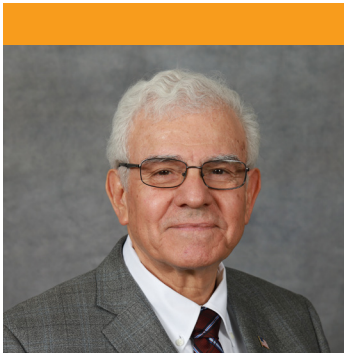
Director Responsibilities

Directors are tasked with the development of governance policies and monitoring the financial health of the cooperative. In addition, they are charged with keeping up-to-date on industry trends, legislative actions, and other pertinent issues affecting cooperatives as well as representing the membership at cooperative related functions.

Board Meeting Dates

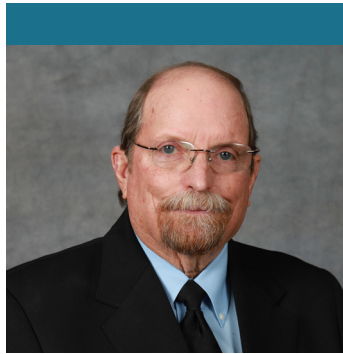
Our Board of Directors meet the fourth Tuesday of every month at the NEC headquarters office - 14353 Cooperative Avenue Robstown, TX 78380.

Candidates For NEC Directorship



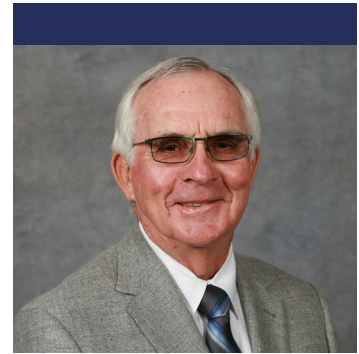
Dr. Rumaldo Juarez
District 1

Dr. Rumaldo Z. Juárez was appointed NEC Director to fill the vacant District 1 seat in August 2012. He has completed the requirements for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA): (1) Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD), (2) Board Leadership Certification (BLC) and the Gold Director Certificate (GDC). Dr. Juárez has served or currently serves on several Co-op committees including Strategic Planning (Chair), Governance, Finance, Nueces Charities Inc., Education, Retail Marketing Committee and Chaired the CEO Search Team in 2016 and 2020. He is committed to ensuring that: (1) the best interests of all NEC members and employees are served, (2) the use of alternative sources of energy are used to their full potential, and (3) NEC continues to stay abreast the demands of a rapidly changing energy industry. Dr. Juárez received B.S. and M.S. degrees from Texas A&M-College Station, was a Distinguished Military Graduate and a Vietnam Veteran. He received his Ph.D. from Penn State. He is a graduate of the Harvard Management Development Program and the Governor's Executive Development Program. During his 36 years in the field of higher education, he held academic appointments at the University of Arizona; UT-Pan American; UT Medical Branch-Galveston; UT Health Science Center-SA; Dean and Professor, College of Health Professions at Texas State University and President of Texas A&M-Kingsville. He also was a Social Science Analyst in the U.S. Dept. of HHS, Washington, D.C. and served in various state, national and international advisory boards. He currently serves on the Board of Directors RISD Education Foundation (President), Robstown Area Historical Museum (Museum Director); is a member of the CC Northwest Rotary International Club and VFW Post 3837. He resides in Calallen with his wife Teresa.



Gregg Truesdale
District 2

Gregg Truesdale has been an NEC wires member since 1971. He was appointed as an NEC Director in February 2010. Mr. Truesdale is the foreman and serves on the Board of Directors at Wright Materials, Inc/W.T. Mining, a family-owned business. He served two years on the Violet Water Supply Corporation Board of Directors, two terms on the Nueces County Junior Livestock Show and Sale (NCLJS) Board of Directors, was a Trustee of the Robstown Show Barn and is a NCLS Horse Superintendent, this too for several years. In addition, he serves as President of the Coastal Bens Catholic Life Branch #35 and volunteers on various other committees. Gregg believes some of the most important qualities of an NEC Director include dedication to members and the ability to make decisions with their best interest in mind. He has learned that, to be successful, a director must have an open mind and willingness to embrace innovative approaches to new ideas. Mr. Truesdale is a National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Credentialed Cooperative Director. He holds a Board Leadership Certificate (BLC) and has his Director's Gold Certification. Mr. Truesdale also serves on several NEC Board Committees: Strategic Planning and CEO Evaluation, District Boundary Committee, Retail Market Committee, Annual Committee, and has served on other various committees. Gregg and his wife Mary have a son and daughter: Dwayne Truesdale (wife, Corina) and Heather Truesdale Schomburg (Husband, Matt). Gregg and his wife are the proud grandparents of Nicole, Megan, Jake, Tyler, Maverick, Miller, and Riggs. They are also the proud grandparents of Michael Edwards and Abigail Worden. In Gregg's free time, he enjoys roping and spending time with family.



Donald Wayne Herrmann
District 4

Donald Wayne Herrmann has been an NEC member all his life and was appointed NEC director in January 2005. He is a National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Credentialed Cooperative Director, and serves on the Building Committee and the Education Committee. Mr. Herrmann is a crop farmer, rancher, and fish farmer in Nueces County. He believes the most important role of an NEC director is to work in unity with fellow directors to make decisions that are in the best interest of the entire co-op and its members. Mr. Herrmann attended Del Mar Technical College and served on the Banquete ISD Board including terms as both president and vice-president. He has also served as president and vice-president of the Banquete Grain Co-op, on the board of Coastal Bend Youth City, as the finance and administrative chairman of the Banquete United Methodist Church, as a director, president, and vice-president of the Nueces County Jr. Livestock Show, and as a board member of the Texas Youth Rodeo Association and Nueces County Youth Rodeo Association, Member of Grove Baptist Church in Orange Grove. Mr. Herrmann resides in Robstown with his wife, Kathy, where they raised their three sons, Jon (wife Lacey), Scot (wife Jennifer) and Joe (wife Courtney). Mr. Herrmann and his wife are proud grandparents to Hallee, Hayes, Hank, Landon, Logan, Braden and Hailea.

Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting

October 10, 2019

Call to Order

The 80th annual meeting of the members of Nueces Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held on Thursday, October 10, 2019, at the Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds in Robstown, Texas. The number of members present was 760 with 229 ballots submitted at the meeting. There were 6,737 represented by mail-in ballot, for a total of 6,966 voting members (Exhibit "A"). Upon determining that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order by President Brian Menking at 7:02 p.m.

The U.S. Navy Color Guard from NAS Kingsville presented the colors, Sabrina Smitka from Calallen ISD led the audience in the National Anthem and Board President Brian Menking led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Anthony Aquino, Calallen Baptist Church, Corpus Christi delivered the invocation.

Recognition of Board Members and CEO, Community Involvement Committee, Special Guests, Halo Flight and NEC Employees

President Menking introduced the Cooperative's Board of Directors and CEO, members of the Community Involvement Committee and Special Guests. He also recognized the Halo Flight organization which provides the Guardian program to NEC members with an option to join the program for air ambulance service in case of an emergency and NEC employees who work year-round for the members of Nueces Electric Cooperative.

Recognition of Youth Tour Delegates & Ramiro De La Paz Scholarship Winners

District #1 Director, Dr. Rinaldo Juarez introduced the 2019 Youth Tour Delegates and 2019 Ramiro De La Paz scholarship winners. Gabriel Garcia, H.M. King HS youth tour winner shared information about his experience

Reading of Notice of Meeting & Proof of Mailing of Notice

President Menking read the "Proof of Mailing of the Notice of the Annual Meeting." After the reading, the document was submitted to Executive Secretary, Liane Padilla for attachment to the official minutes of the meeting.

Minutes of 2018 Annual Meeting

President Menking stated that the minutes of the 2018 annual meeting had been provided in the October 2019 issue of the Texas Co-op Power Magazine and the Annual Report booklet. Upon calling for corrections or additions to the minutes, a Motion was made, seconded and duly carried that the minutes of the 2018 Annual Membership Meeting be adopted as published.

Treasurer's Report

President Menking stated the Treasurer's Report had been provided in the October 2019 issue of the Texas Co-op Power Magazine and the Annual Report booklet. A Motion was made, seconded, and duly carried to approve the report as printed.

President & CEO Reports

A video of staff and Board President Brian Menking was shown to our membership in attendance.

Member Voting

A video of staff and Board President Brian Menking was shown to our membership in attendance.

District 6 Director: Tommy Ermis
6,576 Votes

District 7 Director: Bill Hartman
6,598 Votes

District 8 Director: Brian Menking
6,563 Votes

District 10 Director: Gladys Lippincott
4,480 Votes

District 10 Director: Ken Combs
2,209 Votes

It was declared that those elected as Directors for Districts 6, 7, 8 and 10 are: Tommy Ermis District #6; Bill Hartman District #7; Brian Menking District #8 and Gladys Lippincott District #10, all for three-year terms.

NEC Retail Member Referral Program Winners and Prize Drawings

Chief Retail Officer Frank Wilson announced the NEC Co-op Energy Referral Program winners. NEC Co-op Energy member Cynthia Tobar received a \$500 electric bill credit for first place and Hogan Homes received a \$250 electric bill credit for runner up. Prize drawings was held after referral program winners were announced.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

MEET THE TEAM

In 2019, 81 NEC employees worked a total of 164,901 regular hours plus 11,067 hours of overtime. Total wages equaled \$5.7 million.

ROSIE AVALOS	45	LIANE PADILLA	12	ANNALISA DEL ALTO*	3
WARREN HOELSCHER	45	ROXANNE PINA	11	MARGARITA VELASQUEZ*	3
MARY PAVELKA	41	CYNTHIA GARZA	11	ALBERT GARZA*	3
LARAE MARTIN	38	RICHARD PADILLA	11	CHRIS TINER	3
AL PENA	37	JESUS OLIVAREZ	11	CHRISTOPHER JOHNSTON	3
CHRIS KNETIG	35	CHRIS CARRION	10	CORA ALVARADO	3
TYRON HEFLIN	32	JOE HUERTA	10	CHRIS KAPCHINSKIE	2
ALBERT PENA	31	BENNY TORRES	10	JARED BRACKIN	2
PETE RAMIREZ	31	KENNETH KRUEGER*	9	JONATHAN ESPINOZA	2
MANUEL MAYORGA	30	ISABEL CAVAZOS	8	MARK MILLEGAN	2
FRANK WILSON*	27	ERIC HERMAN	8	JIMMY HERNANDEZ	2
ALBERT GOMEZ	25	BEATRICE REYES*	7	MICHAEL GLASS*	2
SARAH FISHER	23	ROBERT HOLLOWAY	7	JOEL RUIZ	2
ROBERT BRIONES	22	CHRISTINE GRISSOM	7	ALEXA SCHAEFER	2
ADRIANA PENA	22	VELMA VASQUEZ	7	NOE HERNANDEZ	2
ROLAND TREVINO	20	VLADIMIR LOBANOV	6	KIRKLAN HINOJOSA	1
RHONDA BELL	19	BILL GUNN	6	MATHEW SMITH	1
JOE RIVERA	18	JOHN GUZMAN	6	KEVIN BONNER	1
AVAN IRANI	17	DOM CORTEZ	5	MINERVA SALDEVAR*	1
RAYMUND PINA	17	TATE PRIEST	5	PETE SALDIVAR	
PAULA SHADLE	15	LARRY RAHMES	5	MELINDA GARRISON	
DOUG WILSON	14	ROLAND RAMIREZ	5	LADDIE PATEK	
SERGEY SERYOGIN	14	SUSAN BRIDGES	5		
MANUEL PINA	13	DAVID TIVIS	5		
CLAY DENNIS	13	JOANNA PRADO	4		
SONIA STOUT	13	DANIEL CANONGE	3		
ROXANE FLORES	12	CHRISTIE MELENDEZ	3		
VICKY GARCIA	12	ANDREW VILLARREAL	3		

* NEC Co-op Energy Employees



Nueces Electric Cooperative

NEC Scholarship Program

Application Deadline: February 12, 2021

Each year, Nueces Electric Cooperative awards college scholarships to high school seniors who are the dependents of cooperative members.

There are three different types of applications that will be available for these scholarship funds: Students planning to attend a 4-year college or university in Texas can win one of (10) Ramiro De La Paz \$1,000 scholarships or one (1) grand prize Ramiro De La Paz \$4,000 scholarships, or one (1) John L. Sims \$4,000 scholarship, students planning to attend a two-year or vocational college in Texas can win one of (2) \$2,000 scholarships, and students planning to attend an accredited Texas lineman's college can win one of (2) \$5,000 scholarships.

All applicants must reside in the home with a parent or legal guardian who has been an NEC member for a minimum of six months as of the application deadline date.

Two \$4,000 scholarships
and
Ten \$1,000 scholarships
and
Two \$2,000 scholarships
and
Two \$5,000 scholarships

For Applications & Details:
www.nueceselectric.org &
www.neccoopenergy.com



2021 Youth Leadership Tour



Win the trip of a lifetime!

**Application Deadline:
January 15, 2021**

The Government-in-Action Youth Leadership Tour is an all-expense-paid trip for high school **juniors** to learn about different aspects of the government, meet their members of Congress and visit historical sites.

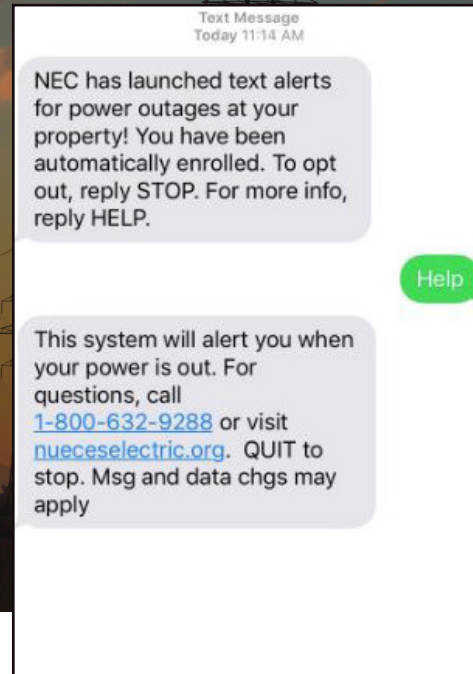
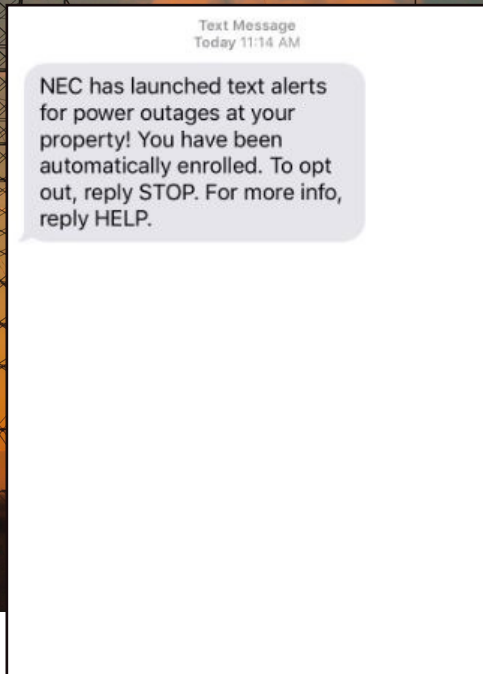
This year, NEC will send two delegates from the cooperative to participate. This year's trip will begin in Austin, Texas on Sunday, June 13 and continue on to tour sites in Washington D.C. before the trip concludes on Tuesday, June 22. The travel package, valued at more than \$3,000, includes air transportation to and from Washington D.C., hotel stay, meals, admission fees, and \$250 cash for extra expenses. PLUS: Each winner will also receive a **\$1,000 scholarship**, should they attend an accredited Texas college or University. If the 2021 Youth Tour is cancelled for due to COVID-19 safety concerns, winners will receive a **\$4,000 scholarship**.

How to apply:

Complete the 2021 Nueces Electric Cooperative Youth Leadership Tour Application form which can be found on both nueceselectric.org and neccoopenergy.com. Submit a 400-600 word essay on the topic "In the past year, the COVID-19 pandemic has forced many Texans to spend more time at home than ever before. What can you do to save energy while spending more time at home?" Finalists will interview to determine the final two winners that will take this trip of a lifetime. Applicants must have consent of and reside in the home with a parent or legal guardian who is a current Nueces Electric Cooperative member.

Essay Topic: *In the past year, the COVID-19 pandemic has forced many Texans to spend more time at home than ever before. What can you do to save energy while spending more time at home?*

NEC Introduces **Outage Texting** & **Power Usage Alerts**



Outage Texting

Members will be notified when their power goes out through an outage text messaging system (message and data rates may apply). It is important for our members to have an active, working phone number on file that NEC can reach in case of emergencies. The mobile phone number members have on file will receive an initial text message stating that they will begin receiving NEC outage notifications. This service is a great resource for NEC members in the event of evacuations and when keeping track of power in the home is impossible. Now members will have an exact time the power went out, as well as when the power is restored. This allows members to be aware of how long electronics such as the refrigerator and other devices were left without power. Members will also receive an estimated time frame of when power is expected to be restored.

Power Usage Alerts

Nueces Electric Cooperative now has Power Usage Alerts that you can set to notify you when your energy usage exceeds maximum or does not meet minimum thresholds you set for your meter. These alerts will be sent by email

to the account you specify when you set them up. At the present time, these alerts will be sent about 12:00 noon the day after the usage threshold was exceeded. This message will contain the period(s) in which the threshold was exceeded or not met and the usage for the period.

You can set up thresholds for hourly usage as well as total usage for the entire day. Visit www.nueceselectric.org for step by step instructions to set up power usage alerts.





Nueces Electric Cooperative

The mission of Nueces Electric Cooperative, a member-owned cooperative, is to help our members continually improve their quality of life by providing reliable, cost-effective electric service in a culture where safety is a priority.