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Members Gather for Fun and Business at Annual Meeting

Meeting Date is Saturday, October 25

Gifts, prizes, big name entertainment, and the privilege of co-op membership are all on the agenda for the 2008 annual meeting.

Scheduled for Saturday, October 25 at the Cleveland High School Event Center, members will gather for the 69th time to conduct co-op business, visit with fellow members, enjoy finger-snappin' entertainment and win great prizes.

The morning's activities begin at 8:15, with member registration. The first 800 members who register their attendance will receive a blue stadium seat with the IEC logo.

A silent auction of surplus co-op equipment will begin at 8:15. Members wanting to bid will need to register their contact information and will be given a bidding number. They will be able to inspect the equipment before bidding and will then list their bid amount and number. Bidding will stop at 10 a.m. when the business session begins. Those members who submit the winning bid can take home the items they've won after the meeting.



Also at 8:15 renowned Country and Western entertainer Pake McEntire will take the stage. Pake has a great easy listening

and enjoyable country music show which features his talented singing and fiddle playing. His show has a wide variety of country music all the way from Bob Wills to current singers such as Rascal Flatts. His show will last until 9:45 a.m.

The business session begins at 10 a.m. During this time members will be asked to elect trustees from districts 1, 4 and 7 by acclamation.

Members will also be asked to approve – by a show of hands – proposed changes to the co-op's bylaws. An overview of the proposal is included in this issue, or the actual changes can be viewed at either the Cleveland or Fairfax office.

Prize drawings will take place throughout the business session, with the grand prize being awarded at the meeting's conclusion.

This year's grand prize winner will be awarded a new Maytag front load electric washer and dryer.

The high-efficiency 4.0 cubic foot appliances are available in Artic blue or white and the winner will get to select the color he or she desires.

The appliances can be seen at Mack's Furniture in Cleveland and will be on display at the Event Center the morning of annual meeting.

The winner will need to make arrangements with Mack's for home delivery, at no cost to the member.

Make arrangements now to enjoy a morning of fun, fellowship and the privilege of co-op membership at annual meeting, Saturday, October 25 at the Cleveland High School Event Center.

Bylaw Changes Proposed

Members Will Vote on Proposed Changes at Annual Meeting in October

Periodically, the board of trustees reviews the co-op's bylaws to make certain they continue to be relevant to the needs of the co-op and members.

The trustees, aided by staff and legal counsel, have been scrutinizing each section of the bylaws and feel some changes are needed.

The changes are being presented in this issue of The Lamp so you can become familiar with them. Members attending annual meeting in October will be asked to vote on the changes. According to David Wilson, IEC manager of member services, members will vote on all of the changes in one motion, instead of voting on each proposal.

Wilson says copies of the bylaws are always available at co-op offices in Cleveland and Fairfax, and encourages anyone with questions on the proposed changes to call him at (918) 295-9557, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ARTICLE III MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

SECTION 3.03 - Notice of Member Meetings Change in meeting notice requirement

- Section 3.03 was changed from requiring meeting notice to be given between 40 and 60 days before the meeting, to requiring meeting notice to be given between 10 and 25 days before to the meeting.

SECTION 3.05 - Voting Absentee voting addition

- Section 3.05 enables absentee voting by members if the Board determines a motion or resolution is of such importance that all members should be afforded the opportunity to vote.

ARTICLE IV TRUSTEES AND THEIR ELECTION

SECTION 4.01 – Number and General Powers Change in number of Trustees

- Section 4.01 now provides for a range of between 5 and 12 Trustees to serve on the IEC Board. Section 4.01 previously required 9 Trustees to serve on the IEC Board.

SECTION 4.02 – Trustee Voting Districts Change in number of Trustee voting districts

- Section 4.02 now provides for a range of between 5 and 12 Trustee voting districts. Nine Trustee Voting Districts were previously required.

SECTION 4.04 – Qualifications Business exception addition and Trustee disqualification

- Section 4.04 now allows a member that is not a primary resident in the district to run for Trustee or to continue to serve as Trustee if they own 25% or more of a for-profit business that is an IEC member.

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- Section 4.04 adds a list of events that will lead to a Trustee's disqualification:
 1. Trustee establishes a permanent residence outside his or her district (unless he or she qualifies under the business exception allowed in this section 4.04);
 2. Trustee is prevented from performing essential functions due to physical or mental disability extending for more than 180 consecutive days;
 3. Trustee engages in an unauthorized or improper use of cooperative funds;
 4. Trustee violates any material term, condition or provision of, the Cooperative's articles of incorporation, by-laws, terms and conditions, regulations or policies.

SECTION 4.05 - Election of Trustees by District Improvement of district Trustee elections and removal of Trustee elections at annual member meetings

- Section 4.05 (a) provides that district meetings to elect Trustees will now be held between (30) and (90) days before an annual member meeting. These elections were previously held between (60) and (90) days before an annual member meeting.
- Section 4.05(c) was changed from previously requiring notice to be provided between 40 and 60 days prior to the meeting, to now requiring notice to be provided between 10 and 25 days prior to the meeting.
- Section 4.05(d) adds language to specify that in the event a quorum is not obtained, the incumbent Trustee holding office shall continue to serve as the official Trustee for a successive three-year term.
- Section 4.05(e) simplifies the process used to elect Trustees at district meetings. Trustee elections will no longer be held at annual member meetings. Instead, Trustees will be elected entirely at their respective District Meetings. The Trustee candidate receiving the largest number of votes will be elected. The elected Trustee will take office at the first meeting of the Board held after the annual member meeting. In the event of a tie between an incumbent Trustee standing for re-election and another candidate, the incumbent shall be deemed re-elected; in the event of a tie between any other candidates, the winner shall be determined by coin toss.

DELETED SECTION 4.05(h) – Nomination by Petition Removal of Nomination by Petition

The "Nomination by Petition" process was removed to simplify the Trustee election process.

DELETED SECTION 4.06 – Election and Notice of Annual Meeting Removal of Trustee elections at Annual Member Meeting

- Section 4.06 was deleted to simplify the Trustee election process.

SECTION 4.08 – Compensation; Expenses; Indemnification

Trustee Benefits

- Language was added to clarify that Trustees may be given the same type of benefits that are offered officials of other rural electric cooperatives.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS OF TRUSTEES; POWERS AND DUTIES

SECTION 5.05 – Attendance

Trustee Attendance Requirements

- Section 5.05 establishes Board attendance requirements for Trustees. The Board of Trustees can excuse absences for justifiable cause.

First Official Notice of Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 69th Annual Meeting of Members of Indian Electric Cooperative, Inc., will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 25, 2008, at the Cleveland High School Event Center located in Cleveland, Pawnee County, Oklahoma.

Purpose of the meeting is to act on the following matters:

1. Reports of Officers and Trustees;
2. Election of Trustees of the Cooperative from Districts 1, 4 and 7;
3. Vote on Proposed Bylaw changes;
4. All other business that may come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

Registration for the 69th Annual Meeting will commence at 8:15 a.m., Saturday, October 25, and the meeting will be called to order at 10 a.m.

Each membership, whether it is a single membership or a joint membership, shall be entitled to one vote in any matter that may come before the meeting.

Memberships other than residential must present a letter on organization stationery, signed by a recognized official of the organization, indicating the bearer as the official voting representative of the organization. Bearers must present the letters at the time of registration.

Berry Keeler,
Secretary-Treasurer

RECIPE



Praline Cheesecake Squares

- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup butter, melted
- 2/3 cup finely chopped pecans
- 2 Tbsp. powdered sugar
- 3 8-oz. pkgs. cream cheese, softened
- 4 eggs
- 1 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla

For crust, in a large bowl combine flour, melted butter, the 2/3 cup finely chopped pecans, and the powdered sugar; mix well. Press mixture into the bottom of a 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Bake in a 350° oven for 15 to 20 minutes or until crust is set and light golden brown around the edges.

Meanwhile, for filling, in a large mixing bowl beat cream cheese with an electric mixer on low to medium speed until smooth. Add eggs; beat well. Beat in sweetened condensed milk, granulated sugar, and the 2 teaspoons vanilla. Pour filling over baked crust. Bake in a 350° oven for 35 to 40 minutes until set. Cool in pan on a wire rack.

For topping, in a medium saucepan combine brown sugar and whipping cream. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture boils; reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in the 1 cup chopped pecans and the 1 and 1/2 teaspoons vanilla. Pour topping over cheesecake. Cover and chill for 2 to 24 hours before serving. Cut into squares.

YIELD: 48 squares

Poles Inspected for Unauthorized Attachments

Beginning in September, we will start inspecting our utility poles for unauthorized attachments.

“We will inspect every pole across our entire system,” says Rick Davis, IEC manager of operations and engineering.

He goes on to say contractors have been hired to complete the audit, explaining they are looking for such things as TV antennas, cable hook-ups, or anything that is not authorized to be attached to our utility poles.

He says the co-op has agreements with certain entities, such as phone companies, allowing them to attach their lines and equipment to our poles.

“They pay for the convenience of using our poles,” says Davis. “We work with them to make sure the equipment is attached in a way that is safe for our personnel and doesn’t interfere with our delivery of electricity.”

He says the co-op currently bills for about 18,000 attachments. “But a sample audit indicated there may be as many as 36,000 attachments to poles across our system.

“We need to make sure we are aware of what is attached to our poles. So if we find anything we haven’t given permission to be attached to the poles, we will either remove it or contact the responsible entity.”

Davis says plans call for the contractors to begin inspecting poles in the southern portion of the service territory and move northward.

He says the contractors will be carrying identification and will be driving marked vehicles.

He also asks that anyone who knows of a pole with possible unauthorized attachments to call him at (918) 295-9518, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.