

Lumbee River

Electric Membership Corporation

 JULY 2007 MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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EMC's Annual Meeting Set for October 18

Lumbee River EMC's Annual Meeting of Members is scheduled for Thursday, October 18, at the Givens Performing Arts Center of the campus of UNC Pembroke.

Important Dates for the 2007 Annual Meeting of Members

Nominating Committee Meeting	Thursday, August 9	4 p.m.
Credentials & Election Petition Review Mtg.	Monday, August 20	4 p.m.
Last day for petitions	Friday, August 24	4 p.m.
Credentials & Election Committee Meeting	Tuesday, August 28	4 p.m.
Mailing of Official Notice	Friday, September 28	5 p.m.
LREMC Annual Meeting	Thursday, October 18	Voting begins at 1 p.m.



Lumbee River EMC Board of Director Election Bylaws

Number and General Powers

The business and affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by a Board of thirteen (13) directors, which shall exercise all of the powers of the Cooperative except those conferred upon or reserved to the members.

Qualifications

A Director or Director candidate must be a natural person and have the capacity to enter legally binding contracts. While a Director, and during the five (5) years immediately prior to becoming a Director, be nor have been, convicted of a felony; or plead, nor have pled, guilty to a felony. Within three (3) years of becoming a Director, and unless excused by the Board for good cause, a Director is expected to receive a Director's Certificate or similar certification from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. While a Director, and during the five (5) years immediately prior to becoming a Director not have been employed as an employee of the Cooperative; or been engaged contractually (as a principal or primary owner, partner, or majority shareholder) of a firm that contracts with the Cooperative as a prime or sub-contractor. Unless excused for good cause by the Board or Members, a Director shall attend at least two-thirds (2/3) of all Board Meetings during any calendar year. Directors shall comply with any other reasonable qualifications determined by the Board. While a Director, and during the 180 days immediately prior to becoming a Director, a Director or Director candidate must be current in all respects in regard to payment to the Cooperative of membership fees, additional payments and obligations, and not be subject to disconnection for electric service at the Director or Director candidate's primary residence; and use, receive, or

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Bright Ideas Education Grants Available



Teachers: apply for a Bright Ideas Education Grant at www.ncbrightideas.com. Individual grants up to \$2,000 are available from Lumbee River EMC. Teachers who submit their application by August 28 will be entered in an early-bird drawing for a digital camera. All applications must be submitted by September 28.



Holiday Closing

Lumbee EMC offices will be closed Wednesday, July 4, for Independence Day

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purchase a Cooperative Service at the Director's primary residence. Directors and candidates must maintain their primary residential abode within the boundaries of the applicable Directorate District. Director or Director candidate's can be the operating or chief executive or his/her designee of a non-natural person Member. While a Director, a Director or Director candidate must not be a spouse of any existing Director; an existing, or a Close Relative of an existing, Cooperative employee; employed by, materially affiliated with, or share a material financial interest with, any other Director; or engaged in, nor employed by, materially affiliated with, or have a material financial interest in, any individual or entity directly and substantially competing with the Cooperative; or possessing a substantial conflict of interest with the Cooperative.

Only natural persons complying with the General Director Qualifications, Membership Qualifications, and Conflict of Interest Disqualifications may serve, or continue to serve, as a Director. Directors shall refrain from (a) interfering with, or endeavoring to exercise undue influence upon, the President and Chief Executive Officer or any other employee or agent of the Cooperative in the performance of his duties, and (b) comporting themselves in any manner as to encourage or promote insubordination on the part of employees of the Cooperative or to undermine proper support of, and respect for, the President and Chief Executive Officer or any other employee or agent of the Cooperative.

Election

At each annual meeting of the members, directors shall be elected by secret written ballot by the members and, except as provided in the first proviso of Section 4.02 of these Bylaws, from among those members who are natural persons;

PROVIDED, that when the number of Section 5.05 nominees from a given district equals the number of open seats for that District, secret written balloting may be dispensed with for the particular election(s) and voting may instead be conducted by acclamation. Directors shall, unless the members determine otherwise in advance of the initial balloting, be elected by a plurality vote of the members. Drawing by lot shall resolve, where necessary, any tie votes.

Tenure

Directors shall be nominated and elected that either four (4) or five (5) shall be elected for three (3) year terms at an annual member meeting. Directors appointed prior to the 2004 Annual Meeting to fill newly established seats in District 4 shall serve staggered terms of one (1) or two (2) full years.

Nominations

Nominations for Directors shall be made only by the Nominating Committee or by written Member nominations as set forth herein. All nominations however made, shall specify the nominee's district. Write in candidates are not eligible for election to the Board. At least thirty (30) days before the meeting, the Nominating Committee shall prepare and post, at the principal office of the Cooperative, a list of nominations for directors. The list may include a greater number of nominees than are to be elected. Without regard to the actions of the Nominating Committee, any fifteen (15) or more cooperative members, acting together, may nominate additional individuals to run for election for any Director position for which Members are scheduled to vote at any Member Meeting. The Petition Nomination must: be in writing, list the name of the nominee and the Director district for which the nominee will run, contain the printed names, main addresses,

telephone numbers and original dated signatures of the cooperative members making the nomination. Each Member's signature must be presented in the same name as he is billed by the Cooperative. The signature must be dated within 90 days of the election. The Member's main address must be stated as it appears on the member's account, without regard to any other address used for billing purposes. The cooperative shall announce a deadline for Member Petition Nominations that is at least forty-five (45) days but no more than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting. Petition nominations shall be posted at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. A list of nominations shall be mailed to the members at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Voting for Directors

In the election of directors, all director races and all Members voting are held and conducted on a cooperative-wide basis. Members shall be entitled but not required to vote for as many candidates in each election as there are contested seats in that race. The candidate(s) obtaining the highest number of votes shall prevail. Cumulative voting is not allowed. Attempts to attribute more than one vote to a single candidate shall be counted as a single vote for that candidate but shall not otherwise spoil the ballot.

A copy of the full Bylaws may be obtained at any LREMC office. The Credentials and Election Committee will meet prior to the Petition Nomination deadline to review submitted petitions. This review is considered a courtesy review before the actual deadline and is not mandatory. Please see "Important Dates for the 2007 Annual Meeting of Members" for meeting dates and deadlines.

Lumbee River EMC Golf Classic Raises More Than \$13,000 for Energy Assistance Program



Lumbee River EMC's 16th Annual Golf Classic was held on Friday, June 1, at Bayonetat Puppy Creek in Hoke County. This year's event raised more than \$13,000 for LREMC Cares. The program helps qualifying co-op members in need by assisting them with the payment of their energy bills.

This year, over twenty-five companies sponsored the 18-hole tournament including hole-in-one sponsors, US Airways, and Bleecker Oldsmobile-Buick-GMC, Inc.

The winning team this year, with a score of 47, was comprised of Bender Chavis, Fritz Chavis, Bernard Jones and Harold Peeples. They were among the 100 golfers who turned out for this much-anticipated event.

Bob Plesz, Cecil Amerson, Robert Lawson and Emmett Wike claimed second place with a score of 48. The team finishing third was Ty Leggette, Tyler Leggette, Chip Outzs and Lee Hepler with a score of 51.

Above Left: Bender Chavis, Fritz Chavis, Bernard Jones and Harold Peeples took first place at the Lumbee River EMC Golf Classic.

Above Top: Bob Plesz, Cecil Amerson, Robert Lawson and Emmett Wike earned second place at the Lumbee River EMC Golf Classic.

Above Bottom: Ty Leggette, Tyler Leggette, Chip Outzs and Lee Hepler received third place at the Lumbee River EMC Golf Classic.

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Add Energy Improvements to Your Summer Projects

Summertime brings an opportunity for work to be done on your home—work that will help you save money on your electricity bill.

If you are repainting or replacing the exterior siding of your home this summer, consider having a professional add or replace wall insulation. Older homes tend to have wall cavities that are not insulated or only partially insulated, allowing rapid heat loss in winter and heat gain in summer. Loose-fill insulation can be installed in these wall cavities. However, this will require special tools, so you should have a professional insulator handle the job.

New siding will cover the cost of the installation holes, saving the price of the repair. If you're only repainting, you'll need to patch holes in the siding so they blend in once you've painted.

If installed properly windows and doors can save a lot of energy. To avoid losing cool air in the summer and warm air in the winter, be sure to caulk and weatherstrip your windows and doors where they meet the wall to maximize their efficiency. This can also be done in places where plumbing, ducting or electrical wiring pass through exterior walls, floors, ceilings and over cabinets. Rubber gaskets can be installed

behind outlet and switch plates on exterior walls. In addition you can install or repair storm windows on your home, reducing heat loss by 25 to 50 percent in cooler months.

Even if don't have any summer projects planned, use the long days to improve your home. You can upgrade the heating and cooling systems in your home to more energy-efficient models. To avoid sole dependency on your air conditioner for the summer, install ceiling fans.



Give Your Energy Bill a Vacation, Too

Planning before you leave on vacation can help avoid a high-energy bill when you return. Most people expect to have a lower-than-usual electric bill when they return home, but what some people forget is that many appliances run even when no one is home. Other appliances run even more because of a temperature change in the home or lack of maintenance when you are away.

Heat pump or air conditioner left on

Even if you set the thermostat at a higher than usual setting, the air conditioning unit will run periodically. The running time will be related to the temperature outside and the amount of glass and insulation in your home.

Swimming pool pump

If the pool pump is not operated with a timer, it will run 24 hours a day while you're away. If you normally turn the pump off for a period

of time each day, the 24-hour operation can make a big increase in energy use.

Water heater

Unless you turn it off at the fuse box or circuit breaker panel, your water heater will continue to operate to maintain water at the temperature you have set on the thermostat.

Freezer

If the air conditioning is turned off or set at a higher than usual temperature, the efficiency of the freezer decreases as the temperature in your home increases. The hotter your home becomes, the higher the number of hours your freezer will run.

Refrigerator

It is not unusual for a manual-defrosting refrigerator to run twice as much as usual, due to the higher temperatures in your home. Self-defrosting refrigerators may run an additional 20 to 30 percent.

Before you leave

- Unless there is something in your home that might suffer heat damage, turn your heat pump or air conditioner off. If you prefer to leave it on, set the thermostat at 85 to 90 degrees. For each degree you raise the temperature, you'll save 2 to 3 percent on the cooling part of your electric bill.
- Give your water heater a vacation, too. Turn it off at the circuit breaker or fuse box.

(Before you turn the breaker back on, run water from the hot water faucet to be certain the heater still has water in it).

- Turn your refrigerator's thermostat control to a slightly warmer setting if you're going away for a few days.

For more energy saving tips, visit our Web site at www.lumbeeriver.com.



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