



## Farmers' Electric Board of Trustees Appoints Nominating Committees

The Board of Trustees in the January 22, 2019 meeting appointed the 2019 Trustee Candidate Nominating Committees as follows:

**District No. 2** (Melrose), will meet at Melrose Tire & Restaurant, Melrose, NM, on March 4, 2019, beginning at 12:00 (noon).

Committee Members:

Jim See  
Danny Tivis  
Barry Green

**District No. 7** (San Jon/Logan), will meet at Del's Restaurant, Tucumcari, NM, on March 6, 2019, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Committee Members:

Garrett Baker  
Tommy Thompson  
Dallas Dowell

The Cooperative's Bylaws state, "A nominating committee consisting of three members from each district from which a trustee is to be elected shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees not less than 60 days (March 12, 2019) or more than 120 days (January 11, 2019) before the Annual Meeting. Each committee shall meet no less than 45 days (March 27, 2019) before the annual meeting and select one nominee for trustee from their district. The nomination shall be posted at the principal office of the Cooperative immediately following the committee meeting."

In order to be eligible to become or remain a trustee, a person must:

- (a) Be a member of the Cooperative.
- (b) Be a bona fide resident of his trustee district and a permanent occupant receiving electrical service from the Cooperative at his primary residential abode.
- (c) Not be in any way employed by a major supplier of electric energy or merchandise to the Cooperative.
- (d) Not be employed by or have a close relative employed by the Cooperative in any position.

### These Positions Are For Three-Year Terms

Furthermore, in accordance with the Bylaws of the Cooperative, any qualified member of the Cooperative residing in Districts 2 or 7 wishing to be on the Annual Meeting ballot as a candidate, may do so by petition. Article IV, Section 3(d) reads: "Any fifty (50) members, in good standing with the Cooperative, residing in a district from which a trustee is to be elected, may make nominations by petition for a trustee from that district, providing such nominating petition is filed in the principal office of the Cooperative not less than 20 days prior to the annual meeting."

The filing deadline this year is April 19, 2019. If you have any questions, call Lance R. Adkins at 1-800-445-8541 or 762-4466 in Clovis.

**My  
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*Manager's Message...***Lance Adkins, GM****How a Bill Becomes Law**

January 15th, beginning at noon, marked the opening day of the first session of the 54th New Mexico Legislature. In New Mexico each Legislature is divided into two legislative sessions, convening in regular sessions on the third Tuesday in January each year. Each Legislature will meet for sixty days in odd-numbered years and thirty days in even-numbered years. With the election of Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, new leadership in key legislative committees and a host of recently elected legislators many political insiders believe we are in for a wild ride.

Farmers' Electric Cooperative (FEC) effectively participates in the legislative process individually and through our state association of electric cooperatives, the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NMRECA). On behalf of cooperative members across the state NMRECA tracks legislation that has potential to impact the cost members pay for electricity through additional taxation and regulation.

One member of FEC Board of Trustees serves in the legislature, Senator Pat Woods of Grady/Broadview. In addition, our area elected two new members to the House of Representatives, Jack Chatfield, Mosquero and Martin Zamora, Clovis. Representative Zamora is a member of FEC and has been involved in agriculture for many years. I appreciate the commitment and determination of these individuals and all those representing the citizens in the legislative process. Over time rural areas of our state have seen a decrease in legislative representation as redistricting moves "seats" to urban areas like Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Las Cruces.



In New Mexico, all bills follow the same path through the legislature and can be introduced in either the house or senate. Once introduced, the bill is assigned a number, read twice publicly, printed, and referred to the proper committee. Each bill is reviewed by one or more committees in each house where the committee can approve the bill, amend it, forward it to the next committee with no recommendation, or kill the bill by tabling it. Committee hearings are open to the public and folks are encouraged to participate in the legislative process.

Once a bill passes all committee hearings, it will be considered by the full house where it was introduced and scheduled for a final vote. If it passes, the bill moves to the other house and repeats the entire process and if approved in the same form, the bill goes to the governor to be signed or vetoed. If each house passes a different version of the bill, they form a conference committee to work on a compromise. If the committee agrees on a compromise, the bill goes back to the house and senate for a final vote.

Bills that pass both houses are formally prepared by the house where they originate. See **BILL** on **PAGE 3**

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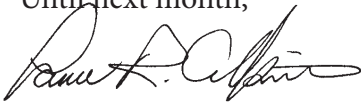
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nated, signed by the speaker of the house and the president pro tempore of the senate and forwarded to the governor. The governor can sign the bill, making it law; or veto the bill, or portions of it, if the bill contains an appropriation or financial commitment by the state. If the governor does not sign or veto the bill within three days and the legislature is still in session, the bill automatically becomes law. If the legislature has adjourned, the governor has twenty days to sign the bill and unsigned bills are automatically vetoed after the appropriate amount of time has passed. However, the legislature can pass a bill over the governor's veto with a two-thirds vote in each house.

Signed bills typically become law 90 days after the legislature adjourns. If the legislature specifies an emergency, the bill becomes effective when the governor signs it or a later date as specified in the bill.

Folks who desire to follow the legislative process can track and read bills, follow committee activities and keep abreast of the daily calendar at the legislature's web site, [www.nmlegis.gov](http://www.nmlegis.gov).

Until next month,



## Ask the Energy Guys!

**Q.** Hey Energy Guys! I have been in my house 15 years now. When I moved in, I bought all new appliances. We have had to do a few things to repair our refrigerator and washer/dryer set lately. Is it time I reinvested in new appliances?

**A.** That's a tough one! We would hate to encourage you to buy new when your older appliances seem to be working fine now. But, read on and some of this might help make that decision a little less difficult. If your home is full of appliances that qualify as "relics," you're beating the odds – but you might not be as lucky as you think.

The National Association of Home Builders estimates that the average life span of your major appliances is 10 years.

That's not as long as they used to last. For example new clothes dryers and refrigerators 20 years ago



\*Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC), the company from which Farmers Electric Cooperative (FEC) buys all their power, posted their highest ever total renewable portfolio at the end of 2018. Their renewable portion of their entire generation portfolio included, 28% generated from wind resources, 8% generated from hydro resources, and 1% generated from solar resources. Because of their relationship, FEC was able to pass along those renewable resource benefits to their members. What's best is, FEC was able to procure these renewables through WFEC at no additional costs to the FEC members.

Look for the solar percentage to rise over the next couple of years with the announcement of a renewable power purchase agreement (PPA) of 220 MW from Tip Top Solar Energy Center to be located in southeastern New Mexico. The project is scheduled for commercial operation by December of 2022.

were expected to last 13 years. But trash compactors back then were supposed to last for only six years, and microwaves and dishwashers, for nine years. Unfortunately, the more you use an appliance, of course, the quicker it can wear out.



Most homeowners replace their appliances before a decade has passed. The older an appliance gets, the less energy efficient it becomes, as seals wear out and motor parts wear down. At some point, you might find that its cheaper to replace an appliance then to continually repair it. Plus, newer versions of those appliances are more energy efficient, so they use less energy – which should lower your monthly power bill. A brand new refrigerator, for example, could save you up to \$100 a year, compared to a 20-year-old appliance, even if it is still running well





## Truck on the Auction Block

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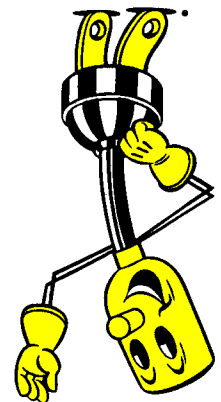
### Attention

Protection from winter shut-off begins November 15, 2018. To avoid potential disconnection of services, please contact the Human Services Department for eligibility information for the Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) at 800-283-4465. Your service will not be disconnected from November 15, 2018 through March 15, 2019, if you qualify for LIHEAP and have no past due amount or are making the agreed upon payments.

### Atención

Proteccion contra la interrupcion de servicio de invierno comienza el 15 de Noviembre del 2018. Para evitar la posibilidad de desconexion. Favor de ponerse en contact con el Departamento de Servicios Humanos para informarse acerca de los requisitos de elegibilidad para el Programa de Asistencia Energetica de Bajos Ingresos (LIHEAP) al 1-800-283-4465, Su servicio no sera desconectado 15 de Noviembre del 2018 a 15 de Marzo del 2019 si califica para el Programa de Asistencia Energetica de Bajos Ingresos y no tiene saldo atrasado ni a fallado con su acuerdo de pagos fijos.

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