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Notice of Annual Meeting to Members

Thursday, April 8, 2010, at Radiant Headquarters

The 62nd Annual Meeting of Members of the Radiant Electric Cooperative, Inc., will be held at the Radiant headquarters, located at 9346 Jewell Rd and 400 Hwy, on Thursday, April 8, 2010. Members may begin registration at 5:30 p.m. with dinner to follow. The business meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the warehouse portion of the Radiant building. Additional parking will be located within the fenced in area. Radiant employees will be available to help direct parking and to assist getting back to the warehouse.

The Notice of Annual Meeting and Annual Report will be mailed approximately March 8, 2010. After reviewing the booklet information, remember to return your voting ballot.

Please indicate at the bottom of the ballot the number of family members that will be attending the evening meal and meeting. This

number will help Radiant insure that there is adequate seating and meals for our members.

Some of the items on the 2010 agenda are as follows:

- ▶ Approval of 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes.
- ▶ Transact any and all other business that may come before said meeting.
- ▶ The election of two Trustees for a three year period.
- ▶ Announcement of Merit Scholarship recipients.

Spend the evening socializing with neighbors, enjoy your meal and participate in the business of your cooperative.

April 2010						
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2010 Trustee Nominating Committee Minutes

The Nominating Committee representatives met at the Radiant Electric Cooperative headquarters on January 28, 2010.

Committee members present were: Kenneth Lambert, Chairman; Randy Stiles, Secretary; Kenny Carter and Nick Frankenbery. Also in attendance were managers Leah Tindle and Dennis Duft.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved. The committee reviewed the candidates selected to run for the two open positions on the Radiant Electric Board of Trustees.

Each candidate was contacted and each expressed their willingness to serve if elected.

The candidates will be elected by mail balloting. The results will be announced at the April 8, 2010, Annual Meeting, which will be held at the Radiant Electric headquarters.

2010 Trustee Candidates

▶ District 1, Position 2

Chad Estes
18517 1000 Rd
Altoona, KS 66710

Donald Whitson
24228 900 Rd
Thayer, KS 66776

▶ District 3, Position 5

Lee Bracken
9811 Edwards Rd
Fredonia, KS 66736

Don Couch
1846 Edwards Rd
Fredonia, KS 66736

Meet the Candidates Nominated for 2010 Trustee Election

District 1, Position 2

CHAD ESTES—18517 1000 RD, Altoona, KS 66710, 620-568-2203—Estes and his wife, Blaine, reside one mile east of Altoona with their daughter's, Zelpha and Hazel.

Estes is a graduate of Altoona-Midway High School, and Kansas State University earning a B.S. Degree in Agricultural Economics. He is currently Assistant Vice President at Community National Bank in Neodesha. He was previously engaged for nine years in row crop farming.

He currently serves on the Tri-Creek Watershed Board, Leadership Wilson County Board, and the Fredonia Golf Club Board. He is a member of the Kansas State University Alumni Association and a recent graduate of the Southeast Kansas Regional Leadership Academy. He is currently completing his second three-year term on the Board of Radiant Electric Cooperative. Chad has completed the courses required to obtain his NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate, and the NRECA Board Leadership Certification.

DONALD WHITSON—24228 900 RD, Thayer, KS 66776, 620-839-5448—Whitson and his wife, Debbie, reside four miles west of Thayer. They are the parents of two children, a daughter

ter Jessi, and a son Jacob.

Whitson is a graduate of Enterprise Academy in Enterprise, and a Diesel Technology graduate of North Central Kansas Technical College in Beloit. He is a farmer, a diesel mechanic, and the owner of Whitson Farm Repair.

He currently serves as a member of the Rural Water District 10 Board, and is a member of the Wilson County Community Emergency Response Team. He is a former Alumni President and Board Member of Enterprise Academy. Whitson also referees football and basketball games. He and his family attend the Thayer Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

District 5, Position 3

LEE BRACKEN—9811 Edwards RD, Fredonia, Kansas 66736,620-378-2334—Bracken and his wife, Joyce, reside two miles south and three miles west of Fredonia. They are the parents of two daughters who are married with families. Jeanna Beeman and her husband, Preston, have two children, Reid, 11; and Tessa, 8. Charlotte Signer and her husband, Tony, also have two children, Bryce 11; and Jordan, 7.

The Brackens own and operate a farrow to finish swine operation, raising 7,500 head each year. They also raise corn, milo, wheat and soybeans.

Bracken is a graduate of Fredonia High School. He is a member of the Sacred Heart Church in Fredonia, the Knights of Columbus, Wilson County Farm Bureau, Chairman of Rural Water District 13, Wilson County Fair Association, Kansas Pork Producers, was a former 4-H leader and Wilson County Fair Superintendent.

He is currently completing his third term on the Board of Radiant Electric Cooperative. Bracken has completed the courses required to obtain his NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate, and is working on the final requirements to obtain the NRECA Board Leadership Certification.

DON COUCH—1846 Edwards RD, Fredonia, KS 66736,620-633-5151—Couch and his wife, Jessica, reside on a small farm south of Fredonia with their four children: daughter, Avery, and sons, Caleb, Isaac and Emmet.

Couch is a graduate of Pittsburg State University earning a Bachelors of Science Engineering Technology. He is a Quality Engineer for Standard Motor Products in Independence, a position he has held for the last 15 years.

Couch enjoys being outdoors hunting and fishing. He and his family enjoy raising livestock, and all kinds of family activities.

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)

This is a federally funded program that helps eligible households pay a portion of their home energy costs by providing a one-time per year benefit.

The application period ends March 31, 2010. Additional information may be obtained by calling 800-432-0043. In order to qualify, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- ▶ An adult living at the address must be personally responsible for purchasing heating costs incurred at the current residence, payable either to the landlord or to the fuel vendor.

- ▶ Applicants must demonstrate a recent history of payments toward purchase of the primary heating energy.
- ▶ The combined gross income (before deductions) of all persons living at the address may not exceed 130% of the federal poverty level according to the guidelines listed at the right.

Benefit levels vary according to the following factors: household income, number of persons living at the address, type of dwelling, type of heating fuel, and utility rates.

Persons Living at Address	Maximum Gross Monthly Income
1	\$1,174
2	\$1,579
3	\$1,984
4	\$2,389
5	\$2,794
6	\$3,200
7	\$3,605
8	\$4,010
9	\$4,416
10	\$4,822
11	\$5,228
12	\$5,634

+ add \$406 for each additional person

Prepare Yourself for Spring Storms

Statewide Tornado Safety Drill Tuesday, March 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Kansans live with the threat of severe weather year round.

In March 2009, the first tornado of the season hit in Reno County and then a blizzard in late March affected the Flint Hills area and southeast Kansas.

Families should practice their severe weather safety plan at home, work, school or other public locations that they frequent. They should develop a safety plan for times when they are participating in outdoor recreation activities, sporting events, or working outdoors. Each Kansan should know where to go should severe weather strike their location.



Having an All Hazards NOAA Weather Radio is like having your personal tornado siren in your home or vehicle.

Radiant Electric encourages our members to purchase a weather radio and have it programmed to their county and /or surrounding counties to receive severe weather warnings and information directly from the National Weather Service.

If you already have a NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio, now is a great time to replace the back-up battery in your radio. This way, if Radiant experiences an outage during severe weather you will still be able to receive weather information.

What is the Census? Radiant Encourages You to Participate

When we answer the census, our needs are heard.

The U.S. census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years.

The 2010 Census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for things like:

- ▶ Hospitals
- ▶ Job training centers
- ▶ Schools
- ▶ Senior centers
- ▶ Bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects
- ▶ Emergency services

The data collected by the census also help determine the number of seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In March 2010, census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico.



For more information visit the Census Bureau Web site at www.census.gov.

When you receive yours, just answer the 10 short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions listed on the form that was mailed to you.

Any personal data you provide is protected under federal law.

Radiant Electric encourages you to get involved and complete your census form. Your participation is important to your community, state and nation.

Keep Utility Workers Safe

Please don't place signs on poles

Signs, balloons and other materials on utilities poles are more than just an unpleasant neighborhood eyesore, they can be dangerous—even life threatening—to the professionals who maintain our vital lines of electricity, communication and other services.

Radiant Electric urges everyone to help keep utility poles free of such materials.

Help protect those who work hard to give us essential electric service, instant communication and other modern amenities through the nation's 120 million utility poles. Remember that anything left on a pole can cause power line workers, telecommunications utility personnel and other workers harm.

Call Kansas One-Call Before You Dig

Before you break ground for that new project, call 811 at least two days before you begin. Whether you're planning to set a fence, plant a tree, or build in new house, calling Kansas One-Call can keep you from accidentally striking an underground utility.

As a result, you will avoid incidents, injuries and outages that could delay our project.

The One-Call staff will contact the appropriate utility for you. Utilities will then mark or flag the area where their lines are buried so you can avoid them.

Donate Today! Quarter Quest

Don't forget to authorize Radiant to add a tax-deductible 25 cents to your monthly electric bill. By checking this box you can make a one time or a continuous monthly donation.

Making this decision means your helping to provide weekend food for kids who otherwise may go hungry in Radiant's service area. We're feeding kids one quarter at a time!

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 14

On Sunday, March 14, 2010, at 2 a.m., Daylight Saving Time begins in the United States.

Every spring we move our clocks one hour ahead and "lose" an hour during the night and each fall we move our clocks back one hour and "gain" an extra hour.

Daylight Saving Time wasn't just created to confuse our schedules. The phrase "spring forward, fall back" helps people remember how Daylight Saving Time affects their clocks. At 2 a.m. on the second Sunday in March, we set our clocks forward one hour ahead of standard time or "spring forward". We "fall back" at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in November by setting our clock back one hour and thus returning to standard time.

The change to Daylight Saving Time allows us to use less energy in lighting our homes by taking advantage of the longer and later daylight hours.

Daylight Saving Time was instituted in the United States during World War I in order to save energy for war production by taking advantage of the later hours of daylight between April and October. During World War II the federal government again required the states to observe the time change. Between the wars and after World War II, states and communities chose whether or not to observe Daylight Saving Time. In 1966, Congress passed the Uniform Time Act which standardized the length of Daylight Saving Time.

Daylight Saving Time is four weeks longer since 2007 due to the passage of the Energy Policy Act in 2005. The Act extended Daylight Saving Time by four weeks from the second Sunday of March to the first Sunday of November, with the hope that it would save 10,000 barrels of oil each day through reduced use of power by businesses during daylight hours. Unfortunately, it is exceedingly difficult to determine energy savings from Daylight Saving Time and based on a variety of factors, it is possible that little or no energy is saved by Daylight Saving Time.

Interested in Wind Power? First, Estimate the Cost

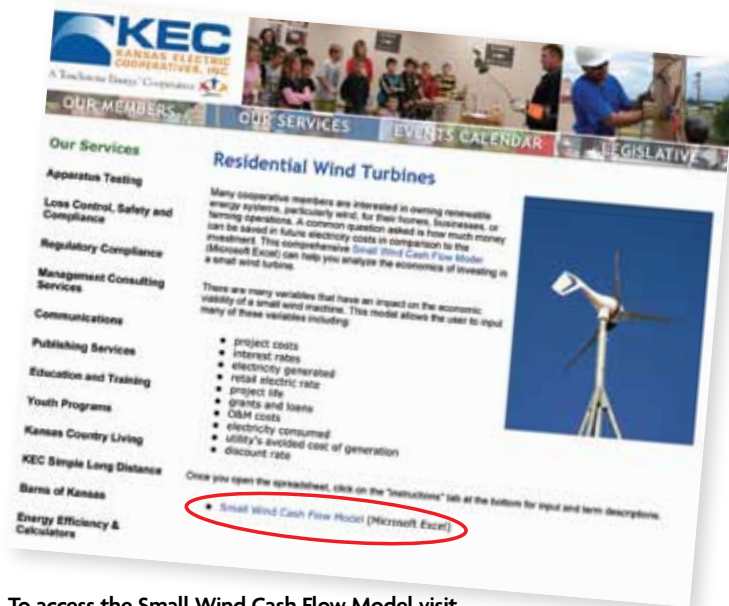
Many co-op members in Kansas are interested in installing small renewable energy systems—particularly wind turbines—at their homes, businesses, or farms.

Many are looking for reliable answers to two questions: How much money can I save on

future electric bills? Will the savings justify my initial investment?

In response, Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., (KEC) has posted a worksheet utilizing Microsoft Excel on their Web site to help with these critical calculations.

Dubbed the Small Wind Cash Flow Model, this free tool enables members to input variables such as construction cost, grants, debt financing, operation and maintenance expenses, generation, consumption, retail electric rates, avoided cost, and project life.




To access the Small Wind Cash Flow Model visit KEC's Web site at www.kec.org/smallwindcashflow.aspx.

Once the numbers are entered, a prospective wind turbine owner can determine annual cash flows and the net present value from the investment under either a net billing or net metering arrangement.

"With this program, anyone can quickly determine the feasibility of putting in a small wind turbine," said Doug Shepherd, KEC's vice president, member services.

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

A significant amount of the average home energy bill pays for heating water. Take five-minute showers instead of baths and make sure your water heater is set no higher than 120° F.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy