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Lewis County REC

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90th Annual Meeting Offers Several Options For Members/Owners To Participate

Lewis County REC's 90th Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at the Lewis County REC headquarters. To provide greater accessibility, this year's Annual Meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format, offering several convenient ways for member-owners to participate. Each member-owner will receive a ballot and return envelope in the July edition of Rural Missouri magazine. Those who choose to vote by mail may return their ballot using the prepaid envelope by July 17.

Members may also vote absentee in person at the office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., July 29 through August 4, and from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on August 5 and 6. If you are unable to enter the office, please call ahead, and staff will assist you in the parking lot so you can register and vote.

Regardless of the method used to register or vote, each membership will receive a \$20 bill credit for participating. The Board of Directors has worked to make participation as convenient as possible and encourages all members to take part in the cooperative's business.

For those who wish to attend in person, the business meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on August 6 in the boardroom at the Lewis County REC office. The meeting will also be livestreamed on our website at www.lewiscountyrec.org.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

To the members of Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative Association:

This is your official notice of the Annual Membership Meeting, Thursday, August 6, 2026, at the Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative Association office, Lewistown, MO.

The Annual Meeting of the members of Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative Association will be held in the board room of the headquarters in Lewistown, MO on Thursday, August 6, 2026 and will be broadcast live on the website, www.lewiscountyrec.org. The Membership will receive a ballot with their July edition of Rural Missouri Magazine that may be mailed prior to July 18, 2025. In person registration and voting will be held in the office of the Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative Association beginning at 7:30 a.m. on July 29, 2026, through 6:00 p.m. on August 6, 2025. Office hours are 7:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., however the office will remain open for voting until 6:00 p.m. on August 5th and 6th. The following business will come before the meeting:

1. Written reports of Officers and Financials will be printed in the July edition of Rural Missouri Magazine. In-person reports will be given at 6:00 p.m. on August 6, 2026.

2. The election of three directors.

In accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of the Cooperative, the following members will serve as candidates for directors to be voted upon by mail-in or in person..

District #1 - 3 Year Term Expiring in 2029
Mike Schantz Luray, MO

District #2- 3 Year Term Expiring in 2029
Emery "Buster" Geisendorfer Monticello, MO

District #3 - 3 Year Term Expiring in 2029
Randy James Knox City, MO

By Direction of the Board of Directors.

Larry L. Clark, Secretary

Larry L. Clark

Message from the CEO/General Manager

Staci Mesmer



This past year brought both opportunities and challenges, including the demands of maintaining a reliable electric system, transitioning to new billing software, and managing rising costs. Through it all, our employees remained committed to serving our membership safely and efficiently every day.

One exciting opportunity this year is our new Annual Meeting format. Members may still vote by mail or absentee vote in the office, as we have offered in the past. In addition, Lewis County REC is excited to provide a livestream of our business meeting and Director election results during this year's Annual Meeting. We hope this new option will increase outreach, accessibility, and transparency for our membership.

As we look ahead, Lewis County REC remains committed to investing in infrastructure, providing members with more information through our new SmartHub app, and maintaining the financial strength necessary to serve our communities for generations to come. While the electric industry continues to evolve, our mission remains the same — providing safe, reliable, and affordable energy to

the rural communities we proudly serve.

I would also like to recognize our dedicated employees — our office staff who answer your calls and have worked tirelessly behind the scenes implementing our new software system, and our linemen who work around the clock to keep the lights on for our communities. Whether responding to outages during storms, maintaining lines and equipment, or assisting members in the office, their commitment reflects the values and spirit of this cooperative.

I also want to thank our Board of Directors for their leadership and dedication. Their focus remains on making responsible decisions that balance reliability, affordability, and the long-term needs of our cooperative.

Most importantly, thank you to our members for your continued trust and support. It is truly a privilege to serve you.

Message from Emery “Buster” Geisendorfer Board President, Lewis County REC



The Board of Directors is very proud of the team at Lewis County REC and the hard work they do each day to provide reliable and economical energy to our member-owners.

Over the past year, we are pleased to report that Lewis County REC did not implement a rate increase, while continuing to successfully manage rising operational costs behind the scenes.

Lewis County REC also welcomed several new team members this year. We encourage our members to take the opportunity to introduce themselves and get to know them.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you to our membership for your interest and participation in Lewis County REC's 2026 Annual Meeting.

2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2025

The Annual Meeting of the Members of Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative Association was held on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at the office of the Cooperative, County of Lewis, State of Missouri.

Member registration for the business meeting began at 6:00 pm. Staci Mesmer, CEO/General Manager, welcomed the Members. The Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Attorney Megan McCord announced the quorum requirement for the meeting was 75. While a quorum of the members was not present at the business portion of the meeting, 592 Members registered and voted prior to the business portion of the meeting. Voting was conducted by mail, absentee voting at the office headquarters, and drive-thru voting.

Larry Clark, Secretary, dispensed with the reading of the Official Notice of the Meeting, which was mailed to each Member of the Cooperative in accordance with the bylaws.

Attorney McCord read the Election Summary Report with the following votes cast:

2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

Approval Yes 461
No 5

District 1 (3 year term) Sandra Ebeling 403

District 2 (3 year term) Angela Seals 404

District 3 (3 year term) Larry Clark 414

The Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting were approved as written. Sandra Ebeling, Angela “Angie” Seals, and Larry Clark were each duly elected to serve on the Board of Directors for terms of three years.

Attorney McCord called for unfinished business and new business. None was brought forth. With no other business to properly come before the membership, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Larry Clark, Secretary/Treasurer
Approved:

Emery Geisendorfer, President

INCOME STATEMENT

For the Period Ending December 31, 2025

OPERATING REVENUE	2025	2024
Operating Revenue	\$21,314,979	\$19,459,697
COST OF ELECTRIC SERVICE		
Purchased Power	\$9,037,630	\$8,470,179
Distribution Expense--Operations	1,638,329	1,601,825
Distribution Expense--Maintenance	2,042,457	2,170,088
Consumer Accounting and Collecting	1,092,632	969,460
Customer Service & Sales Expense	153,057	146,710
Administrative & General Expense	1,297,805	1,264,309
Depreciation & Amortization Expense	1,779,451	1,748,572
Interest on Long Term Debt	<u>1,218,704</u>	<u>1,196,482</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$18,260,065	\$17,567,625
OPERATING MARGINS	3,054,914	1,892,072
NON-OPERATING MARGINS		
Interest Income	\$152,513	\$114,835
Misc. Income	27,572	106,176
Capital Credits	<u>1,105,261</u>	<u>781,017</u>
TOTAL NON-OPERATING MARGINS	\$1,285,346	\$1,002,028
TOTAL MARGINS	<u><u>\$4,340,260</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,894,100</u></u>

2,249 Miles of Energized Line
7,375 Meters Connected
3.28 Members Per Mile

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2025

ASSETS (What we own)

Total Cost of Electric Plant	\$59,830,594	
Depreciation to Date	<u>-6,833,119</u>	
Depreciated Value of Plant		\$52,997,475
Cash: General Funds		1,030,334
Cash: Invested		1,521,322
Accounts Receivable (Energy & Others)		2,237,588
Materials and Supplies on Hand		180,837
Prepayments		42,561
Interest Receivable/Deferred Debit		60,233
Economic Development Note		3,944,211
Capital Credits Due from Associated Organizations		8,080,765
Investments in Associated Organizations		570,516
Total Assets (Owned)		<u><u>\$70,665,842</u></u>

LIABILITIES (What we owe)

Amount Due to RUS, CFC & CoBank	\$36,621,810	
Memberships	123,475	
Consumer Deposits	126,320	
Accounts Payable, Taxes & Future Benefits	<u>4,400,828</u>	
Total Liabilities (Owed)	\$41,272,433	
Total Equities	<u>29,393,409</u>	
Total Liabilities Plus Equities		<u><u>\$70,665,842</u></u>

Property Taxes Paid Per County in 2025

Lewis	\$176,243
Clark	\$127,876
Knox	\$100,057
Shelby	\$11,835
Scotland	\$12,637
Macon	\$22
Marion	\$1,859
Adair	\$1,562
Total	<u><u>\$432,091</u></u>



Fireworks Safety

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and that they could pose a danger to consumers.
- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Young children can suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees — hot enough to melt some metals.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse.
- Never try to relight or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- After fireworks finish burning, douse the device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.

WEATHER PROVERBS

- If the first of July it be rainy weather, it will rain more or less for four weeks together.
- Forked lightning at night, the next day clear and bright.
- If birds be silent, expect thunder.
- Rain is likely to commence on the turn of the tide.
- When cattle remain on hilltops, fine weather to come.
- A southerly wind with showers of rain will bring the wind from west again.

Registration card on reverse side

**Vote by mail today
if you won't be able
to attend Annual
Meeting. Participate
in the cooperative's
democratic process
and still receive your
\$20 energy credit.**

**Voting by mail?
Be sure to:**

- Mark your vote for one director in each district and give your opinion on online voting.
- Sign your ballot
- Detach your ballot AND registration card
- **Mail BOTH the ballot and registration card in the envelope provided**

Ballot on reverse side

**Voting in person?
Be sure to:**

- Bring this back page with you
- We'll use the registration card to get you checked in and ready to vote
- If you forget the card we will still be able to register you as in past years. Either way, each registered membership will receive a \$20 bill credit upon registration.

Use the postage paid envelope found in the center of this magazine to return the signed ballot and registration card to vote by mail.



YOUR OFFICIAL BALLOT

TO VOTE BY MAIL:

Detach the registration card and ballot at the perforations. **Your ballot must be signed and accompanied by the registration card in order to be valid.**

If you have a joint account, please know only the primary account holder's name is listed on the registration card above, but if both names are listed on the account either may vote.

TO VOTE IN PERSON:

Bring your registration card to vote in person.

If you forget your registration card we will still be able to register you as in past years.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

LEWIS COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION AUGUST 6, 2026

I VOTE TO APPROVE THE PREVIOUS YEARS' ANNUAL MEETING
MINUTES AS PRINTED IN THE NOTICES OF MEETING.

- YES
 NO

TO ELECT (1) DIRECTOR TO SERVE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3)
YEARS WITH TERM EXPIRING IN 2029
(VOTE FOR ONE)

- MIKE SCHANTZ LURAY, MO

TO ELECT (1) DIRECTOR TO SERVE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3)
YEARS WITH TERM EXPIRING IN 2029
(VOTE FOR ONE)

- EMERY "BUSTER" GEISENDORFER MONTICELLO, MO

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YEARS WITH TERM EXPIRING IN 2029
(VOTE FOR ONE)

- RANDY JAMES KNOX CITY, MO

signature _____